

ISRAEL & PETRA WITHIN
11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



Discover the land of Israel full of history, coastlines, ancient ruins, sacred landmarks and outstanding scenery. Visit the ancient city of Jerusalem and get taken back in time. Float on the Dead Sea-the lowest point on earth, discover bustling Tel Aviv, and enjoy the serenity of Galilee. Spend 2 nights on the Red Sea Coast of Eilat and enjoy a full day trip to Jordan to visit Petra. Truly 2 memorable destinations!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY TEL AVIV

Our local representative will assist you through baggage claim and customs, and escort you to your driver. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy dinner (D)

Accommodation: Tal by the Beach Hotel 4* for 2 nights in Tel Aviv

DAY 2 TEL AVIV • JAFFA • TEL AVIV

After breakfast meet your group and guide in the hotel lobby and start your tour. A visit to the “State of Mind” Innovation Center at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange: learn about cutting-edge developments by Israeli start-ups in fields such as science, medicine, security, space and more. A walk around the Old Port City of Jaffa, the oldest seaport in the world and home to a vibrant multiethnic community of Muslims, Christians and Jews: get to know the first Jewish city of the modern era, established in 1909.

A choice of two culinary tours that will introduce you to the very best of Tel Aviv’s food scene:
(12:30) (lunch not included \$)

Carmel market tasting tour – enjoy a fascinating variety of culinary riches, colorful spices and intriguing characters in the main market of Tel Aviv, where the flavors and scents of the old town combine with the young bustling atmosphere of the city’s central market.

Vegan culinary tour – Tel Aviv, the #1 vegan culinary destination in the world, is where traditional vegan and vegetarian cuisine and innovative young chefs meet, creating a one-of-a-kind savory adventure for food lovers, whether vegan or not.

A stroll along Rothschild Boulevard, the beating heart of Tel Aviv: home of The White City, Tel Aviv’s most prominent collection of Bauhaus (International Style) buildings. Built during the 1930s and the 1940s, this functional architecture not only created well-designed objects, but also a cohesive urban landscape that is unparalleled in the world. Evening is at leisure (B)

DAY 3 TEL AVIV - GALILEE

Israel’s beautiful coastline

Leave Tel Aviv and head north. Take in the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and once the administrative center of the Roman Empire for the Province of Judaea. The city and its archeological wonders are a testament to its significance throughout the ages. The ancient port, the Roman hippodrome and amphitheater and the impressive palace are among the many historical treasures in this fascinating ancient city.

The Kibbutz Experience – past and present – visit Ein Shemer kibbutz museum and experience a journey from the early days of the kibbutz to the present, and learn about the kibbutz way of life.

(12:00-13:00) Enjoy a delicious lunch in the kibbutz dining hall. (13:00-13:45)

Continue with a tour of innovation at Kibbutz Magal - visit the Netafim greenhouse innovation center, a pioneering enterprise in the field of drip irrigation technology. (13:45- 14:45) (BL/D)



Accommodation: Nea Resort at Shavey Zion *, or similar, for 2 nights in Galilee

DAY 4 GALILEE

The Sea of Galilee and Golan Heights

Drive to the city of Katzrin, the “Capital of the Golan Heights”. Walk through a Talmudic village and get a sense of what it was like to live in the times of ancient Israel. (9:30-10:30) Continue to the mystical city of Tzfat, the birthplace of the ancient Jewish mystical text, the Kabbalah. Stroll through the narrow, winding alleys and peek inside some of the beautiful synagogues. Browse through workshops and galleries in the flourishing artists' quarter. (11:20- 12:30)

Enjoy a tour and wine tasting at local Winery, a family-owned boutique winery in the Galilee. (12:45-13:45).

Drive to the Sea of Galilee and take a boat ride on the calm waters. (15:30- 16:15)

Dinner and Overnight (B/D)

DAY 5 GALILEE • AKKO • BAHAI • JERUSALEM

Explore the ancient crusader port city of Akko, the fascinating UNESCO heritage site, with new excavations revealing what life was like 1000 years ago. Visit the Crusader Halls and follow the underground tunnels. See the port and fortifications that enabled the inhabitants of the town to resist invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte. Spend time walking through the Arab Bazaar, reliving a Middle Visit the amazing Bahai Gardens in Haifa, comprising a staircase of 19 terraces extending all the way up the northern slope of Mount Carmel. At its heart stands the golden-domed Shrine of the Báb, which is the resting place of the Prophet-Herald of the Bahá'í Faith. Time permitting - Drive to the Druze village of Dalyet El Carmel, at the top of Mount Carmel. The Druze are Arab- speaking citizens of Israel and are renowned for their hospitality. Take a fascinating tour of the alleys and old quarter of the village. Drive to Jerusalem and check in at the hotel.

In the evening, experience a special “Shabbat of a Lifetime” dinner, with hospitality in the home of a local Jewish family. Enjoy a traditional meal as you hear about and observe the customs of the Jewish Shabbat. (Between 17:00 to 19:00 according to Summer/winter time) (B/D)

Accommodation: Leonardo Boutique Hotel, or similar 4*, 3 nights in Jerusalem

DAY 6 JERUSALEM • MASADA • DEAD SEA • JERUSALEM (SOUND & LIGHT SHOW)

Today you head east towards the Dead Sea, 1388 feet (423m) below sea level.

Visit the legendary mountaintop plateau of Masada - the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their struggle against the Romans in 73CE - overlooking the Dead Sea. Ascending by cable car to the ancient fortress, you will explore the site with its synagogue and bathhouse.

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at the Dead Sea shore. Cake yourself in mineral-rich mud and float in the buoyant waters. Lunch is included. (13:00)

Drive to a lookout point for a view of Wadi Qelt and the cliff-hanging Monastery of St. George; founded in the 5th Century and still active and inhabited by Greek Orthodox monks. Return to Jerusalem.





In the evening, enjoy the Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David – a creative depiction of the history of the city of Jerusalem projected onto the ancient stones (weather permitting – 19:00 to 20:30 up to availability). (B/L)

DAY 7 JERUSALEM OLD CITY

Start the day with an overview from the Mt. of Olives.

An exploration of the Old City of Jerusalem begins at the City of David, with its fascinating tunnels. See the newest exciting excavations revealing Jerusalem during the time of the 1st Temple period. (9:30)

Walk through the Old City and visit some of its famous sites, including the Western Wall and the Cardo, an ancient commercial street where you can still shop today.

Walk through the Arab Bazaar and experience traditional Middle Eastern life, with its rich colors, flavors, and smells. Take a rooftop tour of the Old City neighborhoods, for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities living alongside each other in this ancient walled city.

Walk along part of the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. According to traditions dating back to at least the 4th century, the church is the home of the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, known as "Calvary" or "Golgotha"; and Jesus's empty tomb, where he is said to have been buried and resurrected. Evening is at leisure (B)

DAY 8 JERUSALEM NEW CITY

Visit Yad Vashem, considered to be the world's primary Holocaust memorial and museum. Take a tour of the new Holocaust History Museum, which occupies over 4,200 square meters, mainly underground. Visit the moving exhibit at the Children's Pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million Jewish children in the Holocaust. From Yad Vashem, move on to the Israel Museum. There you will see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition, and view the famous Model of Jerusalem, depicting the city as it was in the 2nd Temple period.

Optional - visit to Bethlehem. See the Church of the Nativity and the remains of ancient Bethlehem (beneath the Greek Monastery), from the times of Christ (Around lunch time 14:00) (B/D)

OR

Leisure time at Mammilla Mall or on Ben Yehuda Street.

Meet up again for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (18:00/18:30)

DAY 9 JERUSALEM • TEL AVIV • EILAT (Tuesday)

Transfer to Ben Gourion airport for your flight to Eilat. Arrive in Eilat and rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the seaside. (B)

Accommodation: HERODS EILAT for 2 nights

DAY 10 EILAT – PETRA (JORDAN)

Today, enjoy a tour of Petra on a Bus tour. Transfer to the Arava border crossing into Jordan to visit the Rose City of Petra. Includes horse ride in Petra, and lunch. Return to Eilat (Israel) by end of day. (B/L)

DAY 11 EILAT • TEL AVIV

Enjoy your morning at leisure before your flight to Tel Aviv. Make sure to check what time your international flight departs. (B)



INCLUSIONS

- Return airport transfers with driver only, no guide
- English speaking local guide
- 10 night accommodation in double occupancy at 4* hotels
- 18 Meals: 10 Israeli buffet breakfasts at hotels, and the following meals:
 - Day 1- Dinner at the hotel in Tel Aviv - meeting with the group (at 7pm)
 - Day 3- Lunch at the Kibbutz
 - Day 3- Dinner at the hotel
 - Day 4- Dinner at the hotel
 - Day 5- Special Shabbat dinner at local Jewish family in Jerusalem (Friday)
 - Day 6- Lunch at Dead Sea local restaurant
 - Day 8- Farewell dinner at local restaurant
 - Day 10 – Lunch in Petra
- Visits and excursions as per itinerary in a shared vehicle
- Entrance fees to visits included

Not included • International airfare • Departure Tax USD65 per person • Visa for Jordan USD60 per person • Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers • Beverages • Optional excursions.



Note:

This is a join-in English speaking tour. Minimum 2 passengers are required to guarantee the departure. The maximum number of participants is unknown at time of booking. A private guided tour is possible for a supplement \$.

* Note: Bethlehem is under Palestinian authority and any planned visit may be cancelled. A visa is required to enter Jordan.

Minimum 2 passengers required Price per person in double occupancy	Starting from \$
Monday departures 2021	Land package
March 8	4349
April 19	4349
May 3, May 24	4449
June 21	4449
August 23	4649
October 4, October 25	4499
November 15	4449
December 13	4149
SUPPLEMENT (\$)	1800
SINGLE ROOM (min 2pax needed on tour)	

CITY	HOTELS OR SIMILAR
TEL AVIV	Tal by the Beach 4*
GALILEE	Nea Resort at Shavey Zion 4*
JERUSALEM	Leonardo Boutique 4*
EILAT	Herod's Palace Eilat 4*

Prices in this document are for information only; they were issued at press time, for the current year. Please note that due to exchange rates and temporary promotions, they can increase or decrease at any time. Contact your travel agent for the price and promotion of the moment