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Tours*

JOURNEY TO ISRAEL



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9 OR 12 DAYS

Israel • Extension to Jordan

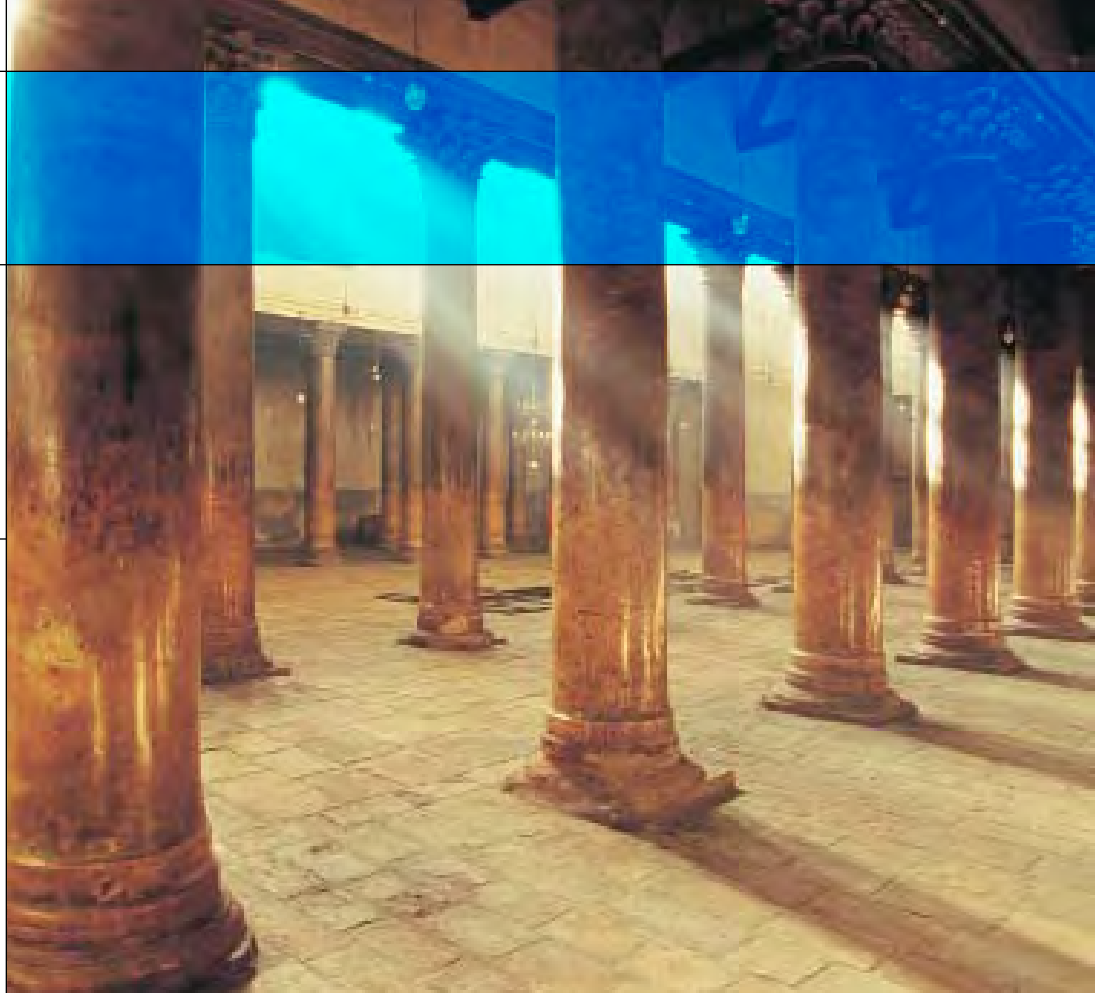
PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (plus 3 nights with extension)
- 1 night accommodations in a Bedouin camp
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time, bilingual professional tour guide
- Select guides and entrances to special attractions as per itinerary

OPTIONAL:

- Jeep Adventure

* PLEASE NOTE: Education visits will be scheduled subject to availability and confirmed prior to departure date.



History comes alive as you explore the ancient temples in Israel.

Explore the incomparable land of Israel, where tradition and innovation create a truly unique culture. Begin in Tel Aviv, where a major metropolis thrives amid the eclectic Bauhaus-style architecture that has designated Tel Aviv a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue on with visits to Bethlehem, Nazareth and Haifa, including a visit to the legendary Qumran Caves, known for the Dead Sea Scrolls. Your journey will provide an in-depth look into Israel's ancient roots so you can understand the future of this complex and intriguing land.

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to Israel • Relax as you fly across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Tel Aviv

Arrival in Tel Aviv • Welcome to Tel Aviv, Israel's cosmopolitan city by the sea. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your full-time professional tour guide, who will remain with you throughout your stay. A private motorcoach then takes you to your comfortable hotel for check-in.

Walking Tour of Jaffa (time permitting) • Discover the Old Town of Jaffa, an ancient port city. As the story goes, this was where the prophet Jonah started the journey that left him in the belly of a whale and where Andromeda was tied to a rock as a sacrifice to a sea monster, before later being saved by Perseus.

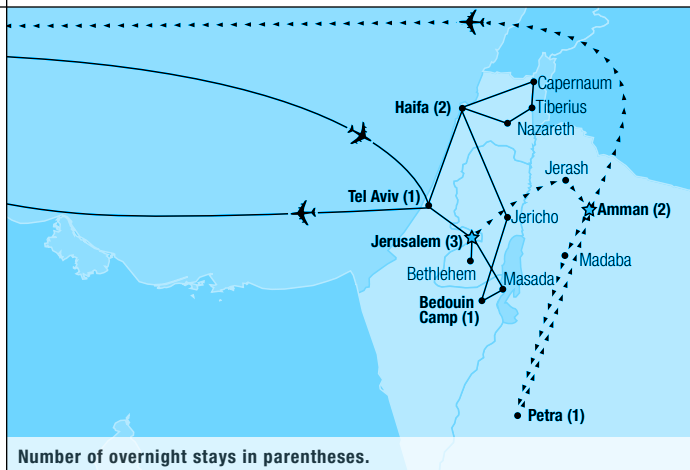
Day 3 Tel Aviv • Haifa

Sightseeing of Tel Aviv • This morning, your tour guide introduces you to Tel Aviv, the first Hebrew city. Take in the city's trademark Bauhaus architecture with stops at Robin Square, Independence Hall and Rothschild Boulevard, one of Tel Aviv's most picturesque avenues.

Transfer to Haifa via Caesarea and Acre •

On your journey north to Haifa, stop in Caesarea to view the dramatic ancient ruins by the sea. Take time to visit both the ancient theater and the Hippodrome. Then, make your way to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Acre to see the Crusaders' Hall.

Arrive in Haifa • Built on the slopes of Mount Carmel, Haifa offers a glimpse into the past, boasting some of the most ancient remains in the region. Today, your tour guide will lead you on a tour through Haifa which includes photostops at Haifa Bay, Mount Carmel and the Hanging Bahai Gardens. You will also see Elijah's Cave, where he hid from King Ahab and fought the false Baal prophets.



Castles, forts and temples mark the landscape of Israel.

Day 4 Haifa

Excursion to Nazareth, Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee • Begin today's journey in bustling Nazareth, which was once no more than a small village in biblical times. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and Old Synagogue with Mary's Well, a holy Christian site where Mary was told that she would be the mother of Jesus. Stop in Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle, as you continue north to explore Mount Eremos (also known as the Mount of Beatitudes). In Tiberius, enjoy a short boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to ancient Capernaum. Here you will visit the Roman ruins, including an ancient synagogue and the House of St. Peter. In Tabgha, see the site where the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish took place as you make the final ascent to the summit of the Mount of Beatitudes.

Education Visit: Visit a local university* • Meet with students at a local university.

Days 5 Arad • Hanokdim Village

Transfer to the Dead Sea region • Take in your last views of Mount Carmel as you leave Haifa and drive along the Jordan Valley toward the Dead Sea, a historically well-known salt lake situated between Israel and the West Bank. Travel south to Qumran and visit the Quarantal Monastery, the site where the first Dead Sea scrolls were found in 1947. If there is time this afternoon, enjoy floating on the Dead Sea.

Optional Jeep Adventure • Opt to join a safari by Jeep this afternoon to explore the wonders of this desert region.

Bedouin Dinner • Join the festivities this evening by experiencing an authentic Bedouin dinner, including a camel ride, tea service and a chance to meet the locals before spending the night in a Bedouin camp.

Day 6 Jerusalem

Transfer to Jerusalem • Today brings you to the holy city of Jerusalem. On your way, stop at the Fortress of Masada, which served as the stronghold of the last resistance against the Romans. Journey up to the fortress by cable car and take some time to explore the site before continuing on to Jerusalem.

Walking tour of the Mount of Olives • After arriving in Jerusalem, ascend the Mount of Olives for a view of the city and visits to the Church of Pater Noster, the Church of Dominus Flevit and the Chapel of Ascension, before entering the Garden of Gethsemane.

Day 7 Jerusalem

Excursion to Bethlehem • Spend the morning in Bethlehem, revered as the birthplace of Jesus. On your tour, you'll stop at the notable Church of Nativity, the Milk Grotto and the Shepherds' Fields.

Free time in Jerusalem • This afternoon, discover Jerusalem at your own pace.

Day 8 Jerusalem

Walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem • Your first stop is at Temple Mount, one of the holiest sites for Jews and Muslims. Back in the city, walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall and the Via Dolorosa to the Church of Holy Sepulcher. Finally, venture into the Muslim, Christian and Armenian quarters before indulging in the many wonders of the Oriental Bazaar.

Free time in Jerusalem • This afternoon is the perfect opportunity to explore museums, historical sites, or to purchase last-minute souvenirs from local merchants.

Day 9 Home

Return home • Your tour guide assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

EXTENSION

Day 9 Jordan • Amman

Transfer to Jordan via the Jordan Valley • Travel through the Jordan Valley and cross over the Sheikh Hussein Bridge on your way to Jordan. Stop in the Greco-Roman city of Jerash before continuing to Amman, the capital. Jordan encompasses verdant and arid landscapes and possesses relics of some of the world's oldest civilizations.

Day 10 Petra

Transfer to Petra • En route to Petra, explore Madaba, the City of Mosaics and St. George's Church. Next, head to Mount Nebo, Moses' burial place, before ascending Wadi Mujib. Arrive in Petra, one of the newest Seven Wonders of the World, and embark on a magical tour of Petra by night!

Day 11 Petra • Amman

Sightseeing of Petra • Join your tour guide today for a sightseeing of ancient Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985. Renowned for its rock-cut architecture, you will have the chance to discover the secrets of this legendary lost city. This evening return to Amman for your last night in Jordan.

Day 12 Home

Return home • Your tour guide assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

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