

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD HOLYLAND TOUR OF ISRAEL *WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL*



## Day 1 -

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met by your ITC Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem

## Day 2 - 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 Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter within the walls of the city and visit the Cardo, Temple Mount (entrance to the mosques not included), Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, oriental Bazaar. Visit the Garden Tomb.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

## Day 3 - Jerusalem & Bethlehem\*

Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of Visitation; proceed to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the holocaust; Visit the Israel museum, the 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 4 - Dead Sea / Masada

Drive to Qumeran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Visit the ancient city of Qumeran and drive along the shore 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 Mt. Masada by cable car and visit the food storerooms, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Return to Jerusalem for overnight.

## Wednesday Arrival

### 7 NIGHT TOUR INCLUDES:

- Transfer on arrival and departure (from/to Ben Gurion 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**

Day 2: Jerusalem—Old City

Day 3: Jerusalem—New City

Day 4 - Masada & Dead Sea

Day 5: Beit Shean & Nazareth

Day 6 - Tiberias & Capernaum

Day 7 - Acre, Haifa & Caesarea

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to Kibbutz Hotel for overnight

**Day 5 - Beit Shean & Nazareth**

Depart Jerusalem and drive via the Jordan Vally to Beit Shean , a newly excavated city, and visit the Roman theatre. Drive to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan river; Continue to Nazareth via Cana of Galilee. Visit the Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Overnight in Kibbutz Hotel

**Day 6 - Tiberias & Capernaum**

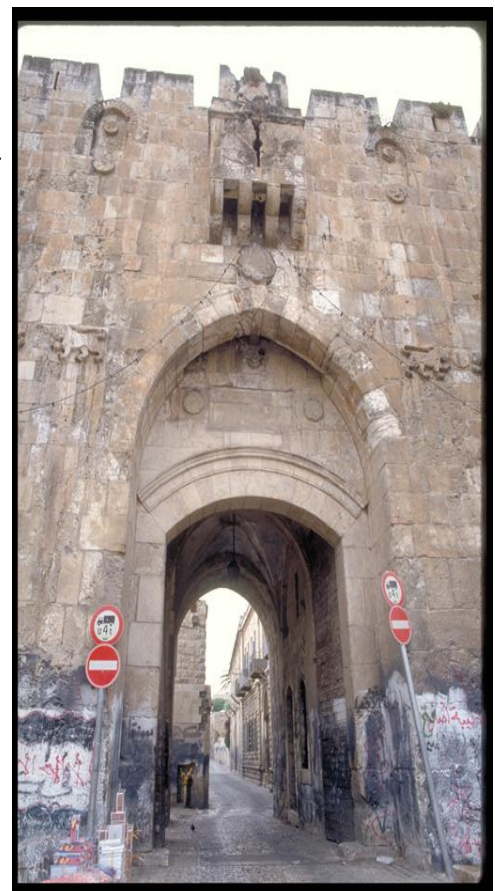
After a short tour of Tiberias, we take a boat ride to Capernaum. Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to mount of beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Springs and waterfalls and tour the Golan Heights. Return

**Day 7 - Acre, Haifa & Caesarea**

Drive to Acre to visit the ancient city and harbor. Continue to Haifa to view the Persian Gardens at the Bahai Temple. Continue to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon to visit the archeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Drive to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of the ancient city, the Roman Theatre and aqueduct. Drive along the coastal plain to Tel Aviv. Overnight in Tel Aviv

**Day 8 -**

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for Departure.



## 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 7 14 21 28	1,642	2,317	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,145	1,479
Apr 18 25	1,642	2,317	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,145	1,479
May 2 9 16	1,642	2,317	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,145	1,479
May 23	1,703	2,378	1,399	1,899	1,258	1,666	1,206	1,541
May 30	1,664	2,339	1,360	1,860	1,197	1,604	1,134	1,485
Jun 6 13 20 27	1,664	2,339	1,360	1,860	1,197	1,604	1,134	1,485
Jul 4 11 18 25	1,664	2,339	1,360	1,860	1,197	1,604	1,134	1,485
Aug 1 8 15	1,815	2,523	1,435	1,971	1,272	1,722	1,170	1,528
Aug 22 29	1,770	2,478	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,111	1,418
Sep 5	1,642	2,317	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,111	1,418
Oct 10 17 24 31	1,642	2,317	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,145	1,479
Nov 7 14 21	1,642	2,317	1,337	1,837	1,197	1,604	1,145	1,479
Nov 28	1,554	2,149	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
Dec 5 12 19	1,554	2,149	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
Dec 26	1,780	2,526	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
Jan 2	1,780	2,526	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
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Jan 9 16 23 30	1,513	2,069	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
Feb 6 13 20	1,513	2,069	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
Feb 27	1,584	2,212	1,328	1,827	1,188	1,596	1,103	1,409
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.