



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 **(B,D)**

city of Jerusalem via the Lion Gate and 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.

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.

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Round trip transfers from Ben Gurion Airport to your Hotel in Tel Aviv upon arrival and from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion Airport upon departure
- Meeting & assistance at Ben Gurion Airport
- 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:

- International Airline Tickets
- Tips to guide, driver, hotel staff
- Porterage at the airport
- Beverages with meals



Spice Market, Jerusalem



Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

Legend

- B Breakfast
- D Dinner
- WT Wine Tasting

