

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as you follow His life from birth to the Crucifixion. Jewish and Islamic sites, as well as some contemporary visits, balance the tour.



Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth Israel

Israel Discovery

TOUR PACE

As Israel is quite a small country, it is often surprising how much sightseeing can be achieved in a day. The touring days are not too long, with plenty of visits along the way. And with two nights in Tel Aviv and three nights in Jerusalem, you will not have to pack and unpack every night.

HOTELS

Sheraton is one of the most revered hotel brands in the world, known for their superior quality and service. The hotels in Jerusalem and Tiberias are both modern, elegant and superbly located, whereas the magnificent Hod Hamidbar hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea, offers you serenity, relaxation and the perfect pampering experience in their modern spa.

FELLOW PASSENGERS

Jerusalem is a melting pot of three of the world's main religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Therefore, this tour appeals to people who with an interest in religious history as well as those seeking a general all-round experience of the destination.

INSIGHT FACT

Kibbutz: A kibbutz is a collective community and was traditionally based on agriculture. Today, farming has been partly supplanted by other economic branches, including industrial plants and high-tech enterprises. Kibbutzim began as utopian communities, a combination of socialism and Zionism. In the last decades, most Kibbutzim have privatized and no longer practice communal living.

DAY 1 – TEL AVIV AT LEISURE. Welcome to Israel - an ancient land full of variety; from the wonders of bygone days, to the unique mixture of east and west in the colourful life of today. Get ready for your journey of discovery through one of the world's oldest and most magnificent centres of faith and civilisation. You are met at Ben Gurion airport and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. Hotel: Sheraton Hotel & Towers.

🌅📍 DAY 2 – TEL AVIV SIGHTSEEING. Meet your Tour Director before commencing a sightseeing tour of Tel Aviv. See all the highlights of this lively and modern city: the *Habimah National Theatre*, *Rabin Square* and the bustling *Carmel market*. Continue to *Jaffa*, one of the oldest ports in the Eastern Mediterranean. Stop here to visit the *flea market*, with time also to explore the beautifully restored *artists' galleries*. Visit *Mini Israel*, a miniature park featuring *330 replica models which showcase Israel's cultural, historic and religious diversity*. This evening enjoy a *Shabbat dinner at your hotel*. (BB,HD)

🚗📍 DAY 3 – TEL AVIV – GALILEE. Leaving Tel Aviv, drive along the coastal road to *Caesarea* to explore the *Roman and Crusader ruins*, including the huge *amphitheatre*. Travel via *Haifa*, Israel's northern port, beautifully laid out on the Carmel Hills. Soon you reach *Acre*, fought over for centuries and captured in turn by Saracens and Crusaders, including Richard the Lionheart. See the *fortress*, the *old harbour area* and *Crusader crypt* before continuing to *Nazareth*. Visit one of Christianity's most sacred places, the *Church of the Annunciation*, on the site where the angel is said to have appeared to Mary. *The day concludes with a visit to a Kibbutz, where your Tour Director provides a brief introduction to this communal way of life*. Hotel: Sheraton Tiberias. (BB,D)

🌅📍 DAY 4 – GALILEE – DEAD SEA. Start the day with a morning boat ride on the *Sea of Galilee*. Visit the *ancient wooden boat, which is said to date back to the times of Jesus*. Visit *Capernaum* where Jesus is said to have entered the Synagogue and taught, and then head to the *Mount of Beatitudes*, where He

preached the Sermon on the Mount. Your destination today is the lowest point on Earth! Travel along the Jordan valley through ever-changing landscapes to the shores of the Dead Sea *and enjoy a dip in the therapeutic and mineral-rich waters*. Hotel: Hod Hamidbar Resort & Spa. (BB,D)

🌅📍 DAY 5 – DEAD SEA – JERUSALEM. In the cool of the morning, take a thrilling cablecar ride up to the awe-inspiring fortress of *Masada* where, around 70AD, a brave band of Jewish zealots held out for three years against the Roman legions. Later, pass the caves of *Qumran*, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, before driving through the Judean hills to Jerusalem, your home for three nights. Here in this most hallowed of cities, begin your sightseeing with a breathtaking view over *Jerusalem from Mount Scopus*. Visit *King David's Tomb on Mount Zion*, the *Room of the Last Supper* and the *Western Wall*, Judaism's most sacred site. Hotel: Jerusalem Plaza. (BB)

📍📍 DAY 6 – JERUSALEM SIGHTSEEING. Tour *Yad-Vashem*, the moving museum commemorating the Jewish people killed during the Holocaust. Continue to the *Shrine of the Book*, housed in the Israel Museum which also contains the *Dead Sea Scrolls*. Later, you have the opportunity of joining an optional excursion to visit *Manger Square* and the *Church of the Nativity* in Bethlehem. Tonight, *relax and soak up the atmosphere at the Highlight evening – a special Oriental dinner at a local restaurant*. (BB,HD)

DAY 7 – JERUSALEM SIGHTSEEING. Wander through the tranquil *Garden of Gethsemane* at the *Church of All Nations* before entering Jerusalem's Old City to view the *Temple Mount*, one of Islam's holiest sites. Continue in the footsteps of Jesus along the *Via Dolorosa* and the *Stations of the Cross*. See the *Ecce Homo Arch* (Behold the Man), *Pool of Bethesda* and finish at the *Church of the Holy Sepulchre*, built on the site of the Crucifixion. (BB)

DAY 8 – JERUSALEM. The tour ends after breakfast with transfers to Ben Gurion airport for your onward flight. (BB)



Visit the ancient port of Jaffa

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Enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner at your hotel
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- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS

See hotel details on pages 168-172

Relax and soak up the atmosphere
of your highlight evening – a special
oriental dinner at a local restaurant

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and see the 2000 year
old boat recovered from its waters
Learn the history and find out first hand what it is like to live
on a Kibbutz
Mount of Beatitudes



A thrilling cable car ride to the summit of this ancient
stronghold with spectacular views over the Dead Sea



Enjoy a dip in the therapeutic
and mineral rich waters

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Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Tel Aviv	- Jerusalem	p.p.	Option	Tel Aviv	- Jerusalem	p.p.	Option	Tel Aviv	- Jerusalem	p.p.	Option
Feb 25	- Mar 04	\$1975	\$690	Jul 08	- Jul 15	\$1975	\$690	Nov 25	- Dec 02	\$1975	\$690
Mar 04	- Mar 11	\$1975	\$690	Jul 15	- Jul 22	\$1975	\$690	Dec 02	- Dec 09	\$1975	\$690
Mar 11	- Mar 18	\$1975	\$690	Jul 22	- Jul 29	\$1975	\$690	Dec 09	- Dec 16	\$1975	\$690
Mar 18	- Mar 25	\$1975	\$690	Jul 29	- Aug 05	\$1975	\$690	Dec 16	- Dec 23	\$1975	\$690
Mar 25	- Apr 01	\$2150	\$865	Aug 05	- Aug 12	\$2099	\$865	Dec 23	- Dec 30	\$2150	\$865
** Apr 01	- Apr 08	\$2150	\$865	Aug 12	- Aug 19	\$2099	\$865	Dec 30	- Jan 06	\$2150	\$865
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Apr 29	- May 06	\$1975	\$690	Sep 09	- Sep 16	\$2065	\$865	Jan 20	- Jan 27	\$1975	\$690
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May 13	- May 20	\$1975	\$690	Sep 30	- Oct 07	\$2065	\$865	Feb 03	- Feb 10	\$1975	\$690
May 20	- May 27	\$1975	\$690	Oct 07	- Oct 14	\$1975	\$690	Feb 10	- Feb 17	\$1975	\$690
May 27	- Jun 03	\$1975	\$690	Oct 14	- Oct 21	\$1975	\$690	Feb 17	- Feb 24	\$1975	\$690
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Supplements

Pre & post tour accommodation	Twin	Single	Triple
Sheraton Towers Tel Aviv			
01 Aug - 31 Aug '10			
08 Sep - 12 Sep '10			
16 Sep - 03 Oct '10			
23 Dec - 04 Jan '11	\$243	\$425	\$203
All other times	\$190	\$319	\$168
Jerusalem Plaza			
08 Sep - 12 Sep '10			
16 Sep - 03 Oct '10			
23 Dec - 04 Jan '11	\$236	\$531	\$201
All other times	\$198	\$470	\$180

Notes

REF: 1944. Tours start and end on Thursdays.
Insight's room mate matching is not available on this tour. Smaller coaches without toilet facilities may be used on this tour. Prices shown are in US\$.
** Due to religious festivals these departures will operate in reverse and/or a modified itinerary. The order of sightseeing may also change at short notice.
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Additional Visa Requirements: Check with your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

Included are worth approximately US\$221

Included Premium Highlights

- Visit Mini Israel in Tel Aviv
- A morning boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Enjoy a dip in the waters of the Dead Sea
- Take a thrilling cable-car ride up to the awe-inspiring fortress of Masada

Included Personal Insights

- Learn the history and find out first hand what it is like to live on a Kibbutz

Included Additional Excursions & Sights

- See Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel market in Tel Aviv
- Visit the ancient port of Jaffa, now a modern centre for artists
- Visit the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth
- Visit Capernaum and the Mount of the Beatitudes in Galilee
- See the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- In Jerusalem visit the Christian sites of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden of Gethsemane, Room of the Last Supper, Pool of Bethesda, Ecce Homo Arch and walk the Stations of the Cross
- In Jerusalem see the Temple Mount
- In Jerusalem visit the Jewish sites of King David's Tomb, the Western Wall, Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum) and the Shrine of the Book

Included First Class Services

- Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director to escort you
- Travel by air-conditioned coach or minibus
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
- Special Kibbutz stay on the shores of the Sea of Galilee
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotel.

Included Quality Dining

- Friday night Shabbat Dinner at the hotel (HD)
- Special Oriental Dinner at a local restaurant in Jerusalem (HD)
- 7 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 2 special-menu Dinners, or Buffets (D)