

Farm Broadcasters and Friends Journey to Egypt & Israel

10th June 2023 to 25th June 2023



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Day 1 - Depart Home

Sat, 10th June 2023

Board your overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt.

Included Meals: [Inflight Meals]



Day 2 - Welcome to Egypt

Sun, 11th June 2023

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met by your expert CTN tour director.

Transfer to your hotel; time is set aside to refresh before you meet your fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner.

Overnight: Cairo
Meals Included: D

 Cairo



Day 3 - Walk Like an Egyptian

Mon, 12th June 2023

After breakfast, discover the fascinating world of the Pharaohs.

Visit the Pyramids of Gizeh and be amazed by this architectural masterpiece from the inside. While in the labyrinths of one of the eldest monuments in the world, let your inner explorer find out the secrets of the pyramids.

From there, head to the Valley of the Temples, ruled by the mysterious and legendary Sphinx. Get a chance to take unforgettable photos of the famous seated lion, whose head resembles the ancient King Chephren.

Continue to explore Ancient Egypt by contemplating the Necropolis and the Step Pyramid of Sakkara and finish the day with a feeling of being transported in the ancient times of Cleopatra.

Overnight: Cairo

Meals Included: B

 Cairo



Day 4 - Immerse in Old Cairo

Tue, 13th June 2023

Start the day with a visit to the Egyptian museum. Admire treasures such as Tutankhamun's mask whose eyes are made of quartz and obsidian. Get the chance to discover some of the oldest hieroglyphs ever found as well as a tremendous amount of impressive and colorful sculptures.

Then it is time to wander in Old Cairo and discover its dynamic religious history. Start with the Babylon Fortress, the Hanging Church, the Greek Church of St. George and many other Coptic churches and historical sites. Visit the Synagogue of the Levantines, where, according to local folklore, baby Moses was found.

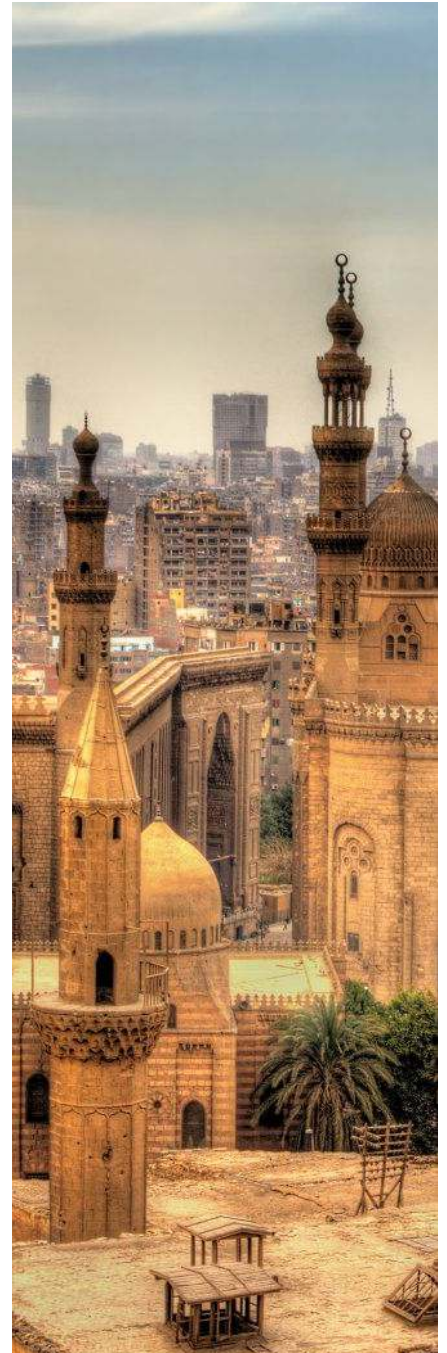
Be amazed by the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar and Souk, home to many Egyptian artisans and workshops involved in the production of traditional crafts and souvenirs.

After this immersion in the hectic streets of Cairo, enjoy a moment of tranquility in the Mosque-Madrassa of Sultan Hasan, one of the most beautiful mosques in the city. Discover this massive yet elegant grand structure which is regarded as the finest piece of early Mamluk architecture in Cairo.

Overnight: Cairo

Meals Included: B

 Cairo



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Day 5 - Enchanting Fayoum Oasis

Wed, 14th June 2023

This morning, after breakfast, meet your private guide at your hotel and watch the city give way to orchards and verdant fields on the journey to Lake Korea. Spot some of the stunning birds that thrive on the edge of this salt lake, from black-necked grebes to ibises and flamingos.

Continue to the local museum to see superb examples of Fayum mummies portraits, wall paintings with features of Greco-Roman influence. Don't miss the remarkable collection of statues from area archaeological sites.

Cool off in the waterfalls of Wadi El-Rayan, where reed-lined canals connect two brackish lakes, then set off on a scenic excursion by felucca, a traditional and elegant Egyptian sailing boat.

Overnight : Fayum

Meals Included: B

 Fayoum



Day 6 - Roots of Agriculture

Thu, 15th June 2023

Today, take a ride to Sadat city and discover the uniqueness of Egyptian cotton.

Egypt's year round moderate climate is perfect for cotton plantation and gives it a superior quality. Among the cottons grown in Egypt, Barbadece cotton is of the highest quality and well renown for its long fibers and thin yarn. Longer fibers enhance the quality of yarn, and the thin yarn allows higher thread counts per square inches. Another factor that contributes to the unique quality of Egyptian cotton is that it is hand-picked, which reduces the stress on the fibers and preserves the cotton far better than mechanical picking. As a result, the sheets made from Egyptian cotton are soft, strong and durable.

Get to know more about the functioning of one of the leading cotton yarns in the country - Almatex with a complete guided visit of its factory.

Cotton also needs water and Egypt happens to have the largest irrigation area among Nile Basin countries. Discover the techniques of irrigation which are mastered by Egyptians since the ancient times.

Overnight : Cairo
Meals Included : B, D

 Sadat City



Day 7 - To Tel Aviv | Meetings

Fri, 16th June 2023

After breakfast transfer to the airport in time to board your flight to Tel Aviv.

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport

Transfer to your hotel; in the afternoon, meet with representatives from U.S. and Israeli agricultural research institutions and representations.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Meals Included: B, D

 Tel Aviv



Day 8 - The City of David and The Dead Sea

Sat, 17th June 2023

Over three-thousand years ago King David left the city of Hebron and moved to a hilltop city by the name of Jerusalem, which he then established as the capital of the land. David's son, Solomon later built the First Temple on the nearby Mount Moriah, the very same place where Abraham had bound his son Isaac, and Jerusalem thus became the most important site in the world for Jewish people.


Start your day with a visit to the City of David and trek through knee deep water in King Hezekiah's 2,700-year-old water tunnel. With exciting archaeological discoveries being made all the time, providing some of the most exciting finds from the ancient world, above ground the city is a non-stop center of activity.

Today's visit will take back 3,800 years at it's stunning starting point overlooking Biblical Jerusalem, followed by a look at some of the most recent excavations, reliving King David's conquest of the city as described in the Bible.

Explore the holiest place for Judaism in the world -the Western Wall which is a remain from the 2nd temple. Climb to the Temple mount to see from outside the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque (closed on Fridays and Saturdays). Visit Pool of Bethesda and the church of St Anne from the crusaders period and walk along the Via Dolorosa till the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Visit, then, Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center to humbly commemorate the victims of the Shoah

Drive to the Dead Sea for an afternoon at leisure to experience floating in the unique water.

 Jerusalem



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Day 8 - The City of David and The Dead Sea (Continued)
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Overnight: Jerusalem Meals Included: B

 Jerusalem



Day 9 - Explore Jerusalem

Sun, 18th June 2023

After breakfast, ascend the Mount of Olives for an overview and better understanding of the geography and some key sites surrounding the area. Overlooking the Old City, the Mount is covered partly in olive trees, cemeteries, and churches, which commemorate the Christian events of Jesus: Ascension, Pater Noster, Dominus Fleuit, Maria Magdalena, All Nations (Agony Church) where according to the tradition, Jesus spent his last free night. Visit Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees dating back to the times of Christ.


Walk the 14 stations of the Via Dolorosa, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place where Jesus is believed to have been crucified. This church is one of Christianity's great pilgrimage sites and a testament to the remarkable diversity of the Christian world. It includes an empty tomb where it is said that Jesus was buried and resurrected.

After a delicious lunch in the heart of Jerusalem, drive to Bethlehem to discover the Church of Nativity which was built over the Grotto of the Nativity by Constantine in 325 A.D.

Finish this spiritual journey discovering the Shepherds fields, where the angels appeared to the shepherds announcing Christ's birth.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Meals Included: B

 Jerusalem



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Day 10 - Rehovot Area : Agriculture Research and Sustainable Farming

Mon, 19th June 2023

After a delicious breakfast, it is time to drive to Rehovot area.

The United States-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARD) is a competitive funding program for mission-oriented, strategic, and applied research of mutual-interest agricultural problems, conducted jointly by American and Israeli scientists. This cooperative research entails active collaboration between Israeli and American research institutes and has led to significant breakthroughs in advancing agricultural technologies to deal with problems faced in the field.

Meet with BARD and Volcani leading researchers then discover their fields in the compound to one of their ongoing experiments.

After lunch, visit the Aleph Farms to discover how to produce meat while caring about sustainability.

Drive to the North-west of the Negev Desert (2 hours).

Dinner and overnight at a glamping site.
Meals Included: B, D

 Negev



Day 11 - Full Day Desert Agriculture

Tue, 20th June 2023

In the heart of the Negev desert, visit a boutique vegetable farm which specializes in growing Asian medicinal vegetables and super-food. Thanks to the use of unique, innovative techniques adapted to the desert, the product is considered the best in Israel. Tour the assorted greenhouses, become familiar with various growing techniques, and taste the exclusive produce while listening to the family's special story.

Next, enter an organic farm combining traditional methods with advanced desert agriculture. The farm itself acts as a complete ecological system with interactions between soil, microorganisms, animals, and plants, striving for a healthy balance between them all. In the fields and greenhouses, dozens of types of vegetables grow, which vary according to the season, alongside fruit orchards of various types, and provide fresh organic produce to the residents of the Negev. Discover the various crops, hear the story of the farm, understand what organic agriculture is during the 21st century and taste the healthy and delicious organic produce straight from the field.

After a tasteful lunch, opt for a Pomegranate desert farm and hear about the challenges and new methods needed to grow fruit plantations in arid land with high salinity water.

Alternatively, take a tour at the research center at Ben Gurion desert university.

Overnight: Tel Aviv
Meals Included: B, L, D

 Negev



Day 12 - Entrepreneurship, Agriculture, and Education.

Wed, 21st June 2023

After breakfast, start the day by visit Yarok, Innovation & entrepreneurship center.

Yarok was awarded the United Nations International Award 2017 for "Innovative Ideas and Technology on Agribusiness", one of five winners selected from over 330 entries from 80 countries. The contest aimed to identify the world's most innovative technologies and ideas in agribusiness.

Listen to a TED-like talk with experts in the below fields, under one roof :

- Drone controlled pest control or mapping of fields
- Deep-tech in Agriculture
- Biobee company or similar – organic pollination and pest control solutions

After lunch, drive to David Raziel Youth Village in Herzliya where entrepreneurship, sustainability, environment, and agricultural platform are taught to high school students. Find out about the newest tools in agro-tech, eco-Agriculture and more. Discover how to solve global issues such as climate change, food crisis, and world pollution.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

Included Meals: B

 Tel Aviv



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Day 13 - Innovation & Agriculture

Thu, 22nd June 2023

After breakfast at the hotel, get the chance to visit a Spirulina Farm growing algae and producing Superfood.

Next, learn about the SCR Dairy farms technology and cow intelligence. Meet the company officials. After a short presentation, take a tour to one of their dairy farms to see the technology at work.

After lunch, have a complete professional visit at the Netafim R&D Center in Kibbutz Magal with company officials and experts. In this R&D center there is a demonstration park to show all their technologies at work - from the small scale farmer to the most complex farming systems.

While in the demonstration park, meet the CEO of Livingreen company, that will talk about his company, specializing in Hydroponics, Aquaponics, vertical and urban farming.

Drive to the Golan Heights to Kibbutz Merom Golan for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Merom Golan
Included Meals: B, D

 Merom Golan Resort



Day 14 - Water Management in Israel | Golan Winery

Fri, 23rd June 2023

The Israeli agriculture industry is in a constant reality of multiple challenges and a lack of resources such as manpower, water, and professional knowledge.

Visit a Kibbutz which is a leader, in Israel in general and in the Golan Heights in particular, in precise agriculture. This agricultural sector is led by a professional young team, whose close cooperation with R & D North and various companies enable endless experiments and agricultural observations. At the same time, this kibbutz established an internal R & D of its own in which new and unique crops are examined while taking advantage of the relative advantages of the kibbutz's geographic location.

Next meet with one of the leading consulting companies for water management. Through field trips and short lectures, you will review all the components which brought Israel's water sector to be widely recognized as a source of excellence and innovation leadership worldwide and solved the water problems in Israel.

Finally enjoy an off-road jeep ride between the wild landscapes of the northern Golan and arrive the Golan Winery. Enjoy a fascinating encounter with the world of wine and a tour accompanied by glass of wine.

Included is tasting 5 types of wine in a private room accompanied by cheese from local boutique dairies.

Overnight: Merom Golan
Meals Included: B, L, D

 Merom Golan Resort



Day 15 - Incredible Archaeological Discoveries around the Sea of Galilee

Sat, 24th June 2023

Start your day with a visit to the Banias National Park, located in the Hermon (Banias) Stream Nature Reserve, together with unique remains of human heritage. The spring is the source of the Banias River, one of the main tributaries of the Jordan River. Archaeologists uncovered a shrine dedicated to Pan and related deities, and the remains of an ancient city founded sometime after the conquest by Alexander the Great and inhabited until 1967; the ancient city was mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark by the name of Caesarea Philippi.

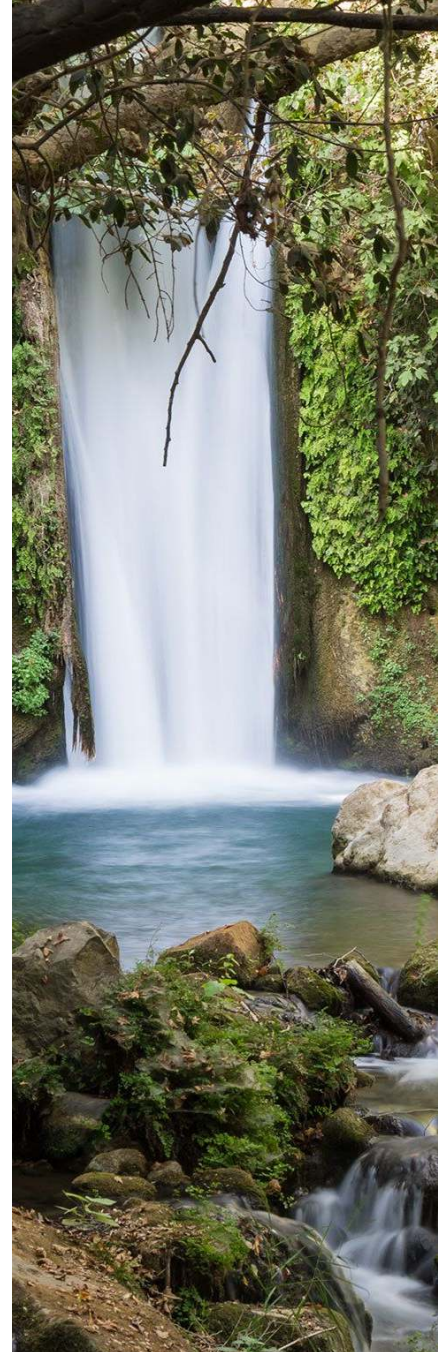
Drive towards the Sea of Galilee for a tour of the Holy sites around the lake.

Experience Magdala, a crossroads of Jewish and Christian History and hometown of Mary Magdalene, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Be a part of this touching experience and come Walk Where Jesus Taught. Inside the synagogue was found The Magdala Stone, a discovery many archaeologists call the most significant archaeological find in the past 50 years.

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and breathtaking views of the lush Galilee area.

See ancient Capernaum serenely placed on the on the shores of the lake, at the foot of the Mount of Beatitudes and at Taghba and visit the Church of Multiplications. Next, visit Yardenit Baptismal site on the Jordan River at the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee, which is said to be one of the possible sites of Jesus' baptism.

 Tel Aviv





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Day 15 - Incredible Archaeological Discoveries around the Sea of Galilee (Continued)

Sat, 24th June 2023

Return to Tel Aviv for dinner, then transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for your late-night departure.

Meals Included: B, D

 Tel Aviv



Day 16 - Depart Israel

Sun, 25th June 2023

Enjoy your onward flight, with memories to last a lifetime.

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