

# 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

**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

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.





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**

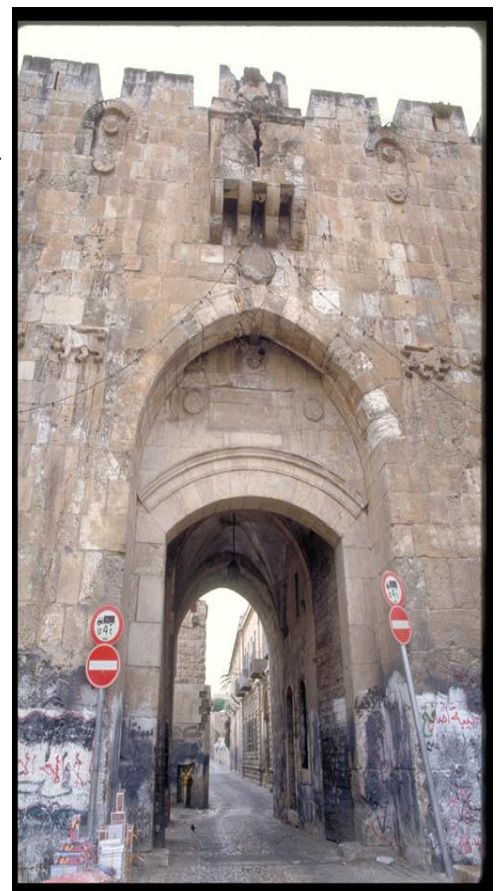
After a short tour of Tiberias, we take a boat ride to Capernaum. Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to mount of beatitudes, the place where Jesus 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 GALILEE JERUSALEM	Dan Panorama Kibbutz Lavi-Hod wing Dan Panorama		Grand Beach Kibbutz Lavi-Hod wing Grand Court		Leonardo Basel Kibbutz Lavi-Lev wing Leonardo Inn		Deborah Kibbutz Lavi-Lev wing Park	
Tours starting on	Per person		Per person		Per person		Per person	
	in Double	in Single	in Double	in Single	in Double	in Single	in Double	in Single
<b>2011</b>								
Mar 2	1,363	1,920	1,225	1,671	1,083	1,435	1,047	1,349
Mar 9 16 23 29	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,108	1,474	1,072	1,388
Apr 6 27	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,108	1,474	1,072	1,388
May 4 1 18 25	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,108	1,474	1,072	1,388
June 1 8 15 22 29								
July 6 13 20								
July 27	1,437	2,070	1,293	1,796	1,136	1,527	1,062	1,362
Aug 3	1,437	2,070	1,293	1,796	1,136	1,527	1,062	1,362
Aug 10 17	1,482	2,114	1,338	1,841	1,181	1,572	1,107	1,407
Aug 24	1,437	2,070	1,293	1,796	1,136	1,527	1,041	1,330
Aug 31	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,108	1,474	1,049	1,344
Sep 7 14 21 28	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,108	1,474	1,049	1,344
Oct 26	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,254	1,698	1,072	1,388
Nov 2 9 16 23	1,383	1,962	1,244	1,713	1,108	1,474	1,072	1,388
Nov 30	1,326	1,887	1,234	1,703	1,100	1,465	1,033	1,321
Dec 7 14								
Dec 21 28	1,404	2,018	1,234	1,703	1,100	1,465	1,033	1,321
<b>2012</b>								
Jan 4 11 18 25	1,326	1,887	1,234	1,703	1,100	1,465	1,003	1,321
Feb 1 8 15 22	1,326	1,887	1,234	1,703	1,100	1,465	1,003	1,321
Feb 29	1,366	1,946	1,234	1,703	1,100	1,465	1,003	1,321

**NOTE: Tours are being operated each Sunday, on the dates mentioned above.**

**Child sharing room with parents, Half Board basis**

Departure Dates	18 years	12 years	18 years	12 years
All departures	999	999	899	889

### Jordan Extension (3Days/ 2 Nights)

**Day 1-** Departure from Tel Aviv & Jerusalem to the border. After border crossing procedures enter in Jordan and proceed to Jerash – city of the Decapolis – located about 45 km. north of Amman in the fertile heights of the Gilead. Visit the ancient Roman city with colonnaded streets, the baths and the hilltop temple, then drive to Amman - the capital of Jordan. After a short orientation tour viewing the various landmarks of the city drive to the hotel for overnight.

**Day 2-** After an early breakfast, leave the hotel and travel south on the road to Wadi Musa. Take a horse ride from the Visitors' Centre to the entrance of the dramatic "Siq" (Canyon), then walk through it to Petra - known as the red rock city – the ancient capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd century BC to the 2nd century AC. Visit the most interesting carved monuments, such as the Treasury (El Khazneh – the tomb of a Nabatean king), then the field of tombs, obelisks and the altar (Al Mashbah). From this point you can view the whole of the rock city. Then back to Wadi Musa village and drive back to Amman for overnight.

**Day 3-** After breakfast leave the hotel. Drive to Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holyland and the ruins of the historical site. Continue about 10 km. to Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. From there you will see the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Dead Sea. Visit the remains of a Byzantine church with a mosaic floor, then drive to the border and back to Jerusalem & Tel Aviv.

## Temperatures in Israel

City		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	C	11-Jun	14-Jul	16-Aug	21-Dec	15-25	17-27	19-29	19-29	18-28	16-26	19-Dec	14-Aug
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
	C	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Oct	22-Dec	17-25	19-28	21-30	22-30	20-31	15-28	25-Dec	19-Sep
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
	C	17-Aug	18-Sep	21-Feb	13-26	15-25	18-28	20-30	21-30	20-30	16-27	13-23	18-Sep
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
	C	18-Sep	20-Sep	22-Nov	13-27	17-32	20-35	23-37	24-37	22-35	19-32	15-26	20-Nov
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
	C	21-Oct	23-Nov	13-26	17-31	21-35	24-37	25-40	26-40	24-36	20-33	16-28	23-Nov
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
	C	20-Nov	13-22	16-25	20-29	24-34	27-37	28-39	29-38	27-36	24-32	18-27	13-21
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.