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 — 26 December

After your transfer to the King David Hotel you will receive additional details regarding your stay. The rest of your afternoon and dinner are at leisure.

DAY 2— 27 December

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. Visit includes stop at Mt. Scopus, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane and Mount Zion. After lunch at a local restaurant in Bethlehem, continue to visit the Church of the Nativity before returning to Jerusalem.

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

DAY 3— 28 December

Please meet in the hotel lobby at **8:45 AM** to begin your full-day Jerusalem city tour. We’ll be visiting St. Ann Church, the Via Dolorosa, and the Holy Sepulcher. After enjoying a traditional Israeli falafel lunch we’ll continue to explore the Old City and the Bazaar visiting The Tower of David and The Jewish Quarter. We’ll conclude this touring day at the Western Wall and return to our hotel. 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 –** 29 December

Please meet in the hotel lobby at **8:45 AM** for today’s guided tour to visit to Chagall Windows at the Hadassah Medical Center followed by a visit to the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed in the incomparable Shrine of the Book. Spend an hour exploring the museum. Your afternoon is at leisure; you may choose to tour on your own Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum) or re-visiting the Old City. Please discuss this and additional options with your tour guide. Dinner is at leisure.

**DAY 5 –** 30 December

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: Thursday: 15:00 PM - 21:00 PM** • **Friday: 17:00-19:00 PM Saturday: 16:30-18:30** • **Sunday: 17:00-19:00 PM** • **Monday: 05:30-7:00 AM**