

# AL-AQSA & ISTANBUL GROUP ITINERARY



August 30, 2022 - September 07, 2022

# 8 Days 7 Nights Tour Of Al- AQSA & ISTANBUL

8 Days 7 Nights Special Fully Guided Tour Package at Al-Aqsa and Istanbul. Great Muslim Sightseeing. Tour Includes Breakfast Dinner, Fully Guided Islamic Tour, Pick up Airport transfer from all Airport Professional English speaking tour guide All entrance fees mentioned in the Itinerary Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking luxury busses.

# <u>Wednesday - August 31, 2022 ( Day 1 )</u>

➤ Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore. Overnight at Jerusalem

# Thursday - September 01, 2022 (Day 2)

▶ Drive to Hebron, also named Al-Halil after the prophet Ibrahim. Here we will not miss the Ibrahimi Mosque (Haram el Halil) – a sanctuary built already some 2000 years ago on the burial place of the Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim el Halil), Isaac, Jacob (Nabi Yaakub) and their spouses. We will also seize this opportunity to pray at this holy place. Hebron is also known for its glass-blowers. Continue north to Halhul, the highest town in Palestine, where we visit the Shrine of Nebi Yunas. We end this day in Bethlehem, in the Church of Nativity, the birthplace of the Prophet Jesus (Nabi 'Issa). This Church is the oldest still an active church in the world! A short drive brings us back to Jerusalem. Dinner and Over-Night in Jerusalem.

# <u>Friday – September 02, 2022 - ( Day 3-Friday Prayer at Al-Aqsa )</u>

➢ It is only natural to begin our pilgrimage at Al Quds – The Holy City of Jerusalem. We start at the Mount of Olives, with its panoramic view, Maqam (Sanctuary) Rabeiah-el-Adawiyah and Suleiman el-Farsi. Crossing the Al-Joz Valley, where the last Judgment shall take place, we reach the highlight of every Muslim Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – The Al Aqsa, also known as the Haram-esh-Sharif – the Holy and Honorable. We will have an extensive tour of the Haram esh-Sharif, learning about its historical & architectonical background, as well as the many legends told about the holy Al Aksa Mosque & The Dome of the Rock, "whose precincts We did bless" (Al Qur'an el Kareem, Sura 17, verse 1). We will also visit the Underground Mosque below the Al Aqsa, just newly opened to the public, as well as the Marawani Mosque. Now it's time to stroll through the colorful "Suq" (Bazaar) of Jerusalem, where you can buy some souvenirs to take back home. We will also pay a visit to the famous "Church of the Holy Sepulcher", where the Prophet 'Issa (Jesus) was crucified and buried before we head to our Jerusalem Hotel. Dinner and Over-Night in Jerusalem.

#### <u>Saturday – September 3, 2022 (Day 4-Nebi Mousa – Jericho – Jordan Valley )</u>

Descending from Jerusalem, we visit the site of Nebi Moussa, where a medieval tradition places the tomb of Nabi Moussa (Moses). This place was famous for "Ziyarat Nabi Moussa" that was held here during the spring and included a colorful march from Jerusalem, a week of prayers and other festive activities. Now we head to Jericho – "The City of Palm Trees", where we will visit some of the sites of the oldest city in the world, famous for its sweet-water springs that produce a little heaven in the heart of the desert We continue through the Jordan Valley and pass Beisan (Beth Shean) where according to Hadith the Palm-Trees that will bear no Fruit will be a sign for Ad-Dajjal (The Deceiver) and head toward the Mountains of Galilee. Near the "Horns of Hittin", overlooking the blue Sea of Galilee, where Salahe-Din had his glorious victory over the Crusaders, we will visit the Tomb of Nabi Shuaib (Jethro) – The father-in-law of Nebi Moussa, who helped him in fighting the infidel Midianites, and fled from them to hide in this cave. This place is also a very holy place for the Druze. We end the day in Tiberias, located beautifully near the Lake that bears its name. Dinner and Over-Night in Tiberias

# <u>Sunday - September 4, 2022 ( Day 5 - Jaffa Port)</u>

AM: – Visit to the ancient port of Jaffa, next to Tel Aviv.
 PM: – Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for Departure to ISTANBUL

# <u>Sunday - September 4, 2022 ( Day 5 - Istanbul Arrival)</u>

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

# <u>Monday – September 5, 2022 - ( Day 6 – Istanbul City Tour)</u>

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for a day tour of old Istanbul city. We will do our Friday prayer at any of the famous Masjid at our tour.
Visit to HAGIA SOPHIA MASJID This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed(pbu). SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MASJID built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. Lunch break and Friday prayer around 13:00pm after the lunch Murtis Tour will then take

you to the GRAND COVERED BAZAAR In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

# <u>Tuesday – September 06, 2022 ( Day 7 – Istanbul Islamic & Shabe Tour)</u>

After breakfast at 08:30 we have Istanbul Islamic and Sahabe Tour. Istanbul is the center of religion for centuries. After the ottoman period Islamic Religion spread throughout the city. The first Masjid in Istanbul was built in Kadikoy on the Asian side of the city, which was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1353. The first Masjid on the European side of Istanbul was built inside the Rumeli Castle in 1452. The first Grand Masjid which was built in the city proper is the Eyup Sultan Masjid (1458). Next to Eyup Sultan Masjid we will visit the tombs of the Sahabe, which is very famous in Turkey by being the first generation of Muslims, who had come as far as Istanbul and besieged the city. The small Sahabe Cemetery just outside Egrikapi Gate may seem like a standard Muslim cemetery. The Süleymaniye Masjid becomes most meaningful when understood in its historical and cultural context. It was built during the latter part of Süleyman's long and prosperous reign, which stretched from 1520 to 1566. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### Wednesday - September 07, 2022 ( Day 8 - Istanbul End Tour)

After breakfast check out from the hotel. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another **AQRA TRAVEL** world Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing **AQRA TRAVEL**.

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