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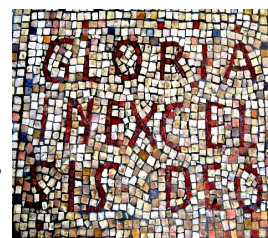
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Reflecting on the birth of Jesus, we give thanks to God for the gift of salvation and eternal life that was given to us. We also wish to express our thanks to all of you who have traveled with us throughout the year. God's blessings upon those with upcoming tours planned, and to all of you who may travel with us in the future. May the gift of the Christ child bring you peace and joy, today and always.



A message from our tour hosts and participants....

This fall, my wife and I were blessed to visit Israel again and Jordan for the very first time. Both of these beautiful countries are treasure troves of historical, cultural, and biblical sights. The weather for our trip was perfect. The people we encountered in both countries were consistently welcoming, gracious, and generous. While in both nations, as well as going back and forth between them, safety and security were excellent.

In visiting so many different wonderful places, we approached this experience as pilgrims, rather than tourists. Tourists pass quickly from place to place, whereas pilgrims move slowly and reflectively, recognizing it's not just about reaching each destination, but the journey itself in getting to and being fully present in each place. Together, we witnessed splendid and diverse liturgies. We listened carefully to our splendid guides and encountered other local people who explained many things to us. Despite their political struggles, contentious history, and present contradictions and ambiguities, we witnessed the peaceful coexistence of the three great monotheistic faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

In experiencing all of this, we became a real part of the history and geography of salvation that began in these lands. Such a pilgrimage is and was life-changing and personally transformative for all of us. Everyone in our company has returned to our homes renewed, broadened, and strengthened in our faith and commitment to serve the Lord and His Church from our various states of life. Reading the Scriptures now, we truly see our lives as part of the Gospel – the greatest story ever told. Our lives are inexplicably and mysteriously bound to the countless tens of thousands of people who journeyed in faith here to these lands, experienced the living God, and made Him known through their own stories.

Pr. Chris Tweitmann, Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach CA



Thank you for making my dream a reality. The trip to Israel and Jordan was really special. You took care of all the details so we could fully experience these beautiful countries. Our guides and drivers in both countries were fantastic. I know I've been changed, renewed and blessed by this trip. God bless you, Linda. Keep up the good work!

Valerie Finch, Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach CA

So many memories it is hard to choose. I will remember most our incredible tour guides in both Israel and Jordan as their knowledge, sense of humor, and authentic spirit made our trip amazing! My most cherished moment was at the Sea of Galilee on the boat listening to Christian music, breathing the air Jesus breathed, and sensing His presence. And yes, the Bible came to life for me, and will endure in my heart and mind as I continue on my Christian

journey. Our trip was well planned thanks to Alpha 2 Omega Travel, with every little detail taken care of ahead of time. Thank you for memories I will cherish my entire life.

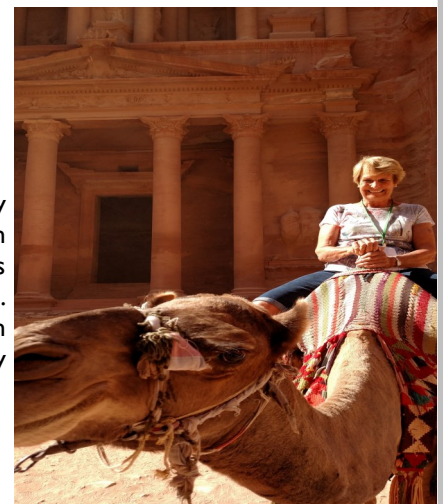
Debbie Leahy, Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach CA

This trip to Petra and riding my newest friend in front of the Treasury was extraordinary. The climbing was strenuous, but definitely worth it. Thanks Linda for a great Christian trip.

Alice Toppen, Sherwood Forest CA

I had a great time for my first visit to Israel. My most outstanding event was my baptism in the Jordan River. I could not stop the tears when the Holy Spirit fell on me as I came out of the water. Other events were Tel Dan. The walk on the trails reminded me of Upstate NY where I was raised. I loved the streams and brooks. There was so many places in Jerusalem that I felt overjoyed with peace. The Garden Tomb and Temple mount were just two of them. Our tour guide is very informative. There is not one thing about this trip I did not enjoy. I am blessed

Carolyn Albers, Cornerstone Church, Anaheim CA





This is my 4th tour to the Holy Land with Linda at Alpha 2 Omega Travel. We have enjoyed traveling with her and the knowledge and expertise she and Jarir bring. You won't be disappointed! The Holy Land tour is a trip of a life time!

Pr. Carol Danna, Cornerstone Church, Anaheim

I enjoyed every moment of the journey, and so blessed to be in The Holy Land. My life changing moment was getting baptized in the Jordan. Rededicating my life to Jesus and walking in holiness, my life is changed forever, and blessed beyond measure. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Thank you so much for all you do!

Charlie Dunn, New Life Chapel, Hesperia CA

Safety

Safety in a foreign country is of great concern to most people. Many people are not comfortable traveling to a place with which they are unfamiliar, and may perhaps have heard that it is unsafe. It is sometimes easier to avoid visiting a country you have always wanted to visit.

Your safety is our concern. Tour operators will

always have the most current information on the safety in each country, and any reports that are issued. Security issues in Israel and other countries are many times overly exaggerated. It is, in all probability, safer than where you live.

Rest assured that millions of people travel to Israel and the Middle East every year, without any safety or security issues.



Makloubas

Ingredients

2 lbs lamb shoulder, cut into 1-inch cubes
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 medium cauliflower, in large florets OR 1 large eggplant (aborigine) cut into thick slices
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 cup butter/vegetable oil
 1 tablespoon allspice
 2 cups rice, soaked in hot water

Preparation

1. Put rice in hot water to soak.
2. Place lamb in a pot, cover with boiling water and cook covered for 30 minutes.
3. In a skillet, fry the cauliflower or eggplant in butter till golden brown on both sides.
4. Put the rice to drain in a colander.
5. Drain the lamb, reserving its broth and wash the pot to reuse it.
6. Put the lamb into the bottom of the pot and sprinkle with half of the spices.
7. Arrange the fried cauliflower/eggplant on top of the lamb and sprinkle on the rest of the seasonings.
8. Next, spread the drained rice on top of the vegetables.
9. Over this pour 3 cups of the reserved lamb broth (add water if necessary).

10. Cook covered over low heat till it is almost dry, about 20-25 minutes.

11. Invert the pot and unmold the Makloubas on a large serving platter. The meat and vegetables will now be on top. Serve with a side dish of yogurt and a fresh salad.



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