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The Western Wall and Temple Mount in Jerusalem

# SHALOM ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (2 NIGHTS), HAIFA (2 NIGHTS), JERUSALEM (4 NIGHTS)

9 Days/8 Nights Itinerary

## DAY 1: Monday - WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

Arrive Ben Gurion International Airport where you will be met by our representative who will assist you through baggage claim and customs, and escort you to your driver. Your driver will transport you to your hotel in Tel Aviv, where you will enjoy dinner and enjoy your first overnight in Israel. **(D)**

## DAY 2: Tuesday - Tel Aviv & JAFFA

Following a delicious breakfast, you will meet your guide in the hotel lobby, before setting off on a fun-packed day which will include:

A visit to the “State of Mind” Innovation Center at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange where you will learn about cutting-edge developments by Israeli start-ups in fields such as science, medicine, security, space and more. We then proceed to the Old Port City of Jaffa, the oldest seaport in the world where Jonah set sail on his epic voyage only to be swallowed by a whale.

Jaffa is home to a vibrant multiethnic community of Muslims, Christians and Jews: get to know, Tel Aviv the first Jewish city of the modern era, established in 1909. For lunch you will have a choice of two culinary tours that will introduce you to the very best of Tel Aviv’s food scene:

1. **Carmel market tasting tour** – enjoy a fascinating variety of culinary riches, colorful spices and intriguing characters in the main market of Tel Aviv, where the flavors and scents of the old town combine with the young bustling atmosphere of the city’s central market.
2. **Vegan culinary tour** – Tel Aviv, the #1 vegan culinary destination in the world, is where traditional vegan and vegetarian cuisine and innovative young chefs meet, creating a one-of-a-kind savory adventure for food lovers, whether vegan or not.

After lunch enjoy a stroll along Rothschild Boulevard, the beating heart of Tel Aviv: home of The White City, Tel Aviv’s most

prominent collection of Bauhaus (International Style) buildings. Built during the 1930s and the 1940s, this functional architecture not only created well-designed objects, but also a cohesive urban landscape that is unparalleled in the world. This evening is free to explore this great metropolitan Jewish city. Overnight: Tel Aviv. **(B, L)**

## DAY 3: Wednesday - ISRAEL'S BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE. CAESAREA, KIBBUTZ EXPERIENCE, HAIFA

After breakfast, we depart Tel Aviv and head north along the beautiful coastline to the ancient city of Caesarea, a city built by Herod the Great and once the Roman Capital of the region. You’ll explore the excavations of the Crusader’s city including the aqueduct, the hippodrome and amphitheater. The city and its archeological wonders are a testament to its significance throughout the ages.

We’ll depart Caesarea for a visit to Kibbutz Ein Shemer for the The Kibbutz Experience – both past and present. We



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## The Dead Sea

visit the Kibbutz Museum where we will experience a journey from the early days of the kibbutz to the present and learn about the kibbutz way of life. After your visit enjoy a delicious lunch in the kibbutz dining hall. We then Continue with a tour of innovation at Kibbutz Magal where we will visit the Netafim greenhouse innovation center, a pioneering enterprise in the field of drip irrigation technology.

Zichron Yaakov is our next stop, where we stroll through the charming and picturesque town.

In the late afternoon we arrive at the port city of Haifa. You'll enjoy this evening's dinner at a local restaurant near the hotel. After dinner we suggest a short walk to the Bahai Gardens to enjoy this magnificent view, particularly at night when the entire Gardens are lit up. **(B, L, D)**

### DAY 4: THE SEA OF GALILEE AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

After breakfast we leave Haifa and drive to the city of Katzrin, the "Capital of the Golan Heights". You'll walk through a Talmudic village and get a sense of what it was like to live in the times of ancient Israel.

Continue to the mystical city of Tzfat, one of the four holy cities of Israel and the birthplace of the ancient Jewish mystical text, the Kabbalah. Stroll through its narrow winding alleys, Peek inside some of the beautiful synagogues. Browse through workshops and galleries in the flourishing artists' quarter and picturesque artists quarter. Enjoy a tour and wine tasting at a local Winery, a family-owned boutique winery in the Galilee. Afterwards drive to the Sea of Galilee and take a boat ride on the calm waters. Return to Haifa for dinner and overnight. **(B, WT, D)**

### DAY 5: Friday – BAHAI GARDENS, AKKO, DRUZE VILLAGE, JERUSALEM

This morning after breakfast you'll visit the amazing Bahai Gardens in Haifa, comprising a staircase of 19 terraces extending all the way up the northern slope of Mount Carmel. At its heart stands the golden-domed Shrine of the Báb, which is the resting place of the Prophet-Herald of the Bahá'í Faith.

We continue heading north to explore the ancient crusader port city of Akko, the fascinating UNESCO heritage site, with new excavations revealing what life was like 1000 years ago. Visit the Crusader Halls

and follow the underground tunnels. See the port and fortifications that enabled the inhabitants of the town to resist invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte. Spend time walking through the Arab Bazaar, reliving a Middle Eastern shopping experience.

Time permitting we will drive to the Druze village of Dalyet El Carmel, at the top of Mount Carmel. The Druze are Arab-speaking citizens of Israel and are renowned for their hospitality. Take a fascinating tour of the alleys and old quarter of the village. We will then depart for the drive up to Jerusalem. Upon arrival we will check in at our hotel.

This evening experience a special "Shabbat of a Lifetime" dinner, with hospitality in the home of a local Jewish family. Enjoy a traditional Shabbat meal as you hear about and observe the customs of the Jewish Shabbat. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

### DAY 6: Saturday – MASADA, THE DEAD SEA, JERUSALEM

This morning we head east from Jerusalem towards the Dead Sea, 1412 feet (423m) below sea level. We first visit the legendary mountaintop plateau of Masada – overlooking the Dead Sea - the last stronghold







The vintage flea market in the old city of Jaffa

of the Jewish Zealots in their struggle against the Romans in 73CE – You'll ascend by cable car to the ancient fortress built by King Herod where you'll explore the site, with its synagogue and bathhouse.

After your visit to Masada you'll continue to the lowest spot on the face of the Earth, the Dead Sea. After lunch Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at the Dead Sea covering yourself in its mineral-rich mud and floating in the buoyant waters. After spending time in the Dead Sea we'll drive to a lookout point for a view of Wadi Qelt and the cliff-hanging Monastery of St. George; founded in the 5th Century and still active and inhabited by Greek Orthodox monks. Return to Jerusalem.

In the evening, enjoy the Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David – a creative depiction of the history of the city of Jerusalem projected onto the ancient stones Dinner this evening is on your own, Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

#### DAY 7: Sunday – THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

After breakfast we start the day with an overview from the Mt. of Olives. We begin our exploration of the Old City

of Jerusalem at the City of David, with its fascinating tunnels. See the newest exciting excavations revealing Jerusalem during the time of the 1st Temple period. Walk through the Old City and visit some of its most famous sites, including the Western Wall and the Cardo, an ancient commercial street where you can still shop today. Stroll through the Arab Bazaar and experience traditional Middle Eastern life, with its rich colors, flavors, and smells. Take a rooftop tour of the Old City neighborhoods, for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities living alongside each other in this ancient walled city. Walk along part of the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. According to traditions dating back to at least the 4th century, the church is the home of the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, known as "Calvary" or "Golgotha"; and Jesus's empty tomb, where he is said to have been buried and resurrected. Overnight in Jerusalem. Dinner on your own. **(B)**

#### DAY 8: Monday – NEW CITY OF JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM

This morning we visit Yad Vashem, considered to be the world's primary Holocaust memorial and museum. Take a tour of the

new Holocaust History Museum, which occupies over 45,000 square feet, mainly underground. Visit the moving exhibit at the Children's Pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million Jewish children in the Holocaust. From the Yad Vashem, we will move on to the Israel Museum where we will see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition, and view the famous Model of Jerusalem, depicting the city as it was in the 2nd Temple period. Visit to Bethlehem. See the Church of the Nativity and the remains of ancient Bethlehem (beneath the Greek Monastery), from the times of Christ. After this busy day take some time to enjoy the Mamilla Mall or stroll along Ben Yehuda Street. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

DAY 9: Tuesday – JERUSALEM – DEPARTURE FOR HOME Shalom & L'Hitra'ot Day at leisure. Transfer to the airport and depart on your flight back home. Leave Israel with everlasting memories!



Shrine of the Bab at Bahai Gardens in Haifa







## Eilat

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meeting & assistance at Ben Gurion Airport
- Round trip transfers from Ben Gurion Airport to your Hotel in Tel Aviv upon arrival and from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion Airport upon departure
- Porterage at Hotels, as of second touring day
- Hotel accommodation at your confirmed hotels
- Seven full days of sightseeing as per the itinerary with English speaking licensed Tour guide via a luxury air-conditioned touring vehicle

- Full Israeli Breakfast daily
- Two lunches on Days 2 & 3
- Five dinners on Days 1, 3, 4, 5 (Special Shabbat dinner with a local Jewish family in Jerusalem and Day 8 (Farewell dinner))
- All entrance fees are included per the program

### TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- Any tests that will be required due to Covid-19 regulations
- International airline tickets
- Meals that are not mentioned above
- Tips to guide, driver, hotel & restaurant staff

### OPTIONAL TWO NIGHT EXTENSION

Eilat and Petra, Jordan \*\*

#### Day 9 – Tuesday - EILAT

Fly from Tel Aviv to Eilat, transfer to the hotel and check in. Overnight in Eilat

#### Day 10 – Wednesday - PETRA

Set out by bus on a day tour from Eilat to the beautiful “Rose City” of Petra. Overnight in Eilat

#### Day 11 – Thursday - EILAT

Departure for home.

### Legend

B	Breakfast	WT	Wine Tasting
L	Lunch		
D	Dinner		







Acre

## CLASSICAL ISRAEL

Tel Aviv (1 NIGHT), TIBERIAS (2 NIGHTS), JERUSALEM (4 NIGHTS)  
8 Days/7 Nights Itinerary

### DAY 1: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport where you will be met by our representative who will assist you through baggage claim and customs, transfer you to your hotel in Tel Aviv. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. **(D)**

### DAY 2: CAESAREA – HAIFA – ACRE – TIBERIAS

After breakfast we depart Tel Aviv and head north along the beautiful coastline to see the impressive remains of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and once was the seat of Roman rule. View the excavations of the Crusader's city including the Roman Theater. Our visit includes a new audio-visual presentation that brings to life the times of the Romans who controlled these shores 2,000 years ago.

We continue on to Haifa, the greatest harbor of Israel, for a breathtaking panoramic view of Haifa Bay and of the beautiful Baha'i Gardens with their impressive Temples.

You'll then have time to enjoy lunch overlooking Haifa Bay.

We then head northwest to Acre, for a visit to the Crusader Fortress and the Museum of the Underground Prisoner. See the port and fortifications that enabled the inhabitants of the town to resist invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte. Acre is a city of intrigue, where you can walk through labyrinthine alleys and streets, where we'll have time to explore the remnants of the Crusader, Muslim and Ottoman conquerors. Dinner and Overnight: Tiberias **(B, D)**

### DAY 3: SEA OF GALILEE – CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES – WINERY

After breakfast enjoy a Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and then visit Capernaum where a 2nd century synagogue was discovered which threw light on the life of the community of that era. According to Christian tradition, Jesus served here as a local rabbi and performed most of his miracles.

Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes, north of the Sea of Galilee. Atop this Mount lies a beautiful church with an octagonal dome that represents the 8 "Beatitudes" in the sermon preached by Jesus Christ to his disciples 2,000 years ago. Continue for a visit to the Chateau Golan Winery, one of the most advanced wineries in Israel. Chateau Golan combines traditional winemaking knowledge with cutting-edge wine-related technologies. Dinner and Overnight: Tiberias. **(B, WT, D)**

### DAY 4: BEIT SHE'AN - JERICHO – BETHLEHEM

After a delicious breakfast drive through the Jordan Valley to Beit She'an with its recently excavated amphitheater. Drive towards Jerusalem and stop for a breathtaking view of Jericho and the St. George Monastery which is hidden in a deep canyon in Wadi Kelt.

Continue on for a visit to Bethlehem. You'll visit the Church of the Nativity and the remains of ancient Bethlehem from the times of Christ (beneath the Greek







## Tel Aviv

Monastery). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

### DAY 5: MOUNT OF OLIVES – GETHSEMANE – WESTERN WALL - VIA DOLOROSA -

After breakfast, ascend the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Overlooking the Old City, the Mount is covered partly in olive trees, ancient cemeteries and numerous churches.

Enter the Garden of Gethsemane, with the ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ. Enter the ancient old city of Jerusalem via the Zion Gate and continue by foot into the walled city. In the Jewish Quarter we will see the Cardo and the Western Wall, and enjoy a panoramic view of the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount. Visit the Archaeological Park at the Davidson Center, one of the most visited sites in Jerusalem including a film presentation. Continue on to the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

This evening we suggest a visit to the Mamilla outdoor complex with a variety of high-end stores as well as delicious restaurants and cafes. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **(B, D)**

### DAY 6: DEAD SEA – QUMRAN – MASADA

After breakfast, Drive to the lowest spot on the face of the Earth the Dead Sea, which is more than 1412 feet below sea level! Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Ascend by cable car to Masada to marvel at King Herod's desert fortress-palace. Masada was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots against Roman domination in 73 CE where you'll learn about their tragic outcome. Afternoon of leisure with time to float on the unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **(B,D)**

### DAY 7: THE NEW CITY OF JERUSALEM

Today you'll spend the day in Jerusalem. After breakfast, you'll be driven to see the Israel Parliament (Knesset) and the Menorah (the symbol of the Jewish State) which was donated by the British people to Israel in 1956, showing 29 icons of Jewish History.

Tour of Yad Vashem which is the Holocaust Memorial Museum. This is the Jewish people's memorial to the Six Million who were murdered during the Holocaust of World War II. The museum contains the world's largest repository of information on what happened during this tragic period.

Continue to the Israel Museum where you will see the Shrine of the Book housing the Dead Sea Scrolls and a model of Jerusalem as it looked during the late Second Temple Period. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **(B,D)**

### DAY 8: JERUSALEM – JAFFA – TEL AVIV – DEPARTURE FOR HOME

After breakfast we will check out of the hotel, depart Jerusalem and drive to Jaffa, one of the oldest port cities in the world today and one of Tel Aviv's most desirable areas filled with restaurants, cafes, small boutiques and designer shops.

It is from the port of Jaffa that Jonah set sail on his epic voyage only to be swallowed by a whale. You'll walk through its ancient narrow streets and the famous Artists' Quarter. Continue to Rabin Square in Tel Aviv to view a memorial on the site where Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in 1995.

Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for departure. Shalom (Good-bye/Peace) and have a safe and comfortable flight back home! **(B)**







## The Western Wall and Temple Mount

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- Porterage at Hotels, as of second touring day
- 7 Overnights at your confirmed hotels
- 7 full days of sightseeing as per the itinerary with English speaking licensed Tour guide via a luxury air-

conditioned touring vehicle

- Full Israeli Breakfast and Dinner daily
- All entrance fees are included per the program

### TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- Any tests that will be required due to Covid-19 regulations
- Tips to guide, driver, hotel staff
- International airline tickets
- Meals that are not mentioned above



Spice Market, Jerusalem



Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

### Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting







Greek Orthodox Monastery at Capernaum

## CATHOLIC ISRAEL

Tel Aviv (1 NIGHT), TIBERIAS (2 NIGHTS), JERUSALEM (4 NIGHTS)

### 8 Days / 7 Nights Itinerary

#### DAY 1: WELCOME TO THE HOLYLAND

Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, where you will be met by our representative who will assist you through baggage claim & customs taking you to your driver, who will drive you to your hotel for check in. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. **(D)**

#### DAY 2: JAFFA – CAESAREA – MT. CARMEL – HAIFA – TIBERIAS

Drive to the old city of Jaffa to see the House of Tabitha, the Artists' Quarter, the reconstructed Egyptian gate and enjoy a panoramic view of Tel Aviv and Jaffa Bay. Visit the archaeological park (from the times of Christ) & Saint Peter's Church.

Drive north to Caesarea (Acts 9 and 25), where Cornelius, the first Gentile converted, and where Paul testified before Agrippa (Acts 21:8). Proceed to the Muhraka on Mount Carmel (1Kgs.18). Drive via the Druze village of Usafiya and learn about this great community that lives in Israel

and serves in the Israeli Defense Forces. Then stop in Haifa for a visit and Mass at the Stella Maris Monastery. Pause for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the beautiful Bahai Gardens. Overnight in Tiberias. **(B)**

#### DAY 3: MOUNT OF BEATITUDES – TABGHA – CAPERNAUM – SEA OF GALILEE

Visit the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-7) where Jesus uttered the immortal words of the beatitudes, and participate in a Mass. After Mass, we'll head to Tabgha (Feeding of the 5000; Mark 6) to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Our day which is spent around the lake, which looks much the same as it did 2000 years ago, will take us to Capernaum (Matt. 4:13), the area believed to be the home of both Jesus and Peter. We'll drive up the Golan Heights to a panoramic viewpoint and learn about the importance of this land for Israel. The day will end with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight in Tiberias.

#### DAY 4: ZIPPORI – CANA - NAZARETH – MOUNT TABOR - JERUSALEM

After breakfast you'll head to Zippori, the birthplace of Mary and see the famous mosaic of the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee". From there we'll continue to Nazareth via the village of Cana where Jesus turned water into wine; to visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Holy Grotto, the ancient village of Nazareth and Saint Joseph's workshop.

We'll celebrate Mass at the Church of Annunciation. After Mass you'll Drive to Mount Tabor to visit the Church of the Transfiguration. We'll be traveling through the Jordan Valley and then ascending the Judean Hills before arriving in Jerusalem for the night. Overnight Jerusalem. **(B)**

#### DAY 5: JERUSALEM

After breakfast we'll ascend the Mount of Olives for a breathtaking panoramic view







## Dome of the Rock, on Temple Mount in Jerusalem

of the Old City of Jerusalem. Walk along the Palm Sunday Walk to Pater Noster Church and to Dominus Fleuit, where Christ wept over the lost peace of the city (Luke 19:42). You'll enter the Garden of Gethsemane, with the ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ, see the Church of All Nations and the Gethsemane Grotto, where Christ condemned violence (Matt. 26:52). Mass will be held at the Garden of Gethsemane.

After mass, you'll enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne. We'll walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This is in fact, a complex of various chapels built on what is called the Hill of Golgotha. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 6: BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM

After breakfast we depart for a visit to Bethlehem, the site of the birth of Jesus. Our visit here includes Shepherds' Field and the Church of the Nativity.

Today Mass will be held at the Church of the Nativity.

We'll return to Jerusalem and visit Mount

Zion to see King David's Tomb, the Upper Room – where according to tradition Christ met with the disciples before and after his death and resurrection (John 20:19-21).

Afterwards we'll walk through the Jewish Quarter including the Roman Cardo and the Hurva Synagogue. We will then proceed to holiest place in Judaism today, the Western Wall – "Kotel". The day will end with a walk through the colorful Arab Bazaar. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 7: JERUSALEM – DEAD SEA – MASADA – QUMRAN

After breakfast we start our day with a tour of Yad Vashem, considered the foremost memorial and museum of the Holocaust. Take a tour of the Holocaust History Museum which occupies over 4,200 square meters and located mainly underground. Visit the moving exhibit of the Children's Pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million children in the Holocaust.

After a touching visit to Yad Vashem we'll depart for the Dead Sea area and descend to the lowest land point on earth at 1388 feet (423m) below sea level. Continue on

and view Jericho and stop at Kaser-El-Yahud, the site of the place of Baptism of Christ (Luke 3) and the Ascension of Elijah the Prophet (II Kings 2:11).

There will also be time for floating on the Dead Sea before proceeding to Masada (the desert fortress of King Herod the Great). You'll ascend Masada, by cable car, to visit the Western palace, the ancient synagogue and Roman bathhouses. You'll learn about the heroic and tragic events that took place as the Romans attempted to take control of Masada.

(TIME PERMITTING) Stop at Qumran, where in 1947 a young Bedouin shepherd discovered what would become known as the renowned Dead Sea Scrolls. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 8: JERUSALEM – ABU GOSH – DEPARTURE FOR HOME

After breakfast we will visit the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book (where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited) and the scale model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of Christ.

Drive to Abu Gosh, a large Arab village on







## Masada and the Dead Sea

the outskirts of Jerusalem, for an authentic Middle Eastern meal. The village is known for having good relations with its Jewish neighbors and some of the best hummus in Israel, some say the world. Transfer to Ben Gurion International airport for return flight home. **(B, L)**

SHALOM (Good-bye/Peace) and have a safe and comfortable flight back home.

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- 7 full days of sightseeing as per the itinerary with English speaking licensed tour guide via a luxury air-conditioned touring vehicle
- Full Israeli Breakfast. (Optional dinner plan available).
- All entrance fees are included per the program

### **TOUR EXCLUSIONS:**

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- Tips to guide, driver, hotel staff
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### Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch







The Temple Mount - Western Wall and the Golden Dome of the Rock

# EVANGELICAL ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (1 NIGHT), TIBERIAS (2 NIGHTS), JERUSALEM (4 NIGHTS)

8 Days / 7 Nights Itinerary

## DAY 1: WELCOME TO THE HOLY LAND!

Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport where you will be met by our representative who will assist you through baggage claim and customs. and drive you to the Old Port City of Jaffa, one of the oldest biblical cities in the world. Jaffa has been an important seaport since antiquity. it was from this ancient port that Jonah set sail on his epic voyage only to be swallowed by a whale.

Afterwards check-in to our hotel. The rest of the day is at your disposal. A stroll along the beautiful promenade is recommended while enjoying the refreshing air of the Mediterranean Sea. Overnight: Tel Aviv

## DAY 2: CAESAREA – MT. CARMEL – MEGIDDO – SEA OF GALILEE

After breakfast we'll depart Tel Aviv and travel north to visit the ancient city of Caesarea, a city built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman rule. After visiting Caesarea we'll continue to the

port city of Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel for a Panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the beautiful Bahai Gardens.

Drive through the Druze village of Usafiya and learn about this great community, one that lives in Israel and serves in its Army. Then we'll travel to the Muhraka on Mt. Carmel where on this summit the dramatic battle between Elijah and the prophets of Baal took place. Afterwards we'll drive to Meggido, the site where the final battle between good and evil will take place in the end of days.

Arrive to the lakeside city of Tiberias resting on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and check in at your hotel. Overnight: Tiberias. **(B)**

## DAY 3: SEA OF GALILEE - CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES - YARDENIT

After breakfast visit the 2000 years old ancient boat at the "Jesus Boat Museum", located in Kibbutz Ginosar A boat ride on the calm waters of the Sea of Galilee is next in our program.

Visit Capernaum; a 2nd century synagogue which throws light on the life of the community of that era. You'll continue to the Mount of Beatitudes; a beautiful church where you can enjoy a magnificent view of the northern part of Sea of Galilee. Afterwards, you'll head to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), which was a pagan city dedicated to the god Pan and was reconstructed in ancient times by Philip, the son of Herod.

We will conclude our day at Yardenit, for a Jordan River Baptismal service and return

to our hotel. Overnight: Tiberias. **(B)**

## DAY 4: NAZARETH – BEIT SHEAN – HILLS OF JUDEA - - JERUSALEM

After breakfast we depart for Nazareth, via Cana where Jesus turned water into wine, to visit the Church of the Annunciation the place where Mary was first informed about her immaculate conception.







## Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee

Then it's on to Harod Spring where Biblical tradition says that it was at this site that Gideon chose his best soldiers to fight the Midianites, according to the way they drank from the stream.

We'll drive southeast to the ancient remains of Beit Shean, the city where Saul and his sons were hung up on the city walls by the Philistines (1st Samuel 31:10).

Leave the Galilee area and drive through the lush Jordan Valley. Ascend up the Judean Hills and upon arriving in Jerusalem, we will stop at a viewpoint overlooking the Old City where we shall celebrate our arrival to the holy city. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

**DAY 5: T Mt. of Olives – Garden of Gethsemane – Garden Tomb – Church of the Holy Sepulcher**  
After breakfast ascend the Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem: Overlooking the Old City, the Mount is covered partly in olive trees, cemeteries and churches – commemorating the Christian events of Jesus.

Descend via the Palm Sunday Walk to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. The garden

is next to the magnificent Church of all Nations (Basilica of Agony) & The Greek Orthodox Church of the Tomb of the Virgin Mary. Enter through Saint Stephens's gate and arrive at the Pools of Bethesda.

We'll then walk to the Garden Tomb, an ancient Jewish sepulcher which matches the New Testament description of the tomb in which Jesus was buried. Option to visit the Church of Holy Sepulcher. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 6: BETHLEHEM – OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

After breakfast this morning we will visit the birthplace of Jesus when we travel into the ancient city of Bethlehem. We'll enter into the Church of Nativity and afterwards have some time for shopping to bring home gifts for loved ones and ourselves. Return to Jerusalem and walk through the Jewish Quarter, which was reconstructed after the city was unified after the Six-Day War in 1967. We'll then proceed to the holiest place in Judaism today, the Western Wall – "Kotel".

Visit the City of David and see the newest and exciting excavations of Jerusalem during the time of the first Temple period. In Emek Tzurim we'll spend a couple of hours

taking part in an archaeological dig working with the actual debris of the Temple Mount. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 7: NEW CITY OF JERUSALEM – DEAD SEA – MASADA – EIN GEDI

After breakfast we'll visit Yad Vashem, considered the primary memorial and museum of the Holocaust. Take a tour of the Holocaust History Museum, which occupies over 45,000 square feet, mainly underground. Visit the moving exhibit of the Children's Pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million Jewish children in the Holocaust.

We then depart for the Dead Sea area and descend to the lowest land point on earth at 1412 feet below sea level. Time for a float on the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem.

Continue on to view Jericho and stop at Kaser-El-Yahud, the site of the Baptism of Christ (Luke 3) and the Ascension of Elijah the Prophet (II Kings 2:11). Proceed to Masada and ascend by cable car to the desert fortress of King Herod.

(TIME PERMITTING) Visit the beautiful Ein Gedi Reserve. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**







The Church of the Loaves and Fishes (Tabgha), Tiberias

DAY 8: Day 8 – JERUSALEM – ABU GOSH –  
DEPARTURE FOR HOME

After breakfast visit the Israel Museum, to see the Shrine of the Book (where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited) and the scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. Drive to Abu Gosh, a large Arab village on the outskirts of Jerusalem, for an authentic Middle Eastern meal. The village is known for having good relations with its Jewish neighbors as well as some of the best hummus in Israel, some say it's the best in the world. Transfer to Ben Gurion International airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

***Please note that the sequence of the tour and sites visited may be amended due to circumstances at the company's or the guide's discretion.***

***B - Breakfast***

***WHAT'S INCLUDED***

- Meeting and assistance at Ben Gurion Airport
- Round-trip transfers from Ben Gurion Airport to your hotel in Tel Aviv upon arrival and from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion airport upon departure
- Porterage at hotels, as of the second touring day
- 7 nights hotel accommodations at your confirmed hotels
- 7 full days of sightseeing as per the itinerary with English speaking licensed Tour Guide via a luxury air-conditioned touring vehicle
- Full Israeli breakfast daily (optional dinner plan available)
- All entrance fees are included per the program

***WHAT'S EXCLUDED***

- Any tests that will be required due to Covid-19 regulations
- International airline tickets
- Meals that are not mentioned above
- Tips to guide, driver, hotel & restaurant staff







Petra, Jordan

## ISRAEL & JORDAN

Tel Aviv (1 NIGHT), JERUSALEM (3 NIGHTS), PETRA (1 NIGHT), AMMAN (2 NIGHTS)

8 Days / 7 Nights Itinerary

### DAY 1: Sunday - WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

When you arrive at Ben Gurion International airport, you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight. The balance of the day will be at your leisure. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

### DAY 2: Monday - MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

After breakfast you will meet your tour guide in the lobby of the hotel and set off from Tel Aviv, driving south, passing by the cities of Ashdod, Ashkelon and Beer-sheba, the capital of the Negev Desert. You'll continue via Arad to Masada, Israel's foremost archaeological park. You'll ascend Masada via cable-car for a thorough visit of the historic site that gives insight to the rituals, politics and culture of the people who inhabited this desert fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod's palaces, the synagogue, the bathhouse, and cisterns, and

enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea from 1424 feet above sea level. We'll depart Masada and descend to the lowest spot on the face of the earth – the Dead Sea, experiencing it's mineral-rich black mud and float on its salty waters. On our way back we'll pass by the oasis of Ein Gedi and proceed through the Judean Desert to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 3: Tuesday – JERUSALEM - ISRAEL MUSEUM – YAD VASHEM – EIN KAREM - BETHLEHEM

After breakfast we start the day at the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of The Second Temple. We continue to Yad Vashem the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust located at the foot of Mt. Herzl. Take a tour of the Holocaust museum and visit the moving exhibit of the Children's pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million Jewish children killed

during the Holocaust of World War II. Continue to the picturesque village of Ein Karem on the outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great significance in Christian traditions, since this is where according to tradition John the Baptist was born.

We leave Jerusalem for a visit to Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus at the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Return to your Jerusalem hotel **(B)**

### DAY 4: Wednesday – THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

After breakfast this morning we'll enter the Old City of Jerusalem where you will see the Western Wall and the actual site of the Second Temple, the Temple Mount. We then Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher housing both the traditional site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection.

To the southwest, just outside the Old







## Dead Sea, Israel

City, is Mount Zion, with the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. You'll then get to enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem - the holy city for each of the world's three great religions - Christianity, Judaism and Islam, from atop the Mount of Olives.

You'll have the chance to visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas betrayed Jesus. In the heart of a neighborhood in downtown Jerusalem, you will visit the market Mahane Yehuda to experience the flavors, aromas, colors and the lively shop keepers interaction with the crowds, at the largest open market in Israel. Overnight in Jerusalem. **(B)**

### DAY 5: Thursday – JERUSALEM – SHEIKH HUSSEIN BRIDGE – JERASH – AMMAN

After breakfast we depart Jerusalem and drive to the Sheikh Hussein border crossing to enter Jordan. We'll continue on to Jerash - city of the Decapolis, located about 30 miles north of Amman in the fertile heights of the Gilad. You'll visit the ancient Roman city with its colonnaded streets, the baths and the hill of the top Temple. From there, we'll drive to Amman

for a panoramic city tour of the Jordanian capital including the Citadel and Roman Amphitheatre.

Overnight in Amman. **(B)**

### DAY 6: Friday – AMMAN – MOUNT NEBO – PETRA

After breakfast drive to Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land and where it is believed that he is buried. From here you can see the Jordan Valley, Jericho, and the Dead Sea. We then Continue south along the Desert Highway to Wadi Musa, the modern village of Petra. You'll then enter the magical site of Petra and walk, or ride on horseback, through the "Siq" to the red rock city, the ancient capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd Century BC to the 2nd Century AD.

Visit the most interesting carved monuments such as the Treasury (El Khazneh - the tomb of a Nabatean king) then the field of tombs, obelisks and the altar. From this point you can view the whole of the rock city. Following our visit we return to Wadi Musa. Overnight in Petra. **(B)**

### DAY 7: Saturday – WADI RUM JEEPS – MADABA - AMMAN

After breakfast drive south to the towering mountains and rock formations of Wadi Rum, which mesmerized Lawrence of Arabia. You'll have the chance to drive through the stunning landscapes on a

desert jeep safari, visiting the Lawrence Spring and Khazali Canyon.

We continue north to Madaba to visit the remains of the Byzantine church with its ancient mosaic floor map, the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of the mosaic map of the Holy Land and Jerusalem. Overnight in Amman. **(B)**

### DAY 8: Sunday – AMMAN – DEPARTURE FOR HOME

After breakfast we depart our hotel and drive to the border. (Or transfer to Amman Airport for your flight home). If you are returning through Tel Aviv, you'll cross the Jordan River and drive back to Tel Aviv and Ben Gurion Airport for your departing flight. **(B)**

***Please note that the sequence of the tour and sites visited may be amended due to circumstances at the company's or the guide's discretion.***







The Tower of David, Jerusalem

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Round trip transfers from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv upon arrival and your choice on departure of transfers from either:
  - a) Your Hotel in Amman to Amman International Airport, Jordan OR
  - b) Your Hotel in Amman to Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel
- Seven nights hotel accommodations on a bed and breakfast basis
- 6 full days of sightseeing as per the Itinerary with an English speaking licensed tour guide via a luxury air-conditioned touring vehicle
- All entrance fees per the program

### **TOUR EXCLUSIONS:**

- Any tests that will be required due to Covid-19 regulations
- Tips to guide, driver, hotel staff
- Porterage at the airport
- Beverages with meals
- The Border taxes & Border Shuttle transfers - Israel & Jordan (Approximately US \$52 per person - paid on the tour and is subject to change.

### **B - Breakfast**

