



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.

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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

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

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

