
Itinerary

Introduction

- **Day 01 : Tel Aviv**

Tel Aviv Arrival – Transfer from Tel Aviv Airport to Tel Aviv Hotel.
Overnight at Tel Aviv Hotel

- **Day 02 : Jerusalem & Bethlehem From Tel Aviv**

Pick up from Tel Aviv Hotel

Visit Jerusalem and see some of the major historic sites, including the Western Wall, Old City and Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In Bethlehem, learn about the origins of Christianity. Visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square, a hub of religious activities for the city.

Witness the abundance of historic sites that fill these historic cities. Drive to the Mount of Olives and take in the view of Jerusalem before heading down to the city centre. See the Western Wall and continue to the Christian quarter, walk along the Via Dolorosa and stop at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Afterwards, it is time to make your way to Bethlehem. Visit Manger Square – the site of the Church of the Nativity and the location where Jesus was placed after his birth. Today, it is also home to the beautiful Mosque of Omar.

Explore the Church of the Nativity, traditionally considered to be the birthplace of Jesus, then stop at the Shepherds' Fields, where, according to the Bible, shepherds kept watch over their flocks

Overnight in Jerusalem.

- **Day 03 : Masada & Dead Sea**

Pick up from Jerusalem Hotel.

This tour heads to southern Israel through the Judean Hills and past the Inn of the Good Samaritan. We pause at sea level for an unforgettable photo-op then continue our descent further and further down beneath sea level towards the iconic Dead Sea. Our first stop is at Masada where we take a cable car to the plateau summit and tour the remains of Herod's 2,055 year old palace fortress. We see remarkable structures including palaces and a bathhouse. From Masada the tour takes you past the desert oasis of Ein Gedi and Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We spend the rest of the day relaxing on one of the Dead Sea beaches. You can float in the salty-water that is 8.6 times more saline than the ocean creating natural buoyance. Use the Dead Sea mud as a natural skin mask and soak up the glorious Dead Sea sun.

Head to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea.
Ascend Masada, the fortress beside the Dead Sea, and tour the ruins.
Relax at a private beach at the Dead Sea, float in the waters, and immerse in the muds
Overnight in Dead Sea.

- **Day 04 : Dead Sea to Tel Aviv**

Free Day at Tel Aviv
Overnight at Tel Aviv Hotel

- **Day 05 : Caesarea, Haifa and Acre Day Tour from Tel Aviv**

We travel up the Mediterranean coastline will include a number of diverse stops the first of which is Caesarea, the port city built by King Herod in the first century BCE, expanded during the Byzantine period, destroyed during the Arab conquest and rebuilt by the Crusaders.

Visit Acco (Acre), the last of the Crusaders' city in the holy land, which was conquered in the end of the 13th century.

In Acco the vast Crusader complex has been exposed in all its glory after being buried by centuries of sand. The courtyard and stairway to the lost second storey, the massive columns supporting the arched roof covering immense knights' halls, the public toilets and the secret tunnels are all astonishing.

The visit to Acco ends with a stroll through the Arab market.

Also on the Mediterranean coast, we stop briefly in Haifa and from Mount Carmel we enjoy the view of the bay and look down on the golden domed Baha'i shrine and terraced gardens.

Rosh HaNikra is the northernmost stop on the Mediterranean coast, on the border with Lebanon. Here we will see the UN controlled crossing point between Israel and Lebanon.

Here too we will descend by cable car to explore the breath-taking grottoes.

Overnight at Tel Aviv Hotel

- **Day 06 : Nazareth and Sea of Galilee Day Tour**

Start in Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where the angel Gabriel appeared before Mary (Luke 1:26ff) . Right next to it is the Church of St. Joseph, recalling the carpentry where Jesus and Joseph worked. Among the other places of interest are the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Gabriel and the adjoining well.

On the outskirts of Nazareth, offering a panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley is the Mount of Precipitation where “they lead him to the brow of the hill ... that they might throw him down” (Luke 4:28-30).

Cana, site of the first wonder performed by Jesus, the turning of the water to wine (John 2:1-12) is about half an hour from Nazareth, on the way to Tiberias and the Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee.

At Tiberias it is possible to board a wooden boat reminiscent of those used by the fishermen of yore. During a short ride on the the Sea of Galilee one cannot but recall how Jesus calmed the stormy waters and walked on them. (Mk 4:35-41 and 6:45-52). On the shores of the Kinneret you can visit the Church at Capernaum, home of Peter, as well as the Benedictine Church commemorating the miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fish (Mark 6:30-44) and the Franciscan Church of Mensa Christi where Jesus was revealed to the disciples for the last time (John 21).

Visit the Church on Mount Beatitude which commemorates the Sermon on the Mount (Mat 5)

Get baptized in the waters of the Jordan River at the Yardenit site!

Overnight at Tel Aviv Hotel

- **Day 07 : Departure**

Tel Aviv Hotel to Tel Aviv Airport