



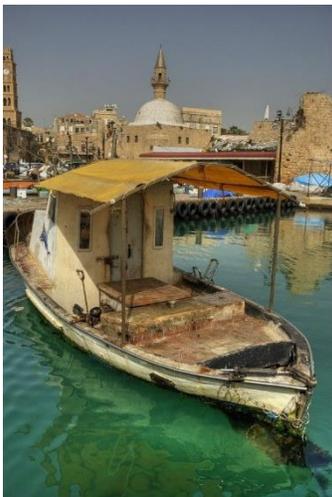
Itinerary At-A-Glance

Itinerary Map & Details:

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, includes all admission charges where applicable.

Day 1 Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel:

Welcome to Tel Aviv! Enjoy this evening's welcome dinner, hosted by your Tour Director, who will introduce you to your upcoming spiritual journey.



Day 2 Tel Aviv-Jaffa-Caesarea-Megiddo-Muhraqa-Sea of Galilee:

Your tour of the Holy Land begins in Jaffa with a walk through the beautifully restored ANCIENT PORT, where medieval pilgrims started their strenuous 2-day trek to Jerusalem. Next is Caesarea, the perfect place to learn about the Roman and Crusader presence in the country. Visit the archaeological site with the ROMAN AMPHITHEATER and the impressive medieval CRUSADER FORTRESS, and see Herod's Stadium and harbor. In the afternoon, travel to the ancient fortified city of MEGIDDO-one of the world's most important biblical sites. According to the New Testament, the Battle of Armageddon) will be the final struggle between good and evil, prompting the return of Jesus to defeat the Antichrist and cast Satan into the abyss.

Day 2 Continued: Continue north, to Mount Carmel, considered the most holy of all mountains in ancient times. At Muhraqa, site of Elijah's contest of faith with the priests of Baal, enjoy a sweeping panoramic view of the fertile Jezreel Valley, where Gideon led the Israelites to victory against the Midianites. Arrive at your hotel in Tiberias on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Day 3 Sea of Galilee. Excursion to Cana & Nazareth:

Next, visit CANA, the site of Jesus' wedding miracle turning water into wine. Even now, many couples renew their wedding vows at this sacred place. On to Nazareth, the Virgin Mary's home village, and where Jesus spent part of his childhood. Visit the CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION; ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, built over Joseph's carpentry workshop; and pass by Mary's Well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel, where the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus. Later enjoy a CRUISE on the Sea of Galilee and see an ancient fishing boat, said to be from the time of Christ.



Day 4 Sea of Galilee-Mt Of Beatitudes-Tabgha-Capernaum-Magdala-Jordan River-Bet She'an-Jerusalem:

Much of Jesus' ministry occurred on the shores surrounding the Sea of Galilee. It is where he recruited four of his apostles, walked on water, calmed the storm, and fed the multitude.

Visit the MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Next, visit the CHURCH OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES AND FISHES at Tabgha, as well as the CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S PRIMACY, where Jesus instructed Peter "to feed my lambs and tend my sheep." Warm springs once flowed into the sea here, attracting fish, which is why Peter came here to earn a living. On to CAPERNAUM, where Jesus recruited his first followers among the fishermen. Continue to MAGDALA, a city dating back to the first century and where Jesus taught in the synagogue. Via the ruins of Kursi, which memorialize two of Jesus' miracles, arrive at the Jordan River and visit a BAPTISMAL SITE. Then, pass through the ancient city of Bet She'an, one of the cities of the Decapolis with its well-preserved Roman amphitheater. The city is located at the foot of Mt Gilboa, where King Saul and his son died by their own hands in battle with the Philistines. On the way to Jerusalem, stop for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Holy City, considered one of the oldest places in the world, with a history dating back as far as 4000 BC.

Day 5 Jerusalem. Excursion to Ein Karem, Bethlehem & The Garden Tomb:

This morning, drive to Ein Karem and visit the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST and the CHURCH OF VISITATION, said to be built over the home of John the Baptist's parents. Enjoy a beautiful view of the valley and surrounding wooded hills. Continue to Bethlehem and see Shepherd's Field, where the angels announced the birth of Jesus.

Next, visit the CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY on the site where Jesus was born. On the way back to Jerusalem, visit the GARDEN TOMB.



Day 6 Jerusalem. Excursion to The Old City:

After a stunning view of the city from the revered MOUNT OF OLIVES, start your guided walking tour. Via the Chapel of Dominus Flevit, designed in the shape of a teardrop to symbolize the tears of Christ, arrive at the GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, where Jesus prayed the night before his arrest.

Nearby are the Cave of the Assumption of Mary, believed to be the Virgin Mary's tomb; and the Cave of Betrayal, where Judas betrayed Jesus. Follow the VIA DOLOROSA with its nine Stations of the Cross, marking the path Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. At Golgotha, visit the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE, erected on the site of the crucifixion and which houses the remaining five Stations of the Cross. Walk past the Temple Mount to see the Dome of the Rock, which is sacred to both the Jewish and Muslim people. On to the WESTERN WALL, the only remnant of the Second Temple, then stroll through the restored Jewish Quarter to MOUNT ZION and visit the UPPER ROOM, where Jesus and his disciples had the Last Supper; the TOMB OF KING DAVID; and the HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS, where Jesus was kept the night after his arrest and where Peter denied knowing him three times.

Day 7 Jerusalem:

Spend a full day at leisure, with time to attend a worship service at one of Jerusalem's churches. Later, maybe join an optional excursion that includes a visit to the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls; the Holocaust Memorial at Yad Vashem; and the Inn of the Good Samaritan.





Day 8 Jerusalem. Excursion To Masada & The Dead Sea:

Today, travel through the Judean wilderness to the Dead Sea, the planet's lowest point on dry land. Enjoy the scenery as you follow the road between the salty water and majestic desert mountains. Catch glimpses of the Caves of Qumran, where the precious Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Ascend by CABLE CAR to the spectacular clifftop FORTRESS OF MASADA, and hear how 960 Jewish rebels made their last stand against Roman forces. Around lunchtime, reach your comfortable DEAD SEA RESORT for free time to experience the incredible buoyancy in the heavy saltwater. Return to Jerusalem, and join your traveling companions one last time at tonight's farewell dinner to celebrate the blessings you experienced on your Holy Land adventure.

Day 9 Jerusalem:

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (The nearest airport is Tel Aviv.)

