

Heritage of the Holyland & Jordan - 11 Days & 10 Nights

Thursday arrival

Thursday - Tel Aviv

Welcome to the Holyland. You will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

Friday - Tel Aviv / Sea of Galilee / Tiberias

Pick up from your hotel, and head to the port city of Jaffa (Joppa) where we will take a short walking tour through the picturesque alleyways of the old, fortified town. We will pass by the house of Simon the Tanner and marvel at the views from the hill top.

Next we will drive up north along the coast to the archaeological ruins of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in honor of Augustus Caesar. From there we go on to visit Megiddo where the book of Revelation mentions a great battle at the place called "Armageddon" - An ancient city inhabited for more than five millennia (6000-500 B.C.).

After exploring the ancient ruins we'll drive toward the Sea of Galilee, arriving in Tiberias and checking-in to your hotel.

Saturday - Sea of Galilee

We start the day from historic Tiberias, where Jesus lived, sojourned, and preached on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Next we will head to Capernaum, the center of Jesus ministry. Tabgha, just north of Tiberias, is the site of Christ's miracle, where he fed 5,000 and at the Church of Multiplication where the mosaic floor depicts a basket with loaves and two fish.

We drive on to the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea, where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" this is also the site where it is believed that Jesus picked his 12 apostles.

We'll ascend to the Golan Heights to view the panoramic view of the peaks of Mt. Hermon and the rugged plateau of the Golan Heights, and beneath it the green pastoral Huleh valley. Return to Tiberias for another lovely night in town.

Sunday - Sea of Galilee / Jordan River / Jerusalem

This morning we travel to Cana to visit the Wedding Church where Jesus performed his first miracle and turned water into wine. We will then continue to Nazareth, where Jesus spent his childhood, and the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where archaeologists believe the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary.

We will also see Mary's Well and Joseph's Church, continue through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean with its recently excavated amphitheater, visit the excavations of this beautiful preserved Roman City, which was destroyed in an earthquake and then onward to Jerusalem, where you can check-in to your choice of hotel.

Monday - Dead Sea & Masada

Driving through the remarkable scenery of the Dead Sea we'll continue to Masada, situated on an isolated cliff in the Judean Desert and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001.

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, King Herod's palace, the synagogue, bathhouse and much more. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. En route to the Dead Sea, you'll see the site of the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Nearly 1,300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest point on the earth's surface. Bring your swimsuit so that if weather permits you can "float" on the salty, mineral rich water. Return to Jerusalem for an overnight.

Tuesday - Jerusalem

Start the day at Mount Scopus and enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Jerusalem. The holy city for each of the world's three great religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam – Jerusalem occupies a unique place in the world. Your tour includes the Mount of Olives, a stop at the site where Jesus first gave the Lord's Prayer, and the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas betrayed Jesus.

In the Old City you'll see the Western Wall and the actual site of the Second Temple, the Temple Mount. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, housing both the traditional site of Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection. To the southwest, just outside the Old City, is Mount Zion, with the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Return to hotel.

Wednesday - Jerusalem

Today's tour includes Yad Vashem, the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, located on the foot of Mt. Hertzal. Enjoy Ein Karem, a picturesque village on the south western outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great significance in Christian traditions as this is where, according to tradition, John the Baptist was born.

Visit the Israel Museum with a detailed model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Drive by the Knesset (House of Parliament) and the campus of the Hebrew University.

Depending on the current situation, we may visit Bethlehem to see Rachel's Tomb and the Church of the Nativity. Back to your hotel for overnight.

Thursday – Sheikh Hussein Bridge or (Allenby Bridge) Jerash - Amman.

Drive from Tel Aviv / Jerusalem to the border. After border crossing procedures, enter Jordan and drive to Jerash - City of the Decapolis, located about 45km north of Amman, in the fertile heights of Gilead. Visit the Roman city with colonnaded streets, the ancient heater, the baths and the hill top temple, the triumphal arch etc. Then drive to Amman for a City tour of the Jordanian Capital. Overnight in Amman

Friday - Amman - Madaba - Mt Nebo - Shobak - Petra

After breakfast drive to Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy land & ruins of historical sites. Continue about 10Km, to Mount Nebo, where Moses looked over the Promised Land. From there you will see the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Dead Sea.

Finally, we will see the remains of the Byzantine church with its mosaic floor, and proceed via the crusaders castle - Shobak, to Wadi Mussa, the modern village of Petra for overnight.

Saturday - Petra - Amman

After breakfast, leave the hotel and ride on a horseback to the "Siq" (Canyon). From there we will continue on foot to Petra - known as "Sela Edom" or red rock city, the ancient capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd Century BC to 2nd Century AD. We will see the most fascinating carved monuments, such as the Treasury (El Khazneh - the tomb of a Nabatean king) then the field of tombs, obelisks, the altar etc. From this vantage point we will see the entire ancient city. We will then leave Petra and drive back to Amman.

Sunday - Amman - Allenby Bridge - Jerusalem - Tel Aviv

We have reached our final day of the tour. After breakfast, we will leave the hotel and drive to Allenby Bridge. Cross the Jordan River and drive back to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, or directly to the airport for your flight home.

Guarantee departure from 2 passengers