

Join Paul as he follows the footsteps of Jesus in Egypt

"Tour the Holy Family Trail"

*2 Trips Available: **

Jan 11 - Jan 24, 2009

Jan 26 - Feb 8, 2009

*Each trip limited to 50 travelers only!

Free with each registration ...

An autographed copy of Paul's book, "Jesus In Egypt" and a his DVD, "Jesus, The Lost Years"

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival in Egypt

Arrive at Cairo International airport where you will be greeted by Quest Travel our representatives in Egypt and escorted to a fine hotel for the first overnight stay.

Day 2 - Old Cairo and the Cave of the Holy Family

Following a sumptuous buffet breakfast at the hotel, board the bus for a full day guided tour of Old Cairo. Visit the famous Hanging Church with its breathtaking icons and the synagogue of Ben Ezra that marks the spot where it is believe Moses was found by the Pharaoh's daughter.

Then visit the cave under what is now the Greek cemetery where the Holy Family hid from the soldiers of King Herod. At the church of Maadi on the Nile, a Bishop from the Coptic Church will show you the tunnel where it is thought the Holy family escaped across the Nile. He will also talk to you about the creation of the Holy Family Trail by the Coptic Church. After lunch at a local restaurant, the bus trip will continue to the church at Mostorod that is built over a cave where the Holy Family sought shelter. Then it is on to the famed tree of Mary in Matariya where the Holy Koran says that the Holy Family was concealed from pursuing soldiers by spider webs.

This evening you will return to Cairo to rest and prepare for tomorrows adventures. Breakfast/
Lunch

Day 3 - The Spiritual Fighters of Wadi Natrun

After a full buffet breakfast, you will board the bus for a voyage north to Wadi Natrun on the famed desert road. It is here that you will see the magnificent monasteries of al-Sorian, al-Baramose, al-Anba Bishoi and, if permission granted, the monastery of Abu Makar. These are functioning monasteries where you will meet monks who will colorfully present the history of these incredible bastions of spirituality, places where Jesus was said to have predicted the

presence of 'spiritual fighters' almost 2000 years ago. After an exhilarating day you will go back to the hotel to assimilate all you have experience. Breakfast / Lunch Box

Day 4 – The Ancient Egypt Connection

After an incredible breakfast buffet our day will begin with a visit to the church of Zeitoun.

Here in 1968 a vision of Mary was seen by hundreds of thousands of people. The vision remained off and on for more than 2 years and was even seen by President Nassar. A priest will show pictures of this amazing vision and will tell the story of what happened to Egypt when this vision was seen. Following a late lunch at a local restaurant, you will finish the day with a tour of the Egyptian Museum. Here a guide will take you on a tour of the relics of Ancient Egypt that have are strongly connected to Christianity.

Here you will see pharonic symbols used by modern day Christians and hear about ancient rituals used even today in church services. For those of you drawn to shopping, this is your chance to experience one of the most famous marketplaces in the world, Khan el Khalili.

Overnight in Cairo. Breakfast / Lunch

Day 5 – Sakha and the Footprint of Jesus

Buffet breakfast will be followed by a bus trip to Sakha. This northern Delta town is home to the footprint of Jesus, a stone impression of the foot believed to be that of the Divine Child, one that was left as the Holy Family passed through this area. After examining the stone and hearing its story from the priest who cares for it, you will journey to the nearby town of Samanud where ancient Christian documents fill the library. Back in Cairo for a group dinner and discussion time with Paul. Breakfast / Dinner

Day 6-7 - Ancient Pillars and the Mountain of Birds

Buffet breakfast will be followed by a bus trip to El Minia, 250 kilometer south of Cairo. From here you will visit two extraordinary sites: Ashmunayn and Gabel el-Teir, both famous for visits by the Holy Family. The spectacular site of Ashmunayn was a thriving port on the Nile when visited by the Holy Family. What you will see now are impressive remnants from the many civilizations that have occupied this spot since before and after the visit of the Holy Family.

Called Hermopolis by the Greeks who built tall Corinthian pillars that still stand proudly, Ashmunayn contains exquisite examples of pharonic ruins and a massive underground basilica that was built in the fifth century. A visit to this impressive site and its small museum will let you see and feel what life was like over 2000 years ago. Then it is on to Gabel el-Teir to one of the most famous and beautiful sites on the Holy Family Trail, the mountainside monastery built on the site of the cave where the Holy Family is thought to have stayed as they fled upriver from the pursuing soldiers. The priest will tell you why the entrance to the secret pharonic tomb might lie beneath the altar and why they cannot know for sure. We will have a 2 night stay at one of Minia's fabled Nile River hotels where the sound of the water fills the cool night air. 2 Breakfast / 2 Dinner

Day 8 - Secret Cave Paintings of Abu Hinnis

After breakfast on the banks of the Nile, the bus will take you further south to Abu Hinnis, a small Christian town with a big history. Here you can tour an authentic country village and its ancient churches. Then we will visit Ansena, an ancient ghost town on the banks of the Nile that was visited by the Holy Family. The hardier of travelers can climb to the caves of Abu Hinnis, a fairly difficult hike that rewards our effort with a chance to view cave painting of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt. These cave paintings that are among the great art treasures of the world, were done by sixth century hermits who lived in the tombs and quarries of these mountains. Onward to Assiut where we will overnight (in the Assiut or perhaps Dronka, a major monastery with hundreds of rooms). Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 9 – Assiut

We will start the day off at the church of St. Mark, built on what is believed to be the spot where the angel appeared to Joseph and told him that King Herod had died and they could now return to Israel. Since the church was built more than 200 years ago, the appearance of flashing lights in the air have been reported. In the year 1968, an appearance of flashing lights over the church put a stop to conflict in the region and led to major pilgrimages. This is also the spot where Paul Perry photographed a light from the heavens that was called "the light of Mary" by locals. After lunch, the group will go to Deir Muharraq, a spectacular monastery built around a pharonic stone believed to be the bed of the Christ child when the family lived there for six months. We will be guided through the monastery by monks and shown spectacular paintings and incredible architecture, such as a castle keep, built in medieval times to protect the monks from attacking Berber tribes. Spend another night in Assiut. Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 10 – Red and White Monastery

Among the most spectacular of Christian monuments are the Red and White Monasteries. Built from remnants of Pharonic temples, these monasteries have truly amazing murals. The Red Monastery looks like a candy cane inside. If possible, we will stop in Akmeim, across the river from the monasteries. It is there that dozens of Martyrs, the martyrs of Akmeim, have been preserved by the dry heat. Egyptian Christians believe these martyrs still bleed and their hair still grows, even after being dead for 1500 years. We will drive on to Luxor from here and check in to the beautiful St. George Hotel. Breakfast / Lunch

Day 11 – Valley of the Kings, Luxor Temple

This morning we will go to the Valley of the Kings, visiting tombs of King Tut and other Pharaohs. All of these sites contain connections to Christianity. This evening Luxor Temple is our destination. Breakfast / Lunch

Day 12 – Karnak Temple, Cairo

After an early breakfast, we will visit Karnak Temple and then catch our flight back to Cairo to relax, rest and integrate what we have experienced on this magnificent pilgrimage. Tonight our group will have the opportunity to visit the Giza Plateau for the Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramid. Breakfast

Day 13 – Giza Plateau

An early morning will take us to visit the Sphinx and Pyramids of the Giza Plateau. These Magnificent structures are the only remaining monuments of the 'Seven Wonders of the World'. Next you will drive to Sakkara to visit history's first pyramid, the Step Pyramid of Zosher, and the Tombs of the Nobles. Lunch will be provided at a wonderful Egyptian Restaurant after a visit to a famous carpet factory. Tonight you will be treated to a gala farewell dinner. Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 14 – Leave for home.

Pricing Information

The best pricing and lowest cost has been created for these special tours.

Land Package: \$4995 USD/ double occupancy / per person (includes \$500 non-refundable deposit and domestic air travel in Egypt)

Single Supplement: \$1100 USD (roommates provided when possible)

What is Included in the land package?

- Free with registration, "Jesus in Egypt" and "Jesus: The Lost Years" by Paul Perry
- All lectures and expertise of Paul Perry
- Guided throughout by an English speaking Coptic Egyptologist
- Internal airfare in Egypt (Luxor / Cairo)
- All airport taxes, transfers and luggage assistance
- Entry Visa to Egypt upon arrival and government taxes
- Land travel in luxury air-conditioned coaches
- All sight seeing and entrance fees
- Sound and Light show at the Great Pyramid
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- 5-star accommodations when available
- Breakfast daily, 7 lunches, and 6 dinners
- Special farewell dinner
- Vegetarian and other special menus available
- Tipping throughout for cruise staff, drivers, guards, hotel staff
- Special stores visited that are secure for credit cards
- PayPal on line (credit cards), cash or check

NOT Included: Guide & assistant tip, beverages, some meals, souvenirs, personal items, travel insurance, *International Air from the USA, optional private visit in the Kings Chamber of the Great Pyramid & visit between the Paws of the Sphinx \$125 with 25 person minimum.

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- Must be booked 60 days prior to departure
- Travelers from outside the USA are responsible for their own air to Egypt
- Possible fuel surcharge in 2009

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