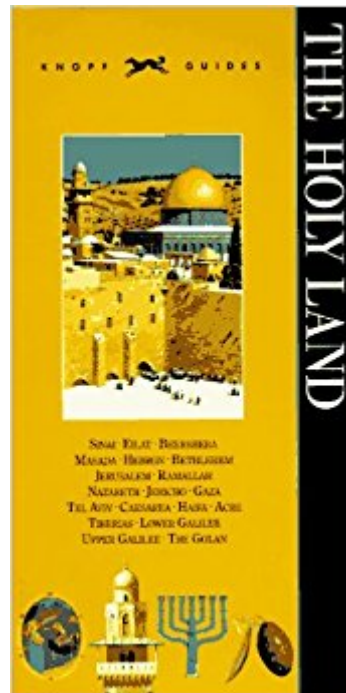




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Knopf Guide To The Holy Land



Synopsis

Home to Christians, Jews and Muslims, the Holy Land is a region of extraordinary religious, cultural, and social diversity. From the spectacular monuments of the ancient world to the bustling modernity of today's cities, it is a land of contrasts in touch at once with the past and with the future. Here is a book that will take you through these dramatic landscapes. Walk through Jerusalem and visit the celebrated Western Wall; the wondrous Dome of the Rock; the Via Dolorosa--route to the Crucifixion; and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, site of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. See Nimrod's fortress, the towering citadel that guarded the trade route from Damascus to the Mediterranean coast. Experience the solitude of the dramatic site of Masada, high above the Dead Sea. Learn about Byzantine, Islamic, and Jewish architecture. See the Holy Land as famous painters have seen it and in the words of famous writers. Discover where to shop and where to stop for refreshments. How to take a bus, make a telephone call, find out about concerts, theaters, tours, or festivals, choose a hotel or a restaurant--it's all here, and more, in a stunning format that combines pictures and words to capture the history, the culture, and the treasures of the Holy Land as never before.

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Customer Reviews

Knopf Guides' The Holy Land is an exquisitely illustrated guide to that part of the world held holy by Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike. Covering the Sinai, Eilat, Beersheba, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Masada, and the area around Tiberias, including Upper and Lower Galilee, the Golan, Nazareth,

and the Jordan, the book is a rich mixture of history, culture, and sightseeing tips. The first five chapters cover nature, history, arts and tradition, religions, and architecture. The following two chapters discuss how the Holy Land has been depicted in art and in literature. The next six chapters divide the area by region, each taking the reader on a beautifully illustrated tour of the landmarks, historical events, and modern-day people. At the back of the book are specific itineraries such as "The Holy Land in Three Weeks" or "Jerusalem in Three Days" along with lots of practical information on everything from how to catch a bus to how to make a phone call. The Holy Land is a book that's as much fun to look at as it is to read.

Text: English (translation) Original Language: French

Packed with information. Studied from it in deciding if I wanted to go and see it for real. The book is good.

This guide is beautiful, complete, and truly in-depth. For example, there is a fold out section showing the route Jesus followed carrying his cross. It notes all of the details including where he fell, where certain icons are -- everything you could want to know. The Knopf Guide also will make a great souvenir of your trip. Contrary to what another writer has said here, this book certainly recognizes Israel. As the Lonely Planet guide points out, there is much in dispute about this area, and it's easy to offend one group or the other. Any attempt to present a balanced view of history and of the three religions which center their faith here must tread carefully with names and facts. The Knopf Guide excels in this area. I'd recommend picking up the Lonely Planet guide for details of accommodation and travel facts, but for the history, architecture, birds, animals, fish, sacredness, and grandeur of the area, this is definitely the book to get!

Knopf is my preferred guide for visual / cultural information, and this is no exception! Lovely book - quick arrival & condition as described.

I got this book as a supplement to Old Testament studies and should I be privileged to return a third time. The pictures tell the tale. They alone are worth the price of the text.

Well organized with everything you need when visiting the Holy Land. Not just pictures and maps, but also great historical and cultural information.

While the shipper provided me with an excellent copy and timely service, I was disappointed in the book. The print is very small and crowded on the pages. I found it very hard to actually become interested in it as I thumbed through. Think I will stick with Fodor's next time.

My family and I recently returned from a trip to Israel. We found the Knopf guide an extremely valuable resource. The historical perspectives, maps, illustrations, photographs, and drawings enhanced our enjoyment of our trip by enabling us to focus and anticipate the key aspects of our travels. This guide shines above all the other guides by providing all the necessary practical travel information that you would expect from even the most basic of guides, but where it really excels is by presenting all this in a comprehensive and yet visually stimulating format. By separating itineraries of The Holy Land into regions you are able to prepare for your trip well in advance and then enjoy the whole region, even if you didn't get to see all of the stops along the way. This is the only guide you need to take, save your money for souvenirs

This book is so good that when it was taken away from me at the Syrian border (for having Hebrew in it) I ordered another copy. The Holy Land is a wonderfully literate and detailed little book that could form the basis of a course at Oxford. You might also want to bring another guide that deals more with pedestrian, but very important, things like where to eat, shop and stay. The Knopf guide is what you want when you go to the Dome of the Rock. When in Jerusalem I recommend the American Colony Hotel (an Oasis).

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