

Highlights of Israel & Petra

9 days / 8 nights

From
\$3125

Per Person - Double occupancy - Plan C
All Dates

The Package Includes :

- Transfer from Ben Gurion airport to Tel Aviv hotel, on shared basis
- 8 nights' accommodation in double occupancy
- 8 breakfasts at the hotels
- 7 touring days on a join-in basis, with an English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to the sites visited
- Domestic flights: Tel Aviv-Eilat-Tel Aviv
- Transfers in Eilat (from Ramon Airport to hotel in Eilat on Saturday, and from border to Ramon Airport on Sunday)
- Transfer from Tel Aviv hotel to Ben Gurion airport, on shared basis

The Package Does Not Include :

- Border taxes and visa for Jordan (total of USD130p.p. to be paid on the day of the tour)
- Meals and beverages unless mentioned
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel or restaurant personnel
- Personal expenses
- International airfare



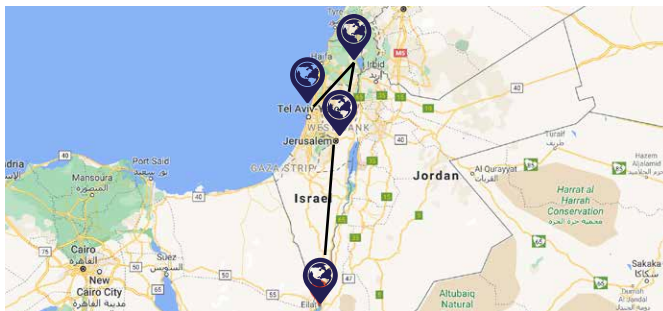
Day 1, Sunday: Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 2, Monday: Tel Aviv - Beer Sheba - Masada - Dead Sea

Meet your tour guide in the morning and depart from Tel Aviv, driving south, passing by the cities of Ashdod and Ashkelon to Beersheba, for a short visit of the capital of the Negev Desert. Continue via Arad to Masada, Israel's foremost archaeological park.



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Day 2 (continued)

Ascend via cable-car for a visit that gives insight to the rituals, politics and culture of the people who inhabited this desert fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod's palaces, the synagogue, bathhouse and cisterns, and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Descend to the lowest place on earth – the Dead Sea, to experience the mineral-rich black mud and to float in its salty waters. Passing by the oasis of Ein Gedi, proceed through the Judean Desert to Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3, Tuesday: Jerusalem (New City)

Start the day at the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Enjoy Ein Karem, a picturesque village in the southwestern outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great significance in Christian traditions, since this is where John the Baptist was born. Visit Yad Vashem the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, established in 1953, located at the foot of Mt. Hertzl. Visit Bethlehem * - the birthplace of Jesus at the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Return to your Jerusalem hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 4, Wednesday: Jerusalem (Old City)

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem where you will see the Western Wall and the actual site of the Second Temple, the Temple Mount. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, housing both the traditional site of Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection. To the southwest, just outside the Old City, is Mount Zion, with the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem - the holy city for each of the world's three great religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam, from atop the Mount of Olives. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas



betrayed Jesus. In the heart of a neighborhood in downtown Jerusalem, visit Mahane Yehuda to experience the flavors, aromas, colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds, at the largest open market in Israel. Return to your Jerusalem hotel.

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Day 5, Thursday: Beit Shean - Nazareth - Safed

Leave Jerusalem and drive north passing by Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Travel through the Jordan Valley and the new settlements to Beit Shean and visit the excavations of this beautifully preserved Roman City. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and Christian holy sites. Proceed to Safed, city of the Kabbalah and center of Jewish mysticism, to visit the beautiful streets of the artists' colony.

Overnight in a kibbutz hotel in the Galilee

Day 6, Friday: Golan Heights / Sea of Galilee

Drive up to the Golan Heights passing by Banias, source of the Jordan River, former Syrian fortifications and the Druze villages. Enjoy an Israeli wine country experience, with vineyards surrounded by breathtaking views. Become acquainted with the



collection of fine and rare wines, with wine tasting and understanding the wine production process. Descend to the shore of the Sea of Galilee and proceed to Capernaum to visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue, the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the 'Sermon on the Mount' and Tabgha, the traditional site of the 'miracle of loaves and fish'. Continue to Tiberias, the old center of Jewish learning. Optional sailing on the Sea of Galilee to experience the tranquility and the little changed scenery of the past 2000 years (subject to conditions and fee).

Overnight in a kibbutz hotel in the Galilee

Day 7, Saturday: Acre - Haifa - Caesarea - Eilat

After breakfast drive through the hills of the Galilee, westwards to Acre (Akko) for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa, ascending Mount Carmel for a panoramic view of the city, including the Baha'i Shrine, Persian Garden, and Haifa Bay. Proceed along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea to visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader fortress known as the "masterpiece of Herod the Great". Continue to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv for a short flight to Ramon Airport, Eilat and transfer to Eilat, the Red Sea resort.

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Day 8, Sunday: Eilat - Petra Jordan - Tel Aviv

After breakfast leave Eilat, Israel and cross into Jordan at the Arava border. Drive to Petra through the scenic Jordanian desert, passing by the Wadi Rum area. Enter the Rose City of Petra through the Siq, a narrow passage through the mountains that has inspired people for centuries. The Treasury suddenly appears at the end of the gorge, leaving visitors breath taken by its size, color and beauty. Continue into the heart of this ancient city carved into the mountains, passing hundreds of tombs and monuments and a spectacular

Amphitheatre, which once held 3,000 spectators. Exit the city and stop for a sit-down lunch in Wadi Musa - the new town of Petra, followed by a visit to Moses Spring before leaving. Drive to Aqaba for a short city tour before returning to the Arava border and back to Ramon Airport, Eilat for a return flight to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. Transfer from Tel Aviv airport to your Tel Aviv hotel for an overnight.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 9, Monday: Tel Aviv / Ben Gurion Airport

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

Hotels or similar

* Visit subject to security conditions.

** Program sequence is subject to change without advance notice.

City	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C
Tel Aviv	Carlton or Sheraton, 5*	Crowne Plaza or Dan Panorama 4+*	Metropolitan 4*
Galilee	Kibbutz hotel (superior), 4*	Kibbutz hotel (superior), 4*	Kibbutz hotel, 4*
Jerusalem	David Citadel or Mamila, 5*	Crowne Plaza or Dan Panorama, 4+*	Grand Court or Leonardo, 4*
Eilat	Herods 5*	Dan Panorama or Crowne Plaza, 4+*	Vista or Soleil Boutique, 3+*

Land package rates per person, double occupancy

Dates (Sunday)	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2021	\$ 4500	\$ 3650	\$ 3125
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021			
December 5, 12, 2021			
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022			
February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022			
Single room supplement	On request		

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