



THE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Included in This Tour:

- 9 nights' accommodation
- Israeli buffet breakfast daily
 - Dinners at the kibbutz
 - Lunch at a Druze Village
 - 6 days of sightseeing
 - Services of a government licensed English-speaking guide
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Meeting, assistance, portage and entrance fees

FRIDAY

Upon arrival to Ben Gurion Airport, you will be assisted and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv.
Overnight Tel Aviv

SATURDAY

Enjoy a day at leisure by the Mediterranean promenade.

Overnight Tel Aviv

SUNDAY

Caesarea - Megiddo – Druze Village - Haifa - Kibbutz

Travel through the Sharon Plain to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the country; see the excavations of the Roman statues, the aqueduct and the Roman Theater, which has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Travel inland to Megiddo, one of Solomon's chariot cities and the site of the coming Battle of the Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations, including the well-preserved water supply system. Visit then a Druze Village on Mount Carmel, for a glimpse of the Druze house, culture and tradition. Proceed to Haifa and to the summit of Mount Carmel, for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the Western Galilee. View the Bahai Temple, with its golden dome and the exotic Persian gardens. Continue then to Kibbutz Lavi, just in time for dinner.

Dinner and Overnight Kibbutz

MONDAY

Safeed - Golan Heights - Katzrin – Winery - Kibbutz

Travel to Safeed, the mystic city in the Upper Galilee, with its beautiful ancient synagogues and the artists' colony. On to the Golan Heights, see the former Syrian fortifications and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at the Golan Winery for a tour and wine tasting; Proceed to Kessem Hagolan, a multimedia presentation of the area and its history. Return then to Kibbutz Lavi.

Dinner and Overnight Kibbutz

TUESDAY

Nazareth - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee - Beit Shean - Beit Alpha - Jerusalem

Drive to Nazareth, and visit the Church of the Annunciation. On to Capernaum, on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee; see the ruins of the synagogue and the Church of St. Peter. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Travel then via Beit Shean and through the fertile Jezreel Valley to Beit Alpha, where a most beautiful synagogue mosaic floor is displayed. Drive along the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem and check into your hotel.

Overnight Jerusalem

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WEDNESDAY

Jerusalem Old City - Bethlehem

Visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Cenacle (room of the Last Supper) on Mount Zion. Enter the Old City and walk through the newly restored Jewish Quarter and visit the Cardo, the Herodian Mansion and the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Pending authorities' permission, continue to Bethlehem, stopping at Rachel's Tomb and visiting the Church of the Nativity.

Overnight Jerusalem

THURSDAY

Jerusalem New City

Start your tour today at the Israel Museum; visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed. Also view the scale model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Visit the Knesset – Israel's Parliament, then drive to Mount Herzl, the military cemetery. Continue to Yad Vashem, a memorial to the Holocaust, and visit the museum. Visit Mea Shearim, the ultra orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem and learn about their unique lifestyle. In the evening enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner followed by the spectacular Sound & Light Show at the Tower of David Museum - weather conditions permitting.

Overnight Jerusalem

FRIDAY

Qumran - Massada - Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the surface of the globe. Stop at Qumran and visit the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered by desert Bedouins. Proceed along the Dead Sea to Massada, the site of the most dramatic act in the Jewish history. Ascend by cable car and tour the mount; see the excavations, enjoy the view of the wilderness. Time and weather permitting, an opportunity will be provided to float on the Dead Sea, before returning to Jerusalem.

Overnight Jerusalem

SATURDAY

Enjoy a day at leisure in Jerusalem. A visit to one of the museums might be interesting or just strolling and soaking in the atmosphere of this beautiful city on Shabbat may be just enjoyable.

Overnight Jerusalem

SUNDAY

You will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport, for your departure flight, for your departure flight.