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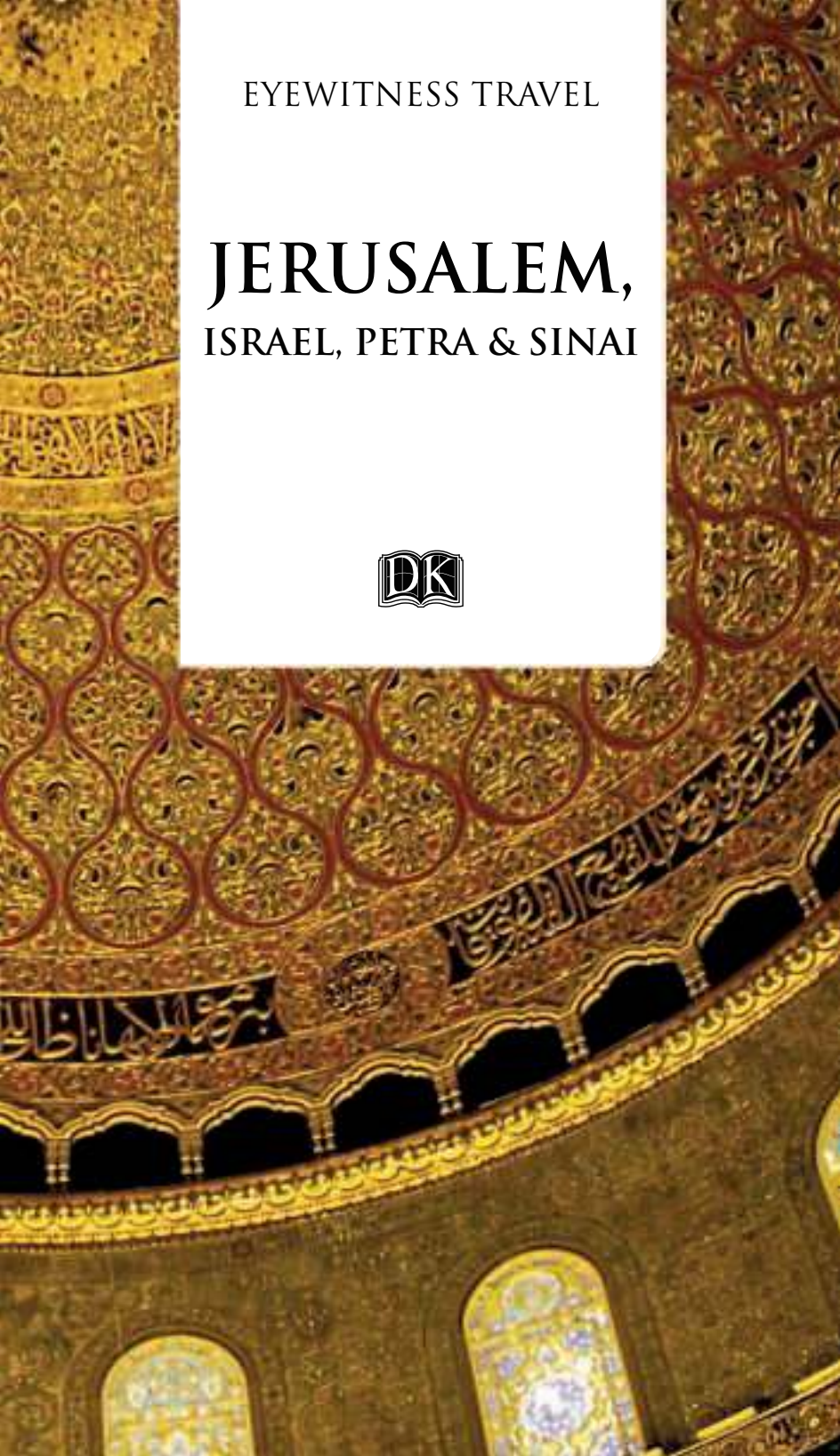
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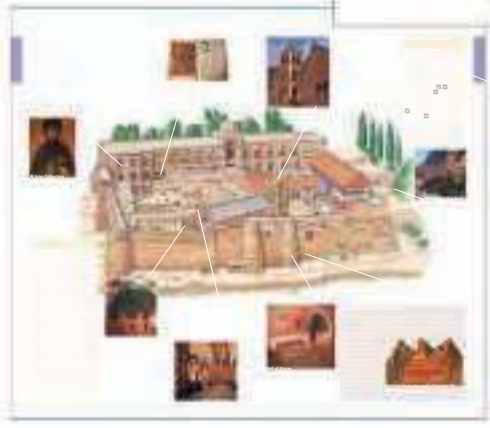
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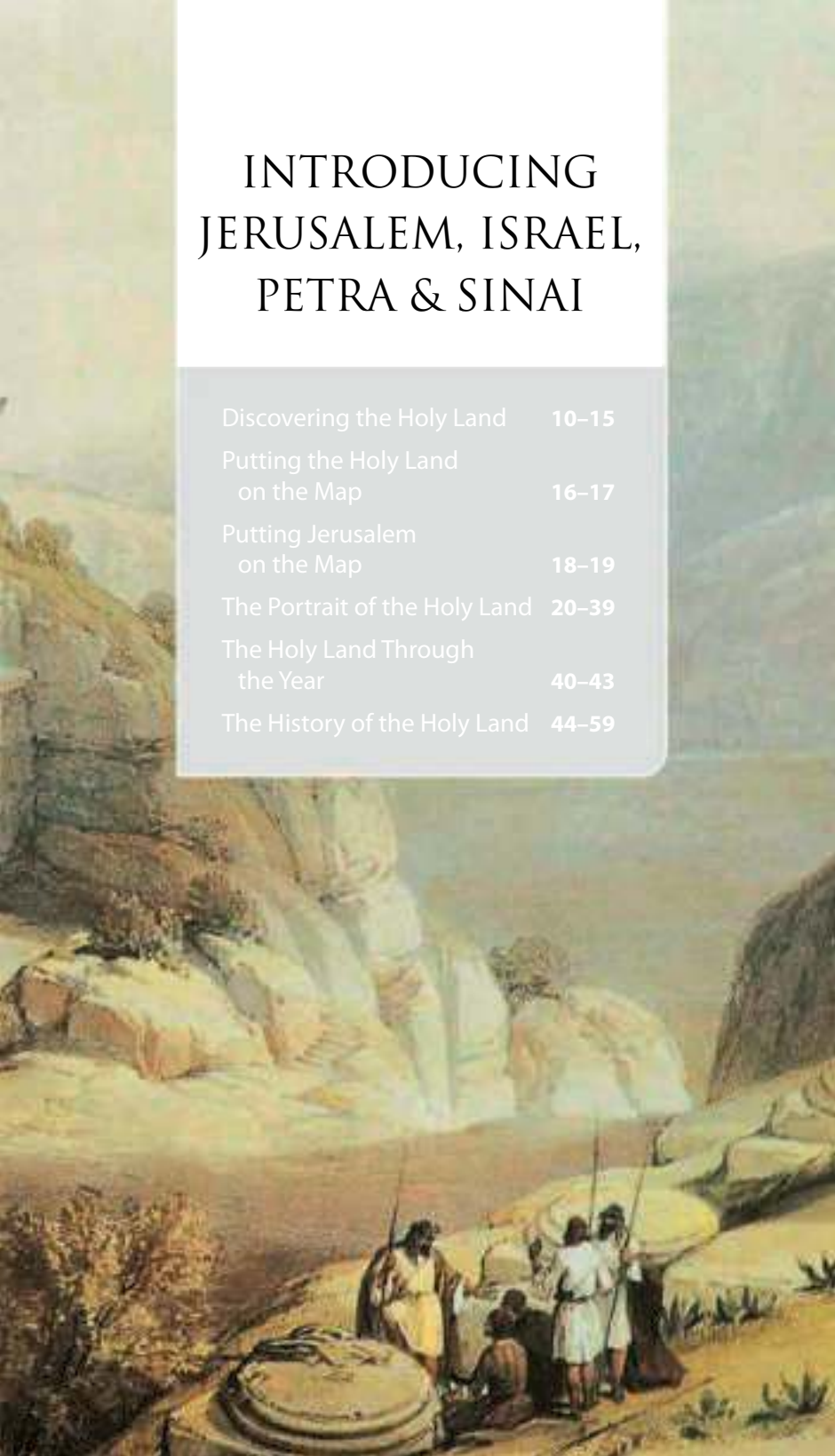


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DISCOVERING THE HOLY LAND

The stunning Holy Land has been a magnet for travellers for centuries. We have carefully selected the best of the region, including the most iconic sites, the most beautiful scenery, and the most interesting history. This is a truly unique experience, and we have put together a special itinerary for you. The itinerary is designed to be completed over four days, but you can also choose to extend it to a week or more. The itinerary is flexible and can be tailored to your interests. The itinerary is designed to be completed over four days, but you can also choose to extend it to a week or more. The itinerary is flexible and can be tailored to your interests.



View of the Dead Sea

Five Days in the Dead Sea and the Negev

- Escape the crowds at **St George's Monastery** and see remarkable views of the Judeaan Hills across the gorge.
- Smear yourself with mineral-rich black mud, before soaking in the salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- Scale the heights of the historic **Masada** and admire the superb views from Herod's clifftop palaces.
- Splash around in the Red Sea at **Eilat** and enjoy the nightlife along the attractive seafront boulevard.
- Go hiking and biking through the staggering vastness of the **Ramon crater** in the Negev Desert.
- Explore the ruins at **Ovdatt** and **Beersheva**



View of Masada





One Week in the Coast and Galilee

- Have fun on the beach, relax in fashionable cafe-bars and sample eclectic Israeli cuisine in white-washed **Tel Aviv**.
- Appreciate the emerald slopes of the Baha'i Gardens from **Haifa's** gorgeously restored German Colony.
- Contrast **Akko's** mosques with the Jewish tombs in **Safed**.
- Walk in Jesus Christ's footsteps through the green hills around **Nazareth**, and see the sites of his ministry on the northern edge of the Sea of Galilee.
- Relish the fresh fish and famous Galilean cuisine at one of the many unique restaurants in the region.
- Marvel at remarkable **Beth Shean**, a ruined city that flourished for millennia and is now known for Israel's best preserved Roman theatre.



Six Days in Petra and Western Jordan

- Be awed by the extensive ruins at **Jerash**, one of the best preserved Roman cities in the Middle East.
- Soak in the buzz of lively **Amman**, which has a great restaurant scene alongside Roman-era attractions.
- Admire the Byzantine-age map at **Madaba**, a town with a wealth of mosaics.
- Chill out in a premier spa-resort idyllically located on the **Dead Sea**, while trying out its reputed healing properties.
- Gaze up at the pink perfection of the hidden city of **Petra**, where one day is simply not enough.
- Sprawl by a campfire under the stars in **Wadi Rum**.
- Wind down on **Aqaba's** long stretch of beach, to indulge in water sports and savour fresh fish for lunch.

Three Days in the Red Sea and Sinai

- Snorkel or dive down and be stunned by Sinai's luminous, colourful underwater world.
- Make the climb up **Mount Sinai** in the footsteps of Moses, either on foot or by camel, as the sun rises.
- Visit one of the world's oldest monasteries – the walled fortress of **St Catherine's**, which preserves a priceless collection of icons.
- Enjoy the ambience of an Egyptian-style coffeeshop and let your hair down in the clubs of **Sharm el-Sheikh**.
- Relax on cushions at **Dahab's** mellow restaurants on the beach promenade, after diving or trekking.

One Week in Jerusalem

The Old City is crammed with many fascinating sites and it is possible to see a great deal in a short span of time, as it is a small area.

- **Arriving** Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. A private taxi or shared *sherut* takes 45 minutes to the city.
- **Transport** The alleys of the Old City can be negotiated only on foot. For outlying sights, take a taxi or use the Light Rail and bus services.
- **Booking ahead** Western Wall Tunnel tour and the Night Spectacular.

Day 1
Morning

Visit the **Western Wall** and the **Wailing Wall** in the Old City.

Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** in the Old City.

Visit the **Temple Mount** and the **Dome of the Rock** in the Old City.

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Day 2
Morning

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Six Days in Petra and Western Jordan

- **Airport** Arrive and depart from Queen Alia International Airport, Amman.
- **Transport** By taxi, or hire a car in Amman and drop it off in Aqaba.
- **Booking ahead** Internal flight from Aqaba to Amman.

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Five Days in the Dead Sea and the Negev

- **Airport** Arrive and depart from Ben Gurion Airport. Collect a hire car from the airport, or take a private taxi or shared *sherut* to Jerusalem and arrange car rental there.
- **Transport** Requires a hire car.
- **Booking ahead** Book at least 2 weeks in advance for snorkelling or diving with dolphins in Eilat.

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Sharm El-Sheikh

Sharm El-Sheikh is a coastal town in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, known for its coral reefs and turquoise waters. It is a popular destination for tourists seeking relaxation and water sports.

How to arrive

Sharm El-Sheikh is accessible by air, with Sharm El-Sheikh International Airport. It is also possible to reach the town by road via the Sinai Peninsula.

Overland via Eilat

Overland travel is possible via Eilat, Israel, which is a common route for tourists. The journey involves crossing the border into the Sinai Peninsula.

Three Days in the Red Sea and Sinai

- **Airport** Arrive and depart overland via Eilat in Israel, or take a flight to Sharm el-Sheikh Airport, 17 km (11 miles) north of town.
- **Transport** By taxi or bus.

From Sharm el-Sheikh

From Sharm el-Sheikh, tourists can explore the Red Sea coast, visit historical sites in the Sinai Peninsula, or enjoy the natural beauty of the desert.

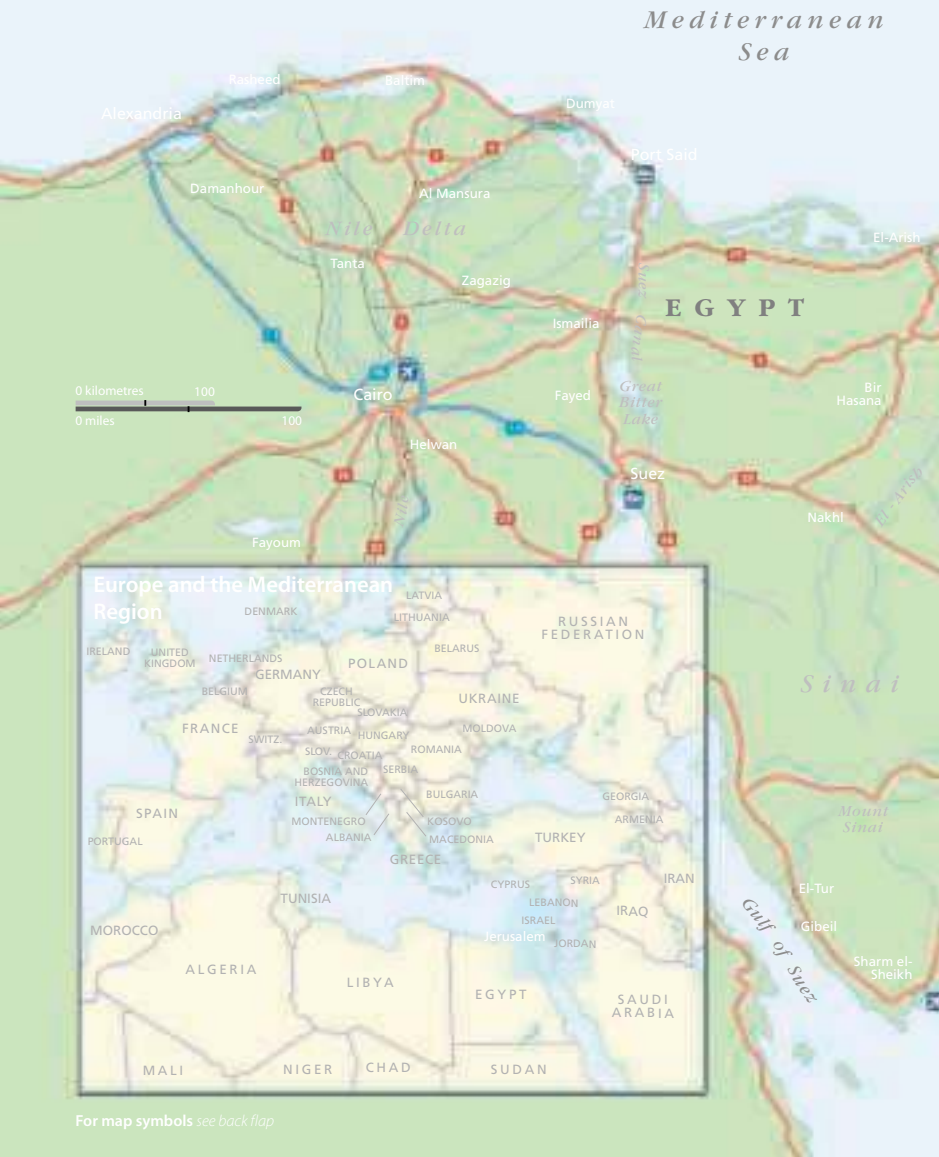
How to depart

Departure from Sharm El-Sheikh is possible via the airport or by road. The Sinai Peninsula offers various routes for travelers.



Putting the Holy Land on the Map

The crossroads of three continents – Africa to the south, Asia to the east and Europe to the west – the Holy Land encompasses the whole of Israel and the Palestinian Autonomous Territories, and parts of Jordan and Egypt. Its boundaries could be said to stretch from the Mediterranean in the west, inland to the Jordanian deserts, and from Galilee in the north to the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula. At the core of the Holy Land is Jerusalem, an ancient walled city which stands on the Judean Hills, just to the west of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth.





Putting Jerusalem on the Map

Jerusalem covers 125 sq km (48 sq miles). In terms of geographical extent, this makes it Israel's largest city. However, despite its surface area, it is less populous than the Tel Aviv urban area. Only 700,000 people live here – 460,000 Jews, 225,000 Muslims and 15,000 Christians. At the core of Jerusalem is the walled Old City, standing 800 m (2,600 ft) above sea level. Dotted on the hilltops around, and strung along the valley floors between, are the ever-expanding modern suburbs. The city limits extend almost to the Palestinian towns of Ramallah in the north and Bethlehem to the south.







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