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Iconic Israel

From £1,439* pp | 9 Days • 15-16 Meals *Prices are per person for tour only based on 2 people sharing. Personalise your tour with our range of competitively priced regional flying options.

HISTORY COME TO LIFE

Journey to Israel, discovering some of the most significant sites of the ancient world including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea and the oldest city in the world, the ruins of Jericho. "Float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea or stop in the AHAVA Visitors Center and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea. Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Baha'i Shrine & Gardens, Acre, and Jerusalem's Old City. Ascend the ancient walls of Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage site, by cable car. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Get a taste of the local flavour during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. Relax for four nights in the holy city of Jerusalem. No matter where you look, the legendary stories of mankind's collective history come to life.

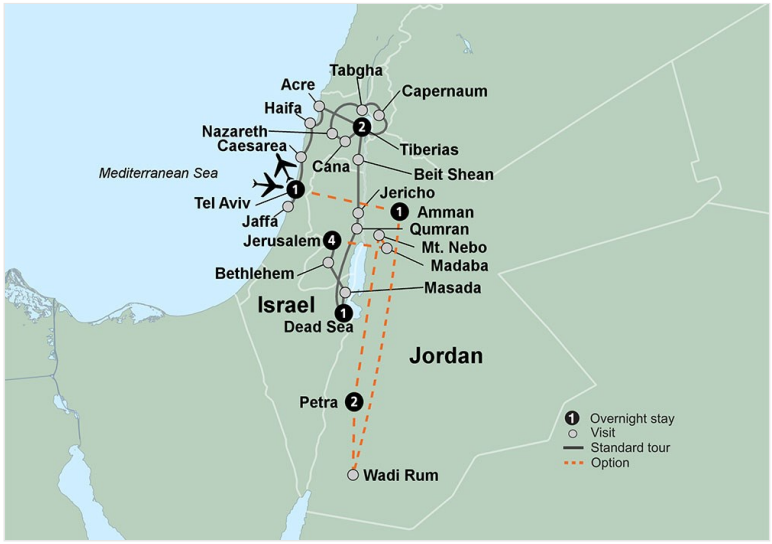






YOUR TOUR – AT A GLANCE

- Venture to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C.
- See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago.
- Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car.



Must-See's

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Explore the oldest city on earth — the ancient ruins of Jericho.
- Enjoy the wonder of the Dead Sea.

Choice On Tour

- Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics or "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

Culinary

- Savour dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.

PERSONALIZE YOUR TRIP

Pre and Post Tour Extensions. Start and end your holiday rested.

Arrive early:

Pre night in Tel Aviv

- Explore the markets and museums of this youthful modern metropolis.

YOUR ITINERARY

Please note: tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date. Please select a date above for more details.

Day 1 Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa - Tel Aviv

Join us as we explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition and home to some of the world's most important historic treasures. Welcome to Tel Aviv, a bustling city on the Mediterranean coast. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa.

Dinner High 35° Low 6°
Isrotel Tower Hotel

Day 2 Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Today we follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Marvel at its Roman theatre, aqueduct and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias.

Breakfast & Dinner
High 22° Low 12°
Leonardo Plaza Hotel Tiberias

Day 3 Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

Set off for Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle – where Jesus turned water into wine. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue to Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount; and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum. See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before boarding a boat for your ride on the Sea of Galilee. Get a taste of the local flavour during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
High 22° Low 12°
Leonardo Plaza Hotel Tiberias

Day 4 Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theatre. Continue along the Jordan River Valley to Jericho, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then it's your choice! Stop in the AHAVA Visitors Center and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea. Or, take the opportunity to "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea…experience the natural buoyancy due to its high salt concentration and the benefits of its minerals to beauty and health. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Breakfast & Dinner
High 21° Low 10° Isrotel Ganim Hotel

Day 5 Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car to Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills, brings you to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the most captivating cities in the world, Jerusalem.

Breakfast & Dinner High 21° Low 9° 1" Dan Boutique Jerusalem Hotel

Day 6 Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. See the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah and James. Continue to St. Peter in Galicantu and Mt. Zion to discover the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Marvel at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, home to a selection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Conclude your day at the Garden Tomb.

Breakfast High 21° Low 9° 1"
Dan Boutique Jerusalem Hotel

Day 7 Old City, Jerusalem

Come to know the Holy City of Jerusalem on a walking tour of the old walled city (UNESCO). See the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock (outside view only), the Pool of Bethesda, and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa, beginning at Pilate's Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, continue exploring the city independently or peruse the sights and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the shuk (open-air market).

Breakfast & Dinner High 21° Low 9° 1" Dan Boutique Jerusalem Hotel

Day 8 Jerusalem

Your day is at leisure to explore independently or simply relax. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.

Breakfast & Dinner High 21° Low 9° 1" Dan Boutique Jerusalem Hotel

Day 9 Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today.

Breakfast

THINGS TO KNOW

Tour Activity Level



To truly experience the programme and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

Travel Tips

- Israel is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.
- Maximum elevation: Approximately 2,900 feet (Jerusalem)
- The currency in Israel is the New Shekel.
- Voltage in Israel is 230 Volts.

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Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug. When packing your electronic items for travel, please review the converter electric current level to make sure it is the same or greater than the items you are planning on using. If you plan on utilising or transporting a sleep apnea machine, please remember to pack an extension cord and adapter plug to ensure proper function.

Voltage in Israel is 230 V; Plugs H & C.

Elevation

The highest elevation encountered on this tour is 884 metres in Jerusalem.

Time Zone

Israel is 3 hours ahead of GMT. (2 hours ahead during British Summer Time)

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Jerusalem by Night with Tower of David - £66

Discover the treasures of Jerusalem by night, a beacon of three faiths. By bus, enjoy stunning views of the Old City walls, Temple Mount and Mount Zion.

Genesis Land: Ancient Hebrew Hospitality and Abraham's Feast - £139

Experience life as it was in biblical times as you travel to Genesis Land, in the heart of the Judean desert.