welcome to JERUSALEM

We hope you had a pleasant flight, and we are looking forward to hosting you during your pre-cruise extension. The important information below includes a brief schedule of your stay, as well as contact information should you require after-hours assistance.

DAY 1— 12 September

Arrive at the airport, then transfer to your hotel. Check in and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Your Viking Host is available to help you plan your time in Jerusalem so you can make the most of your visit.

DAY 2— 13 September

After breakfast at your hotel, please join us in the lobby at **8:45 AM** to embark on your tour of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Please take your passport with you (required for Bethlehem) and wear sturdy and comfortable shoes. Begin on the Mount of Olives and drive down to Gethsemane to see its garden and church. Proceed through the Kidron Valley and see the Western Wall, then visit the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, home to ancient discoveries from the Second Temple period. Take a scenic drive past the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and Rachel’s Tomb on your way to picturesque Bethlehem. After lunch, tour a local olive wood factory and visit the Church of the Nativity before returning to Jerusalem for dinner. (B, L, D)

Welcome Drink - **6:45 PM** at the Reading Room (near the Lobby). Dinner - **7:00 PM** at the hotel.

DAY 3— 14 September

Please meet in the hotel lobby at **8:45 AM** to begin your full-day Jerusalem city tour. Explore the Tower of David, a citadel on the city wall offering panoramic views. In the Muslim Quarter, see the Pools of Bethesda and follow the Via Dolorosa up to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In the Christian Quarter, enjoy a traditional Israeli lunch, then walk through the Old City Bazaar. Tour the Jewish Quarter, see the ancient Cardo and Mt. Zion, and step inside the building that houses King David’s Tomb and the Cenacle, where the Last Supper and Pentecost took place. (B, L). Dinner is at leisure.

***Please note: Respectful dress is requested when visiting the Western Wall, which includes head coverings for men and married women when approaching the wall. It is customary to walk backward when departing the wall. Electronic devices, including cameras, are not permitted on Saturdays and holidays.***

**DAY 4 –** 15 September

Please meet in the hotel lobby at **8:45 AM**. Begin your tour with a stop at the Hadassah Hospital and visit the chapel to see a set of stained-glass windows by Marc Chagall depicting the 12 tribes of Israel. Continue to the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed in the incomparable Shrine of the Book. See the scrolls and spend an hour exploring on your own. After lunch, enjoy free time in the Old City or explore Yad Vashem, Jerusalem’s official museum of Holocaust remembrance. (B, L)

**DAY 5 –** 16 September

Today you check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to the ship to begin your cruise. Welcome aboard!

Reminder: Please complete the questionnaire and return it to your Viking Host. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us to continuously improve our service, products, and overall experience.

***Have a wonderful stay in this beautiful city and a memorable cruise!***

CONTACT INFORMATION

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**The Hostess will be at your service in the reading room:**

**On arrival day 03:00PM – 09:00PM** • **on Departure Day**- **One hour before departure hour**

• **Friday: 05:00PM-07:00PM** • **Saturday: 04:30PM-06:30PM**

• **Sunday: 05:00PM-07:00PM** • **Tuesday: 05:00PM-07:00PM** • **Wednesday: 05:00PM-07:00PM**