

Israel – Egypt: Travel Back in Time

February 24-March 9, 2024

Pre-registration: www.mvnu.edu/bibletrips/

Projected tour cost (course fees): \$5,700 per person (double occupancy)
This is an all-inclusive cost*. See inclusions and exclusions below.

Cost Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare between Columbus, Ohio – Tel Aviv, Israel and return via Cairo, Egypt
- Flight from Tel Aviv, Israel to Cairo, Egypt
- Roundtrip airfare from Cairo to Luxor, Egypt
- 12 nights in 3-5 star hotels in Israel and Egypt
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Any escorted transfers
- Daily breakfasts and dinners (plus 1 lunch at the Sea of Galilee)
- Transportation by private, climate controlled, bus with driver throughout the tour
- English speaking professional tour guides
- Entry fees to all scheduled sites and museums
- Service charges and local taxes and tips to hotel and restaurant staff, portage for one piece of luggage
- Minimum tips for tour guides and drivers

**Cost may vary depending on departure/arrival airports. Advertised cost is for trips originating and ending in Columbus, Ohio. Please contact us for departure and arrival from airports other than Columbus, Ohio.*

Cost Excludes:

- Egyptian Visa Fee - \$25 for US citizens to be obtained upon arrival.
- Lunches and all drinks (approx. \$6-15 per meal), snacks or any drinks for lunch or dinner (approx. \$1-2 per meal). Coffee, milk, and juice are included in the breakfasts.
- Personal expenses, such as souvenirs, snacks, and in-room Wi-Fi service (some hotels charge extra).
- Any other service which is not mentioned above.

Schedule of payments*:

- April 1, 2023: \$100 enrollment fee due (refundable) + enrollment form
- October 15, 2023: 50% of payment due: (approx. \$2,800)

- November 15, 2023: final payment due: (approx. \$2,800) + any single room supplements of \$1,650 each.

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Tour delays, cancellation, and refund policy: *Tutku Tours* is not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and cannot reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from delays, re-issuance of air tickets, etc.

- 120-90 days prior to departure – no penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure – 10% of total tour price
- 59-45 days prior to departure – 25% of total tour price
- 44-30 days prior to departure – 50% of total tour price
- 29-15 days prior to departure – 75% of total tour price
- 14 days and later – No refund

All cancellation notifications must be made in writing to *Tutku Tours*. Please allow 4 weeks for cancellation refund processing.

Travel insurance (extra): This will cover medical, legal as well as any costs incurred due to trip cancellation or mix-up in travel plans. We do encourage you to get this insurance. A brochure with travel insurance information will be added to the website when available.

Money Exchange - There's really **no need** to exchange currency for Israeli Shekels or Egyptian Pounds since U.S. Dollars are widely accepted throughout both countries. You lose money to transaction fees each time you exchange currency, and since shops/restaurants/street vendors are happy to accept U.S. Dollars, that's really the way to go.

If you pay with a large bill, you might get local currency as change, so it's best to bring mostly \$1s, \$5s, and \$10s to pay with exact change as much as possible. I usually carry \$150-\$200 for myself in small bills when I travel, to cover lunches, bottled water, snacks, and small souvenirs purchased from street vendors. You may want to get a money belt here in the U.S.A. that you can wear under your clothes to keep your cash, credit cards and passport.

Baggage Allowance: Due to space limitations on the buses, we have included portage for only one check-on bag (width + length + height cannot exceed 62 inches and maximum weight must be 50 pounds) in tour cost. You may also take one carry-on bag that will fit under your airline seat or in the overhead compartment.

Educational Opportunities*:

If you are planning to take this tour for course credit, **you need to register** for the course with the MVNU registrar's office for undergraduate or graduate credit. **Your pre-registration form does not enroll you automatically in a course. Please [visit the website](#) for available courses.**

**Course availability may be dependent on number of students registered. Credit is available for both undergraduate and graduate levels. Courses are not required for alumni and friends of MVNU.*

Tour-Only Participants:

Even though you are not taking this tour for course credit, you are welcome to attend the evening sessions and lectures, taking advantage of the expert faculty leading this tour.

Passport:

- How to apply for a **first** passport:
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html
- How to get your passport **renewed**:
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/renew/renew_830.html

Make sure your passport is valid at least 6 months *beyond* your travel dates. This means that if your passport expires prior to September 9, 2024, you need to get it renewed before the trip. Israel, in particular, is a stickler about the 6-month rule and airline personnel here in the U.S.A. will deny boarding to anyone whose passport does not comply.

Please make five (5) copies of your passport, give two to Dr. Serrão, keep one for yourself and put it somewhere other than with your passport, give one to your roommate/spouse to keep in their belongings.

Tutku Tours will need to know your legal passport **name** by September 15, 2023. This will allow the travel agency to provide correct and complete legal names to the airline. Even if someone doesn't have their passport yet by that time, they should still know the name in which their passport will be issued.

Preventing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discriminatory Conduct Training and Test

- MVNU students/faculty/staff - Preventing Sexual Harassment Training and Test - <https://mvnu-oh.safecolleges.com/login>

- Everyone else not directly affiliated with MVNU – [Title IX Guest Compliance Form](#); please return this form signed and dated to Dr. Serrão. **Due Date:** October 15, 2023

Weather:

February/March: Might have some rain; temperatures in the 60-80s during the day and in the 40s & 50s at night.

When we get closer to the time of leaving, check the weather reports for Israel & Egypt so you will know better how to pack.

You can check Israel and Jordan's weather online at:

- [Israel](#)
- [Egypt](#)

Due Dates:

NOW!

- [Pre-register](#) for the trip and begin process to get a valid passport if you don't have one already.

April 1, 2023:

Enrollment form and \$100 enrollment fee due.

October 1, 2023:

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Preventing Sexual Harassment Training and Test (both for MVNU and non-MVNU travelers)

November 1, 2023:

Final payment due: (approx. \$2,800) + any single room supplements of \$1,650; other documents to be specified later

Two (2) copies of passport sent to Dr. Serrão.

February 24, 2024: Leave for Israel and Egypt Trip! (Pre-trip class meetings as in course syllabus)

Send Documents:

If you're sending your documents via U.S. Post Office, please send them to:

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