

Highlights Tour No.2 – 8 Days & 7 Nights

Sunday Arrival

SUNDAY

Upon arrival at airport meet our representative and transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv for an overnight.

MONDAY - Tel Aviv – Beer Sheba- Masada Dead Sea

Leave Tel Aviv - via Ashdod - Ashkelon - Beersheba. A short visit to the Negev capital, then continue via Arad to Masada. Ascend by cable car to the fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod's palaces, the synagogue, bathhouse, etc. and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Descend for "float" in the salty water of the Dead Sea at the lowest point in the world. Head to Jerusalem for an overnight, via Ein Gedi & Kalya.

TUESDAY - Jerusalem - sightseeing of the new city

Drive to Mount Scopus for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Then onto the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Agony. Continue to Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, and visit the beautifully renovated Model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Continue to Yad Vashem (Memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust). In the afternoon drive to the picturesque village of Ein Karem, the birth place of John the Baptist before returning to your hotel.

WEDNESDAY - Jerusalem - (Old City) – Bethlehem*

Walk through one of the gates into the walled Old City: the renewed Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall, the area of the Temple, the colorful bazaars, Via Dolorosa and the stations of the cross, finally arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Next, drive to Mount Zion and visit the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and Dormition Abbey. In the afternoon continue to Bethlehem* to visit the Church of the Nativity and return to Jerusalem for overnight.

THURSDAY – Beit Shean - Tiberias - Galilee

Leave Jerusalem and drive north via Jericho*, the oldest city in the world, through the Jordan Valley and the new settlements to Beit Shean. Visit the excavations of this beautifully preserved Roman City. Then onto Tiberias, the old center of Jewish learning. Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue. Continue to a Kibbutz hotel for overnight.

FRIDAY - Upper Galilee and Golan Heights - Nazareth

Drive to the Golan Heights. Visit the former Syrian fortifications and the Druze villages, via the Banias River - source of the Jordan River. Proceed via the Hula Valley to Safed, city of the Kabala, to visit a very special synagogue and the artists' colony and then to Nazareth to visit the Christian Holy Sites. Return to the Kibbutz hotel for overnight.



SATURDAY - Acre - Haifa - Tel Aviv

After Breakfast drive west to Acre for a visit of the famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa for a sightseeing tour, including the Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden and Mount Carmel for a panoramic view of the city and the bay. Proceed along the coast to Caesarea to visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader fortress. End the day with a short city tour of Tel Aviv-Jaffa and overnight.

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Breakfast and transfer to the airport for departure, or extension tour to Jordan.

*Site under the Palestinian Authority Jurisdiction. Visit subject to situation.

Guarantee departure from 2 passengers