



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:

- International Airline Tickets
- Tips to guide, driver, hotel staff
- Porterage at the airport
- Beverages with meals
- The Border taxes, Border Shuttle transfers and Jordan Border Visa – Israel & Jordan (Approximately US 130 per person – paid on the Tour and is subject to change)

*B - Breakfast*

