

DAY 1 DRIVE TO JERUSALEM

Upon arrival to airport meet group representative and transfer to Jerusalem. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 2 JERUSALEM - NEW CITY

After breakfast we will drive to Mt. Scopus and the Hebrew University for a

panoramic view of Jerusalem. (If it's a Jewish group, then they can visit the Ammuniation Hill). Continue to Israel Museum, where we will visit the Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, and the beautifully renovated Model of Jerusalem, dating back

to the time of the **Second Temple**. We will drive by the **Knesset building** (guided tours in English on Sundays and Thursdays) and the **big menorah**, **symbol of the State of Israel**.

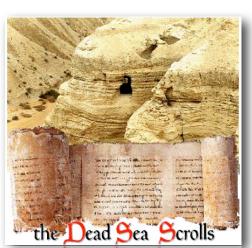
Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust. Afternoon visit to the Hadassah Medical Center's synagogue, with Marc Chagall stained glass windows... Drive back to the hotel via beautiful Ein Karem.



DAY 3 JERUSALEM – OLD CITY

Enter the Old City via Mt. Zion, where we will visit King David's Tomb. Continue walking and enter the Jewish quarter: walk the Cardo, visit the Herodian Mansions and the Temple Institute. Our steps will lead us to the Western Wall, the holiest place for the Jewish

people. Visit **Davidson Center** with the multimedia movie about the construction of the Temple. Then take an **underground tour in the Wall tunnels**. The exit will lead us into the **Via Dolorosa**. We will walk into the colorful bazaars and reach the **Jaffa gate**. Drive to visit **City of David**, where we will walk the **Hezekiah's tunnels**, see the movie of Jerusalem's times.



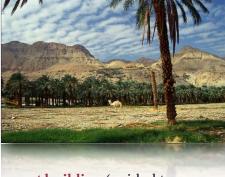
DAY 4 DEAD SEA - JERUSALEM

We leave our hotel and start our tour to the Dead Sea and Massada. 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, and bathhouse. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Experience an "unsinkable swim" in the salty water of the Dead Sea. Visit the natural reserve of Ein Gedi & Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found.

DAY 5 ON THE WAY TO TIBERIAS

Check out from our hotel in Jerusalem and start our way to the North.





Visit Beit Shean with its beautiful preserved Roman City. Continue to visit Gesher, a beautiful and interesting tourist attraction on the bank of the Jordan River. In April 1948, this was

the first settlement to withstand an attack by the Arab Legion. In May of that year – it was also the focal point of an Iraqi attack. On site, three old bridges are visible, as well as an old British police station, historic railway tracks, and an old Khan (inn) from the Middle Ages. The latest addition



is a fully functional reconstruction (with water, music etc.) of the old Naharyim power plant. The place is Old Gesher. From here continue to visit Katzrin, built around the site of a Jewish agricultural village of the Mishnaic period. The archaeological remnants, which include a notable ancient synagogue, are displayed as

the <u>Katzrin Ancient Village</u>. The ancient village was destroyed in the <u>Golan earthquake of 749</u>. We will visit the <u>Golan Heights winery</u> and a drive around the <u>Sea of Galilee</u> will take us into <u>Tiberias</u>.



DAY 6 SAFED - UPPER GALILEE - GOLAN

Proceed via the **Hula Valley** to the picturesque city of Rosh Pina, continue to Safed, center of **Kabala** to visit the ancient synagogue and the artists' colony. Continue driving North to the Golan Heights. Visit the former Syrian fortifications, the Druze villages, and Banias, the source of the Jordan River. Continue to Mt. Bental and visit the bunkers at Kunetra.

DAY 7 ACRE – HAIFA

- CAESAREA - TEL AVIV

After breakfast drive west to Acre for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa for a sightseeing tour of the city. Visit 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. We will end the day in Tel Aviv. Overnight Tel Aviv.

DAY 8 TEL AVIV – DEPARTURE (most flights to USA departure TLV around midnight and then they have full day to tour in TLV). After breakfast, check out our hotel.



Drive to the **Diaspora museum** and then continue to the **multimedia Palmach museum**. Drive by the Tel Aviv university campus. Visit the **old renovated neighborhoods of Tel Aviv**: Neve Tzedek, Florentine. Continue to **Jaffa and its famous artist colony**, where we will enjoy a farewell dinner before we will be transfered to the airport for departure home to the United States.



Tour Cost & Details

*From \$1995 land portion only. Tour cost is based on dble occ. & minimum group of 15 dates & seasons. Itineraries can be custom modified and / or altered to suite your needs. The itinerary is a suggested guideline to tour leaders and groups, and can be modified by the tour director or group tour leader.

Included:

- Meet & assistance at the airport by tour company
- Roundtrip guide escorted airport transfers
- 7 nights hotel stay w/Buffet Breakfast
- Last evening dinner in local restaurant before going to the airport.
- 2 dinnerss in Tiberias
- All entrance fees to sites and events, talks and presentations unless specified as optional.
- All transfers to hotels and tours
- Modern Deluxe AC coach w/ tv
- English speaking guide

Not included:

- Airfare to Israel (special group rate available upon request)
- Personal expenses
- Tips & drinks with meals
- Travel Insurance (which we strongly advise. Special rates for this as well.)
- No visa required Only a valid passport for at least 6 months beyond date of arrival.
- Add \$300 to upgrade hotels

For more information and reservations please complete the inquiry form and e-mail back to us.

