

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD

## HOLYLAND TOUR OF ISRAEL

### *SUNDAY ARRIVAL*



#### **Day 1**

##### **Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv**

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by a ITC Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

#### **Day 2**

Caesarea / Acre

Megiddo / Haifa /

Depart Tel Aviv and drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of the ancient city, Roman theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo, visit the archeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system.

Drive to Haifa; view the Persian Gardens at the Bahai Shrine. From Haifa, drive to Acre to visit the ancient city and harbor. Continue to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight.

#### **Day 3**

Tiberias / Capernaum / Banias

After a short tour of Tiberias, take a boat ride to Capernaum. Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha, the site of the "Miracle of Fish and Loaves" and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

#### Sunday Arrival

##### **7 NIGHT TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Transfer on arrival / departure (from/to BG Airport)
- 7 nights accommodation in comfortable & desirable locations
- 6 touring days in deluxe motor coach as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to the sites visited as per itinerary
- Government educated and certified bilingual guide

#### **SIGHTSEEING**

**Monday:** Caesarea / Megiddo / Haifa / Acre

**Tuesday:** Capernaum / Tiberias / Banias

**Wednesday:** Nazareth / Beit Shean

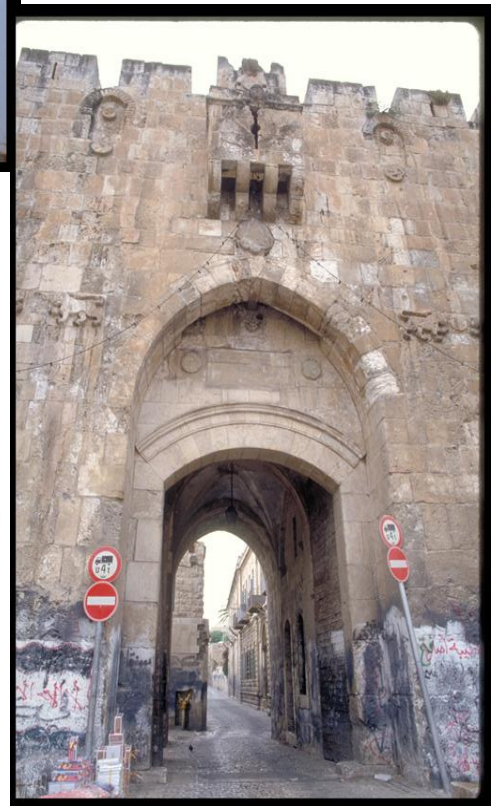
**Thursday:** Jerusalem,, Old City

**Friday:** Jerusalem, New City / Bethlehem

**Saturday:** Dead Sea / Massada

**Sunday:** Jerusalem / Ben Gurion Airport





Drive to the Banias Springs and waterfalls and tour the Golan Heights. Return to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight.

**Day 4**

Nazareth / Beit Shean

Drive to Nazareth via Cana of Galilee. Visit the Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's workshop and Mary's Well. Drive to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan River. Continue to Beit Shean, a newly excavated city, and visit the Roman theatre. Drive along the Jordan River to Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 5**

**Jerusalem - Old City**

Drive to Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the city; visit the Church of All Nations, King David's Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper on Mount Zion. Enter within the walls of the Old City and visit the Cardo, Temple Mount (entrance to the mosques not included), Western

Wall, Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Oriental Bazaar and Garden Tomb.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 6**

**Jerusalem/New City/Bethlehem\***

Drive to Ein Kerem to visit the Church of Visitation; proceed to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust; visit the Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Proceed to Bethlehem \* to visit the Church of Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 7**

**Dead Sea / Masada**

Drive to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth to Massada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the

destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Return to Jerusalem for overnight.

**Day 8**

Jerusalem / Ben Gurion Airport  
Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

\* visit subject to availability

## Holyland Tour - 7 Nights

HOTEL PLAN	Plan A		Plan B		Plan C		Plan D	
TEL AVIV	Dan Panorama		Grand Beach		Tal		Deborah	
GALILEE	Kibbutz Lavi Hod wing		Kibbutz Lavi Hod wing		Kibbutz Lavi Lev wing		Kibbutz Lavi Lev wing	
JERUSALEM	Dan Panorama		Grand Court		Leonardo Inn		Park	
Tours starting on	Per person		Per person		Per person		Per person	
2012	in Double	in Single	in Double	in Single	in Double	in Single	in Double	in Single
Mar 4 11 18 25	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,194	1,528
Apr 15 22 29	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,194	1,528
May 6 13 20	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,194	1,528
May 27	1,722	2,396	1,417	1,971	1,276	1,684	1,208	1,544
Jun 3 10 17 24	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,160	1,467
Jul 1 8 15 22	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,160	1,467
Jul 29	1,791	2,445	1,431	1,931	1,290	1,740	1,205	1,554
Aug 5 12 19	1,864	2,572	1,484	2,020	1,321	1,771	1,219	1,577
Aug 26	1,810	2,523	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,160	1,467
Sep 2 9	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,160	1,467
Sep 16	1,752	2,427	1,448	1,948	1,307	1,715	1,222	1,528
Oct 7	1,739	2,121	1,417	1,917	1,276	1,684	1,225	1,559
Oct 14 21 28	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,194	1,528
Nov 4 11 18	1,691	2,366	1,386	1,886	1,246	1,653	1,194	1,528
Nov 25	1,562	2,118	1,377	1,876	1,237	1,645	1,152	1,458
Dec 2 9 16	1,562	2,118	1,377	1,876	1,237	1,645	1,152	1,458
Dec 23 30	1,829	2,575	1,377	1,876	1,237	1,645	1,152	1,458
2013								
Jan 6 13 20 27	1,562	2,118	1,377	1,876	1,237	1,654	1,152	1,458
Feb 3 10 17	1,562	2,118	1,377	1,876	1,237	1,654	1,152	1,458
Feb 24	1,610	2,213	1,377	1,876	1,237	1,645	1,152	1,458
Child sharing room with parents, Half Board basis	Plan A		Plan B		Plan C		Plan D	
	18 years		12 years		18 years		12 years	
All departures	1,099		999		949		899	

## Temperatures in Israel

City		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Jerusalem	F	43-53	44-57	47-61	53-69	60-77	63-81	66-84	66-86	65-82	60-78	54-67	47-56
Tel Aviv	F	49-65	48-66	51-69	54-72	63-77	67-83	70-86	72-86	69-89	59-83	54-76	47-66
Haifa	F	49-63	47-64	47-70	55-78	58-76	64-82	68-86	70-86	68-85	60-8	56-74	48-65
Tiberias	F	48-65	49-67	51-72	56-80	62-89	68-95	73-98	75-99	71-95	65-89	59-78	53-68
Eilat	F	49-70	51-73	56-79	63-87	69-95	75-99	77-103	79-104	75-98	69-92	61-83	51-74
Dead Sea	F	53-68	56-72	61-78	68-85	75-93	80-99	83-102	83-101	81-96	75-90	65-80	56-71

### DISTANCES ARE SHORT

Israel is a small country. Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa can easily be reached on leisure touring days without changing hotels, this being particularly important for short visits. Modern air-conditioned touring buses, minibuses and limousines are available to ensure speedy and comfortable transportation. Drivers and guides are knowledgeable and experienced. Public transport is excellent. Taxis are easily found.

### CLOTHING

As a rule, dress in Israel is extremely informal, so casual for daytime, informal for evenings. Bring lightweight clothing, head covering, comfortable walking shoes and swimwear. Modest attire for visits to religious sites is required. In Jerusalem or other hilly areas, a light jacket is good.

### SHOPPING

In Israel's major cities, shops are usually open from 9 am until at least 7 pm from Sunday through Thursday. The afternoon break or siesta between 1 pm and 4 pm is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. More and more shopping malls are being built around the country, offering even more flexible hours and a cool, air conditioned environment in which to browse items such as leather, gold, jewelry and diamonds (Israel is the No. 1 exporter of diamonds). On Fridays, shops usually close between 2 pm - 3:30 pm and most Jewish establishments do not open on Saturdays.

### BANKING AND CURRENCY

Banks are open every morning from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Some Commercial and Tourist branches are open until 2 pm, and most banks offer afternoon banking hours from 4 pm - 6 pm two days a week (varying according to the bank). All banks are closed on Saturdays and Jewish Holidays, but most have automatic tellers accepting most major international credit cards, against which cash may be withdrawn. The unit of currency is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS) usually referred to as "shekels" and come in a variety of denominations.

### VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

VAT exemption or refund generally applies to goods and services paid by tourists in foreign currency. VAT is refunded on purchased provided that receipts and refund form are presented with the merchandise at the airport bank.

### TIME

Israel's standard time is two hours ahead of GMT, one hour ahead of mid-European time, and seven hours ahead of USA Eastern Standard Time.

### ELECTRICITY

Power supply is 220 volt, AC 50 cycles, although most major Hotels usually offer a built-in 110 volt electric razor transformer.

### LANGUAGES

Although Hebrew and Arabic are Israel's official languages, just standing at a street corner can be an experience: Passers-by conversing in Hebrew,

Arabic, French, Russian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, Hungarian, Italian and English - Israel's adopted second language, spoken so extensively that even street signs are also in English.

### CUISINE

Due to the cosmopolitan composition of its population, cuisine in Israel is equally varied and restaurants may be found offering delicacies from all over the world. Based on traditional Jewish dietary law, Kosher cuisine, or "Kashrut", is observed in almost all hotels and many restaurants.

### EASY TO GET TO

Israel is extremely accessible from almost anywhere in the world, with daily direct flight operating from Europe, North America and many destinations in Africa, Asia and the Far East. Many Cruise ships touring the Mediterranean offer Israel as one of the ports of call (Haifa or Ashdod) and there are also regular sailings of ferries to these ports from Greece, Cyprus and beyond. Overland travel from Egypt or Jordan is also an option.

### PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

In most cases, visitors from North America and Western European countries will be granted a visa automatically upon arrival. For specific details, check with the local Israeli embassy or consulate. For visitors who so request, the visa may be stamped not in the passport but issued on a separate document.