Exclusive Duke departure – April 29-May 10, 2021

Israel: Timeless Wonders

12 days from $6,784 total price from Boston, New York
($5,995 air & land inclusive plus $789 airline taxes and fees)

Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv, Israel

Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv  We arrive today and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned and are at leisure to explore or relax as we wish.

Day 3: Tel Aviv/Caesarea  Traveling north along the coast today to Caesarea, we see the ruins of an ancient Roman amphitheater and harbor. After lunch together, we head to the nearby ancient port of Jaffa. Then we encounter the vibrant, modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel’s arts and culture capital. Our tour features the “White City” district of distinctive Bauhaus architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the recently renovated neighborhood of Neve Tzedek. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 4: Tel Aviv/Upper Galilee  We begin our touring with Independence Hall, where the state of Israel was declared in 1948. Then we journey to the artists’ village of Ein Hod, set amidst olive groves at the foot of Mt. Carmel overlooking the sea. Here we have the opportunity to visit the homes of some local artists and tour their workshops. Continuing on, we travel through the hills of Galilee to our hotel on the grounds of a kibbutz adjacent to a national park. Later we visit a working farm. B,D

Day 5: Mount Bental/Tiberias  Today begins with a special tour of the kibbutz, then we head to Mount Bental in the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. After lunch together, we visit a local winery. Next: the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and Kibbutz Ginosar, where we see the “Jesus Boat” dated to 100 BCE. Traveling on, we reach Tiberias and our historic hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Important in both Judaism and Christianity, this ancient city has attracted visitors, settlers, and invaders for more than two millennia. B,L,D

Day 6: Tiberias/Sepphoris/Nazareth  Today we visit Sepphoris, located in the heart of Lower Galilee, which is a vital Duke archaeological dig site. Led by Dr. Carol Meyers and Dr. Eric Meyers, we tour Sepphoris’ extensive ruins, including broad streets, domestic buildings, markets, ritual baths, a Byzantine-period synagogue, enormous underground reservoirs, and stunning, well-preserved, colorful mosaics. The New Testament then comes to life with a stop at Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home. We have lunch together here, then visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest church in the Middle East and where the archangel
Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. Leaving Nazareth, we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. B, L, D

Day 7: Tiberias/Jerusalem On our way to Jerusalem today we stop at the archaeological site of Beit Shean, where ongoing excavations have revealed the ruins of numerous cities dating as far back as the 4th-century BCE. We travel on to Jerusalem, the 3,000-year-old “City of Gold,” sacred to the world’s three major monotheist religions, getting our first view of the city from a panoramic lookout on Mt. Scopus. After lunch at a local restaurant, we devote the afternoon to the Israel Museum, the nation’s leading cultural institution, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls, Shrine of the Book, a unique sculpture garden, and a scale model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple era. We dine tonight at our hotel. B, L, D

Day 8: Jerusalem Our day begins with a moving tour of Yad Vashem, Israel’s living memorial to the Holocaust set on a 45-acre site on the Mount of Remembrance. Through exhibits, the museum traces the history and chronology of the Holocaust. Then we travel to picturesque village of Ein Karem, John the Baptist’s childhood home, in the Judean Hills. Next we enjoy an ethnic cooking demonstration followed by lunch served with local wines. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure; dinner tonight is on our own. B, L

Day 9: Jerusalem This morning we visit the Haas Promenade for panoramic city views. Then we continue on to Jerusalem’s Old City, the original settlement of the City of David, dating to at least 1800 to 1550 BCE. We tour the excavated tunnels beneath the Western Wall. Then we visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of Golgotha where Jesus is believed to have been crucified and buried. Returning to Jerusalem’s New City, we visit the bustling outdoor market of Machane Yehuda (“Shuk”). The remainder of the day is then free to explore Jerusalem independently or return to the hotel. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner and lecture at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. B, D

Day 10: Jerusalem/Masada/Dead Sea Today we travel to the Dead Sea to discover the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We continue on to the ruins at Masada, the mountain stronghold (and UNESCO site) where Jews held out against a three-year Roman siege. Ascending by cable car, we tour the ruins. Then we have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea at a hotel beach before lunch together at the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure back in Jerusalem. Dinner tonight is on our own. B, L

Day 11: Jerusalem/Old City We return to the Old City today, where our guide gives us an in-depth account of Jerusalem’s role throughout history before we embark on a walking tour: the Jewish Quarter; the ancient Cardo marketplace; and the Western Wall, sacred to Jews as the last remaining trace of the wall that enclosed and supported the Second Temple on the Temple Mount. Following lunch together, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we celebrate our Israel adventure over a farewell dinner at our hotel. B, L, D

Tour Depart: April 29, 2021

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Drs. Meyers as faculty, with a minimum number of travelers
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Duke/Odysseys Unlimited tour ($200 after 3 tours; $300 after 10 tours)

Tour membership limited to 24 Duke alumni and friends

Carol Meyers is the Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita of Religion at Duke University, focusing on archaeology and gender in the biblical world, and has received numerous awards for her work. She is the author of more than 450 articles, reports, and reviews; and she has authored, co-authored, or edited 22 books. Eric Meyers is the Bernice and Morton Lerner Emeritus Professor of Judaic Studies and Archaeology at Duke University and the recipient of several prestigious awards. He has authored or co-authored 15 books, edited 20 others, and has published approximately 370 scholarly papers, reports, and reviews in the field of Hebrew Bible and biblical archaeology and Jewish history. Together they have excavated in Israel for 40 years and are perhaps best known for the 1981 discovery of the oldest Ark from ancient Israel, which coincided with the film, “The Raiders of the Lost Ark.” They have been frequent consultants for media productions relating to archaeology and the Bible, including A&E’s “Mysteries of the Bible” series, Dream-Works’s “Prince of Egypt,” and Nova’s “The Bible’s Buried Secrets.” Their 2018 book – The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts of the Western Summit of Sepphoris, with Benjamin Gordon – is the final report on the Duke Excavations at Sepphoris.

May 10-14, 2021

Jordan: Petra & Amman
5 days/4 nights for $1,695 total price
Single Supplement: $395
Discover the “rose-red city, half as old as time” on this exciting exploration. Plus: the capital of Amman.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Private motorcoach transportation Jerusalem/Petra/Amman
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Mövenpick Resort Petra (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Grand Hyatt Amman (Deluxe)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing of Petra and Amman
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Duke Faculty
Carol and Eric Meyers

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For reservations, call Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988
Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2021, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

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Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included unless otherwise specified. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on “On Your Own” optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) unless otherwise specified, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

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If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

For all tours (except as noted)
Prior to departure | Charge
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95 days or more: | $200
94-65 days: | 25% of tour price
64-45 days: | 50% of tour price
44-30 days: | 75% of tour price
29-0 days: | No refund

For Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Patagonian Frontiers, Southeast Asia Odyssey, Africa’s Wildlife
Prior to departure | Charge
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95 days or more: | $200
94-65 days: | 50% of tour price
64-30 days: | 75% of tour price
29-0 days: | No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure
After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers
We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation
We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

Required Information
Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue. In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.
**Smoking**
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

**Health and Medical Issues**
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Please call or email us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Duke Alumni Association, Inc. and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

**Air Transportation**
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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OU will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require OU to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
DUKE TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Duke Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or you may fax this form securely to (919) 660-0148. For more information, please call Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988. For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at (888) 370–6765.

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