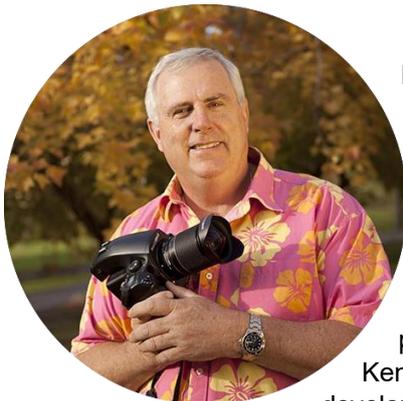


# Ken Duncan's 2023 Photography Tour

## Introduction

Join famous photographer Ken Duncan on this outstanding tour. Experience and photograph an incredible part of the world so rich in history and culture. Ken has hand-picked locations after much research and will ensure you are at the right locations, at the right time of day, for the best light so you can capture amazing photos. The primary focus of this workshop will be landscape photography. Ken will be on hand all day every day; photographing right alongside his fellow travellers and helping them to achieve the best possible shots. He is very generous with his time and expertise. If you are interested in travel and photography and you love adventure, sign up now, before it sells out.

## Tour Leader



Ken Duncan is Australia's favourite (and probably most famous) photographer! Recognised internationally as a gifted and prolific landscape photographer, Ken still chooses to describe himself as "... an average photographer, with a great God – merely an interpreter of God's creation". He's well known as the pioneer of Limited Edition Photographic Art in Australia, paving the way for photography to be recognised as an art form in this country. The increasing number of Australian photographers now emulating his panoramic style and finding a market for their work is testimony to Ken's success. Ken is deeply committed to researching and developing the latest and best technology to bring photographic art into homes and offices right around the world. With every new release, he delights long-time collectors and new fans alike with his own inimitable style of landscape photography. Each new exhibition is more vivid and stunning than the last. Always striving for excellence, he travels extensively throughout the world in search of the stunning panoramic landscapes – or Panographs – for which he is best known. He has received a multitude of awards - nationally and internationally - including a Medal of The Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to landscape photography, publishing and the arts. Although Ken prefers the panoramic format because "that's the way we see", he is well versed in a multitude of formats and media. He has even dabbled in cinematography and would like to do more with this medium in the future. He can turn his hand to any type of photography – from portraits to landscapes to 3-D and everything in between – and produce consistently creative results. Ken Duncan's basic philosophy is best summed up by these words of truth from the Bible. "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20).

## Tuesday 24 October 2023: Arrive Amman - Dead Sea – Jerash

For arrival transfers please see the FAQs section for transfer options from Amman airport to the Dead Sea hotel. Our tour commences this afternoon with an optional visit to Jerash, Roman ruins that give us a great insight into the typical design of Roman cities 2000 years ago. Enjoy an early night back at the hotel. HOTEL: Dead Sea Kempinski Ishtar Hotel

Included Meals: **Dinner**

## Wednesday 25 October 2023: Dead Sea – Madaba - Petra

This morning we will visit Bethany beyond the Jordan. This site is regarded as the place where John the Baptist baptised Jesus in the Jordan River. We then travel south along the Kings highway towards Petra. Along the way we will stop at the town of Madaba, to see an impressive floor mosaic map of Jerusalem which is considered the oldest surviving cartographic depiction of the Holy Land. We will enjoy a local lunch on our way to Petra. Check in to our hotel and enjoy some free time before visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Petra site for the evening light show. HOTEL: Old Village Hotel, Petra

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## Thursday 26 October 2023: Petra – Bethlehem

Early arrival for sunrise at Petra followed by a full morning exploring yet another World Heritage site, including the “Siq”, El Khazneh, The Treasury, Kings Tombs & more. Share the excitement and sense of achievement of Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt who executed an adventurous, dangerous but inspiring project which resulted in the rediscovery of this lost city in 1812. Take time to find the more remote high parts of Petra such as the Monastery [Ad Deir] or High Places or return to the hotel for breakfast (hotel offers a free shuttle). In the afternoon travel from Petra to the Allenby Bridge border crossing into Israel and continue to Bethlehem. HOTEL: Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## Friday 27 October 2023: Bethlehem - Nazareth

The morning will start with a sunrise photography session overlooking Bethlehem. We will also visit the Church of the Nativity and enjoy the global depictions of “Mother and Child” as well as special access to the Chapel of the Innocents. We then travel to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation. After this, visit an operational re-enactment of life in a Nazareth Village, a depiction of real life in Jesus day, which includes a 1st century inspired lunch. We stop at the Mount of the Precipice for a photo before continuing to Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath) starts at sunset: take in this cultural experience by observing locals ion pratyer and worship as well as the changes to how things work (or don't!). HOTEL: Europa 1917 Hotel, Tiberias

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## Saturday 28 October 2023: Sea of Galilee

A pre-dawn starts with a photographic session (exclusive early access) on top of Mt Arbel with a spectacular view over the Sea of Galilee. Return to the hotel for breakfast before visiting some of the well-known biblical towns and sites scattered around the lake. To start we view the 2000-year-old “Jesus boat” and then sail across the Sea of Galilee before stopping at Ein Gev-a Kibbutz restaurant for St Peter’s fish lunch. The afternoon will be spent walking through historical Capernaum, the main base of Jesus when in Galilee and we will visit St Peter’s church on the beach where Jesus stood in Luke 5 & John 21, “cast your net on the right side...” Stand where the multiplication of loaves and fishes occurred at Tabgha before a quiet reflection opportunity at the Mount of Beatitudes, [Sermon on the Mount Matt 5: 1-8]. Lastly of all visit Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene. Sunset on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for a photographic session with local fishermen. HOTEL: Europa 1917 Hotel, Tiberias

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## **Sunday 29 October 2023: Jezreel Valley - Caesarea by the Sea – Jaffa**

Farewell the Galilee region and enjoy the roof top panoramic views of the Jezreel valley from Mt Carmel where Elijah had a showdown with the prophets of Baal before exploring King Herod's Roman Theatre, Hippodrome and more at the old Roman port of Caesarea. We then travel to the port city of Jaffa, also known as Joppa, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Wander through the cobblestoned alley ways and check out the old port. Continue to Jerusalem for a 5-night stay. HOTEL: Lady Stern Hotel, Jerusalem

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## **Monday 30 October 2023: Jerusalem**

This morning we will photograph sunrise at the Mount of Olives. We will then walk through the Kidron Valley along the Eastern side of the Old City, a place of olive groves and ancient tombs. It was a path often trodden by Jesus himself on his way to the village of Bethany. We will continue to the Garden of Gethsemane (private garden access) and the Church of All Nations. We then walk along the Via Dolorosa from the Ecce Homo Arches along the stations of the cross. Free time in the Old City (Monday is Bar Mitzvah day) before we reconvene for dinner at a local restaurant in the Old City we will attend the Tower of David Light Show. HOTEL: Lady Stern Hotel, Jerusalem

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## **Tuesday 31 October 2023: Jerusalem**

This morning we will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre before the crowds. Return to the hotel for breakfast and freshen up. Travel to the Upper Room, where Jesus attended the last Supper and returned for Pentecost. Spend some free time in the Old City – perhaps visit the Cardo, the Southern Steps, wander through the alleyways and shops or walk the World Heritage listed Ramparts of Jerusalem from Jaffa Gate to New Gate. We will meet at the end of the day to travel to a location for a sunset photo shoot near the Western Wall. Return to the hotel for dinner. Hotel: Lady Stern Hotel, Jerusalem

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## **Wednesday 1 November 2023: Jericho – Wadi Qelt - Dead Sea**

Today enjoy a desert day trip out of Jerusalem to the oldest inhabited city, Jericho. Take the cable car up to the Mount of Temptation for a spectacular view. We then continue to the Dead Sea for lunch (not included) and a float in the Dead Sea. On our way back to Jerusalem we stop at Wadi Qelt lookout for another photographic opportunity of the Judean desert. HOTEL: Lady Stern Hotel, Jerusalem

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## Thursday 2 November 2023: Jerusalem

This morning we get to enjoy a sleep in and leisurely breakfast. Head to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall where Bar Mitzvahs are celebrated. The afternoon is free. You could consider visiting Yad Vashem and the Israel Museum in New Jerusalem, a short light rail trip from the hotel, or visit the Yehuda markets, a short walk from the hotel. Tonight we farewell Jerusalem and Israel with a celebratory dinner on the rooftop of Notre Dame. HOTEL: Lady Stern Hotel, Jerusalem

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## Friday 3 November 2023: Tel Aviv - Cairo

This morning you will be transferred from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion airport at Tel Aviv for your flight to Cairo. The Egyptair flight departs at 11.15am and arrives into Cairo at 12.40pm local time. On arrival in Cairo you will be met and assisted with immigration procedures. Meet your Egyptologist and begin with a visit to Old Coptic Cairo, visiting the Khan El Kalili Bazaar, the largest in the Middle East.. Our sunset photo shoot will be at El-Moez Street – Qalaoun Mosque followed by the Sound and Light Show at the pyramids (VIP seats). Dinner will be at a local restaurant nearby. HOTEL: Semeramis Intercontinental Hotel, Cairo

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## Saturday 4 November 2023: Cairo – Pyramids and Museum

Very early start for a sunrise photo shoot at Giza with camels. Return to the hotel for breakfast and time to relax. Lunch at a local restaurant followed by an afternoon at the Egyptian Museum. Optional sunset shoot at Azhar Park overlooking the Citadel. HOTEL: Semeramis Intercontinental Hotel, Cairo

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## Sunday 5 November 2023: Cairo – Luxor

Free morning in Cairo before we transfer to Cairo airport our flight to Luxor. Check into the charter boat and overnight in port. Visit the East Bank including Karnak Temple followed by sunset at Luxor Temple. HOTEL: Private boat (Dahabeya Merit), Luxor

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Dinner**

## Monday 6 November 2023: Luxor - Esna - Edfu – Al Ramady Island

We start the day with the West Bank including Valley of the Kings (3 tombs), Temple of Queen Hatshepsut & Colossi of Memnon. Set sail for Edfu to see the Temple of Horus. We then sail to Al Ramady Island and stay there overnight. HOTEL: Private boat (Dahabeya Merit), Al Ramady Island

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## **Tuesday 7 November 2023: Kom Ombo - Aswan**

Breakfast on board the boat as we sail to Gebel El Selsila. Visit Kom Ombo and visit the temple there before sailing on towards Aswan. Dinner and overnight on board as we sail through the night to Aswan. HOTEL: Private boat (Dahabeya Merit), Aswan

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## **Wednesday 8 November 2023: Aswan - option visit to Abu Simbel**

Our sunrise photo shoot will be on the Nile at Aswan. There is an option to fly to Abu Simbel 10am-2pm (see pricing for details). Otherwise, the day will be spent visiting the Philae Temple & the colourful Nubian Village. In the afternoon, spend some time shopping for perfumes, oils, papyrus and gold. Return to the boat for our last night! HOTEL: Private boat (Dahabeya Merit), Aswan

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch** | **Dinner**

## **Thursday 9 November 2023: Aswan – Cairo - Australia**

Disembark from our boat and travel to Aswan airport for the flight back to Cairo departing mid morning. On arrival you will be met and take to a local mall for some last-minute shopping and a complimentary lunch from our friends at South Sinai Travel. There will be one transfer to Cairo airport around 8pm.

Included Meals: **Breakfast** | **Lunch**

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