

<u>Highlights of Israel</u>

Program

<u>Day #1</u>

<u>Arrival</u>

Arrival to Ben-Gurion airport. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

<u>Day #2</u>

<u>Tel Aviv</u>

Tour in Tel Aviv. Discover the Bauhaus Area walking through Rothschild Blvd, continue to famous Carmel Market and then go to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood in Tel Aviv. Then visit the Old City of Yaffo, the Clock Tower, the Flea Market and the Port, one of the oldest ports in the world. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

<u>Day #3</u>

Caesarea/Haifa /Acre/

Drive north to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region; see the excavations of the Crusaderera city, the aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa to visit the Bahai Gardens. Drive to Acre, the Old City recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site; walk through the old port and local market.

Overnight at Sea of Galilee Area

<u>Day #4</u>

Sea of Galilee

Visit to Capernaum to visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue Stop at Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of Fish and Loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Proceed to Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Visit the Jesus Boat Museum, enjoy a boat ride and a St Peter's Lunch.

Overnight at Sea of Galilee Area

<u>Day #5</u>

Nazareth / Beit Shean / Jerusalem

Check out. Drive to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation, Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Continue to Beit Shean to visit the newly excavated Roman city and amphitheater. Drive along the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem for overnight.

Overnight Jerusalem

<u>Day #6</u>

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Qasr el Yahud/Qumram/Masada/Dead Sea /

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Stop at Qasr el Yahud, a baptismal site. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Masada, ascend by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans; visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue and bathhouse; descend by cable car. Next, stop in one of the public beaches of the Dead Sea to enjoy the water. Overnight Jerusalem.

<u>Day #7</u>

The Old City

Start the day with a magnificent panoramic view from Mount of Olives and visit Gethsemane. Drive to the Old City; Visit the Tomb of King David and the Room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of Holy Sepulcher. Continue to visit the Garden of Tomb.

Overnight Jerusalem.

<u>Day #8</u>

Yad Vashem /Israel Museum/Bethlehem.

Drive to Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the Holocaust. Drive by the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Next, visit Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the Holyland model, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Drive to Bethlehem to visit the Nativity Church and the Shepherd's Field.

Overnight Jerusalem.

<u>Day #9</u>

Departure from Ben Gurion airport.

Please do not hesitate to contact us any time if you have any further questions; our itineraries and programs can be modified to suit with the traveler's needs.

Best regards,

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