



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

November 2-13, 2019

12 days for \$6,684 total price from Washington, DC
(**\$5,895 air & land inclusive plus \$789 airline taxes and fees**)



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With Dr. Peter Schertz, Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art

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Dear VMFA Members,

Join VMFA on an exclusive 12-day tour to Israel to discover a remarkable and timeless land. As you travel from the coastal plain to the Jordan Rift Valley, you'll experience places of beauty and belief, steeped in history. Traveling with you will be **Dr. Peter Schertz, Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art.**

Begin in vibrant Tel Aviv where you tour the "White City" district and nearby Jaffa. In the hills of Galilee, stay at a hotel on the grounds of a *kibbutz*. Continue to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and take a day trip to Nazareth and Safed. Spending the next five nights at the renowned King David Jerusalem hotel, enjoy an in-depth discovery of the "City of Gold" that includes the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, the Old City, the Western Wall, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, as well as an excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea. Explore "rose-red" Petra and the capital city of Amman with an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour Jordan extension.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM – ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **Israel: Timeless Wonders**, departing **November 2, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Jordan: Petra & Amman" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Israel: Timeless Wonders, November 2-13, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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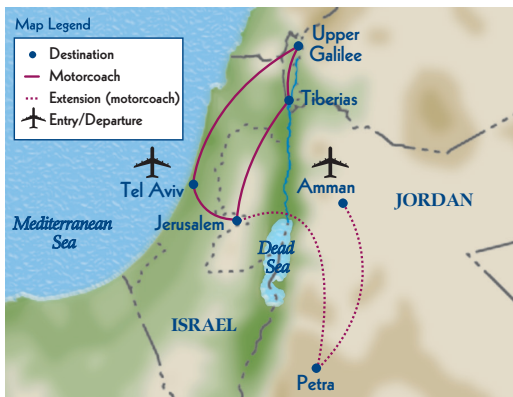
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv, Israel

Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv We arrive today and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned and are at leisure to explore or relax as we wish.

Day 3: Tel Aviv Today we encounter the vibrant modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel’s arts and culture capital. Our tour features Independence Hall, where the state of Israel was declared in 1948; the “White City” district of distinctive Bauhaus architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the recently renovated neighborhood of Neve Tzedek. We end the day visiting the nearby ancient port of Jaffa. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 4: Tel Aviv/Upper Galilee Traveling north along the coast today to Caesarea, we see the ruins of an ancient Roman amphitheater and harbor. We continue on to the artists’ village of Ein Hod, set amidst olive groves at the foot of Mt. Carmel overlooking the sea. Here we have the opportunity to visit the homes of some local artists and tour their workshops. Then we travel through the hills of Galilee to our hotel on the grounds of a *kibbutz* adjacent to a national park. Later we visit a working farm. *B,D*

Day 5: Mount Bental/Tiberias Today begins with an ascent of Mount Bental in the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan. Then we tour a *kibbutz* and visit a local winery, before visiting the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes; and Kibbutz Ginosar, where we see the “Jesus Boat” carbon dated to 100 BCE. We travel on to Tiberias and our historic hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Important in both Judaism and Christianity, this ancient city has attracted visitors, settlers, and invaders for more than two millennia. *B,D*

Day 6: Tiberias/Nazareth This morning we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Then the New Testament comes to life as we travel to Jesus’ boyhood home of

Avg. High (°F)	Oct	Nov
Tiberias	86	75
Jerusalem	81	70

Small Group Tour Highlights

Tel Aviv touring, including “White City” of Bauhaus architecture • Jaffa’s ancient port • Artists’ village of Ein Hod • Overnight stay on a working *kibbutz* • Biblical sights of Tiberias, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee • Winery visit and cooking class • Five-night Jerusalem stay at legendary King David hotel • Jerusalem touring, including Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Old City, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Israel Museum, Ein Karem • Dead Sea Qumran Caves • Fortress ruins of Masada

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Tel Aviv		
2-3	Tel Aviv	Hotel Dan Tel Aviv	Deluxe
4	Upper Galilee	Hagoshrim Hotel & Nature	First Class
5-6	Tiberias	The Scots Hotel	Sup. First Class
7-11	Jerusalem	King David Jerusalem	Deluxe
12	Depart Tel Aviv for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover Photo: During our stay in Jerusalem, we visit the Western Wall on Day 11.



We explore the ruins at legendary Masada on Day 8.

Nazareth, now a center of Christian pilgrimage. Here we visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest church in the Middle East and where the archangel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. We enjoy lunch at a family-run dairy farm then continue to Safed, center of Jewish mysticism, home to many artists, and where we stroll the medieval streets. We visit some of the galleries here before returning to our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Tiberias/Jerusalem On our way to Jerusalem today we stop at the archaeological site of Beit Shean, where ongoing excavations have revealed the ruins of numerous cities. We travel on to Jerusalem, the 3,000-year-old “City of Gold,” sacred to the world’s three major monotheistic religions. We get our first look from a panoramic lookout on Mt. Scopus. After lunch at a local restaurant, we get acquainted with the New City, dating from the late 19th century. Tonight we dine together at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Jerusalem/Masada/Dead Sea Today we travel to the Dead Sea to explore the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We continue on to the ruins at Masada, the mountain stronghold (and UNESCO site) where Jews held out against a three-year Roman siege. Ascending by cable car, we tour the ruins, overlooking the Dead Sea. Then we have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea before lunch together at the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure back in Jerusalem. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 9: Jerusalem This morning we visit the Haas Promenade for panoramic city views, then we continue on to Jerusalem’s Old City for a tour of the excavated tunnels beneath the Western Wall. Next we visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, traditional site

of Golgotha where Jesus is believed to have been crucified and buried. Returning to Jerusalem’s New City, we visit the bustling outdoor market of Machane Yehuda (“Shuk”). The remainder of the day is then free to explore Jerusalem independently or return to the hotel. *B*

Day 10: Jerusalem Our day begins with a moving tour of Yad Vashem, Israel’s living memorial to the Holocaust on the Mount of Remembrance. Then we

Post-Tour Extension

November 13-17, 2019

JORDAN: PETRA & AMMAN

5 days/4 nights
for \$1,795 total price

Single Supplement: \$395

*Discover the “rose-red city, half as old as time” on this exciting exploration.
Plus: the capital of Amman.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Private motorcoach transportation Jerusalem/Petra/ Amman
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Petra Marriott Hotel (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Amman Marriott Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing of Petra and Amman
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

“ONE DOES NOT GO
TO JERUSALEM.
ONE RETURNS TO IT.”

– ELIE WIESEL

travel to the Judean Hills to the picturesque village of Ein Karem, where we enjoy an ethnic cooking class followed by lunch served with local Israeli wines. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure; dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 11: Jerusalem/Old City We return to the Old City today, starting at the original settlement of the City of David, dating to at least 1800 to 1550 BCE. Our guide gives us an in-depth account of Jerusalem’s history before we embark on a walking tour that takes in the Old City: the Jewish Quarter; the ancient Cardo marketplace; and the Western Wall, sacred to Jews as the last remaining trace of the wall that enclosed and supported the Second Temple on the Temple Mount. Then we spend the afternoon at the Israel Museum, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Shrine of the Book, a unique sculpture garden, and a scale model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple era. Tonight we celebrate our Israel adventure over a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 12: Depart Tel Aviv for U.S. Very early this morning we transfer by motorcoach to Tel Aviv for our return flight to the United States. *B*



Sophisticated seaside Tel Aviv

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Museum Host



Dr. Peter Justin Moon Schertz has served as curator of Ancient Art at VMFA since October 2006 and the Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art since 2007. He received a Certificate of Museum Studies

in 1997 and a PhD in classical art and archaeology in 2004 from the University of Southern California, where he wrote the dissertation *Seer or Victim? The Figure of Marsyas in Roman Art, Religion, and Politics* under the supervision of John Pollini. He received his BA in classical languages and literature from the University of Chicago in 1987. His specialty is Roman art, with a focus on the intersection of art and culture, particularly art and religion. His current projects include a study of the original polychromy of the Arch of Titus and an examination of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in its Roman context. He is particularly interested in how new technologies can help us understand and interpret ancient art.

Tour Departs: November 2, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$6,384
Miami, Washington, DC	\$6,684
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$6,784
Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,884
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$789, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,495 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price:

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility

The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing our arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and VMFA assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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