

Experience Israel



Day 1: Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport:

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion airport, you are met, assisted and transferred to hotel in Tiberias

Day 2: Travel to Capernaum:

Board a boat to travel on the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar to view the remains of an ancient wooden fishing vessel dating to the time of Christ. Then travel to Capernaum, a lake-side village frequently referred to in the New Testament as home of St. Peter and a site of Jesus Christ's preaching. Continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Visit both the Church of the Primacy which contains a large rock (Mensa Christi) upon which Jesus shared meals with His disciples. Ascend to the Mount of Beatitudes, the location of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Visit Yardenit, the beautiful Baptismal site where the Jordan flows from the lake. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 3: Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation:

Drive to Nazareth, boyhood home of Jesus. Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, where Mass will be celebrated in the Grotto, the Synagogue Church, the Church of St. Joseph and Mary's Well, where the Archangel Gabriel announced the Incarnation. Continue to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the wedding celebration and where you, too, may renew your own vows. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 4: Travel to Bethlehem:

Travel to Bethlehem, birthplace of King David and Jesus Christ, visit the Manger, Crusaders' Cloister and the Grotto of St. Jerome. View the caves in Shepherds' Field and the fields of Boaz. Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to visit the Church of the Visitation. Drive to the Model City

which explains "the look" of Jerusalem during the time of Christ. Visit the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book which houses the original manuscripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls. End your day atop Mount Zion; visit the Upper Room, the Tomb of King David, the Pool of Siloam and Caiaphas' House (St. Peter in Gallicantu). Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Day 5: Visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne:

Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate. Visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda (where Jesus healed the lame man), Pilate's Judgment Hall and the Chapel of Flagellation (Lithostrotos). View the Arch of Ecce Homo and visit the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. Begin the Stations of the Cross as you follow the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 6: Visit the Inn of the Good Samaritan:

Descend through the Judean Wilderness to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on Earth. En route, visit the Inn of the Good Samaritan. Travel along the water's edge to Massada, King Herod the Great's fortress/palace built in the midst of the desert. Ascend by cable car to view the exquisitely restored archaeological remains. Time to enjoy and sample the unique buoyancy of the highly therapeutic Dead Sea waters. View Qumran, the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 7: Drive to TEL AVIV:

Drive to TEL AVIV for a full day sightseeing of Jaffa, visiting Old Port of Jaffa, the artist Colony and the Flea Market. Continue to Tel Aviv visiting Neve Tzedek, Rothchild Avenue and the Tel Aviv "SOHO". Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 8: Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport.:

After breakfast at hotel check out from hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion airport.



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