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# Welcome to Israel

*Sitting between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River, Israel has something for everyone. Whether you are interested in visiting Jerusalem, one of the oldest cities in the world, or experiencing the lowest point on earth – the Dead Sea, Israel is truly a remarkable country.*

*Israel is home to the Sea of Galilee, the ancient port of Jaffa with its sprawling markets, cobbled docks and crumbling city walls. You can also visit the Mount of Olives, and the holy city of Jerusalem with its stunning skyline. The modern city of Tel Aviv has excellent restaurants, nightlife and shopping. In the north, a cruise on Lake Galilee is also a must.*



*With mountains, fertile valleys, desert and a significant coastline, in Israel you can experience history, culture, nature and wildlife.*

*Let us show you Israel - a land of discovery waiting to be explored – a nation quite unlike anywhere else.*

*Halina Kubica  
Owner & Managing Director*



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# Choose Your Travel Style

We have Israel completely covered with a travel style to suit everyone. All of our programs include special deals with selected hotels, transfers and tours providers, which makes our Israel getaways perfect for travellers interested in a value for money and wonderful experience.

## Short Tours

If you are not keen on changing hotels every night and prefer to base yourself in one place, then our short tours minimise the travel with a variety of day tours. You'll be picked up from your hotel and taken on regular day tours (some day tours are bilingual) each day before being returned to your hotel every night. These bus tours can include up to 54 people (with an average are 20-50 people) depending on season. VIP option is available with maximum 20 people (supplement applies). See from page 7

## Weekly Coach Tours

If you don't want to sacrifice your valuable holiday time to back track to Jerusalem every night, then embark on one of our weekly coach tours that visits all the must see sights staying overnight in the areas you'll be visiting. Some programs also combine day tours with extended coach touring and focus on the religious and biblical sites of Israel. See from page 9

## Tours Combining Israel with Egypt or Jordan

Great for those looking to combine Israel with its neighbouring countries of Jordan and Egypt. Perfect for those who want to take advantage of the ease of travelling small distances between countries. See from page 19

## Religious Tours

Home to the three great Monotheistic religions; Christianity, Judaism and Islam as well as many others. Israel provides an excellent home base for those wanting to embark on a religious pilgrimage. Many sites important to religions are featured within our programs; however, we can custom design any itinerary to suit your specific needs and faith. Visit sites of religious significance such as the Church of Holy Sepulchre for Christians, Masada or the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. See from page 20

## Touring Information

For all tours we are able to cater for travellers with special needs such as wheelchairs, carriages or baby chairs must notify the office at the time of booking. Children under the age of 5 years are not permitted on tours. Like most large cities in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv we may experience delays during pick-up and drop off times due to the traffic conditions and unexpected events. For all tours (except for Masada & Dead Sea) modest attire is required for visiting holy places of any religion (men with head covering, women with shoulder covering; for both men and women - no shorts). Changes in itinerary may occur due to holidays, force majeure or circumstances beyond our control.

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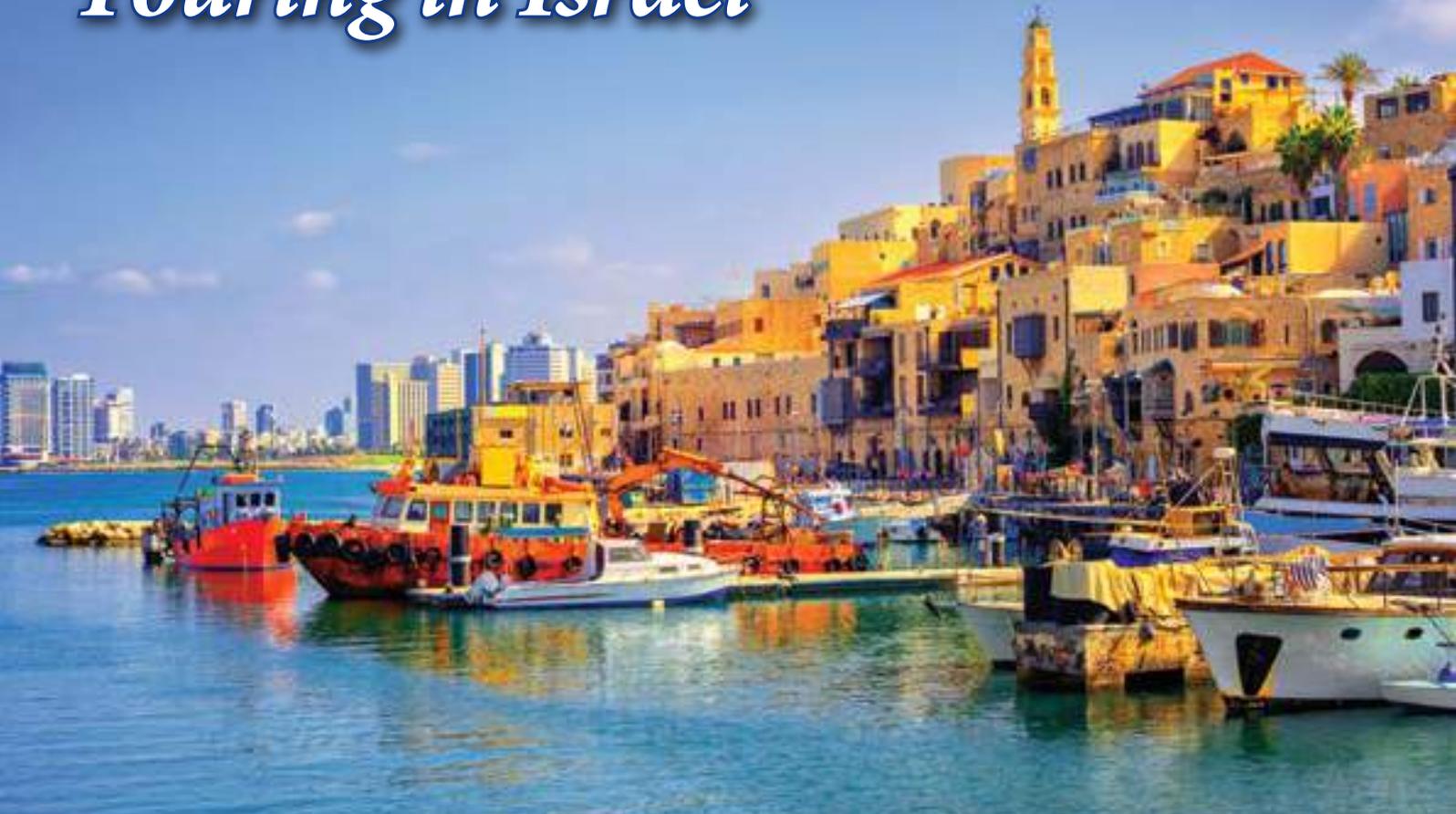
## Israel Airport General Information

- Ben Gurion airport is Israel's main international airport. The airport is located in the outskirts of the city Lod, 22 km southeast of Tel Aviv city centre and 60 km northwest of Jerusalem. Transfer to Tel Aviv is approximately 30 minutes and to Jerusalem about 1 hr. The airport has 2 terminals - an international terminal and a domestic one. The transfer between the two is done via a free shuttle bus. Check in at the airport is 3 hrs prior to departure.
- Sde Dov airport is located in Tel Aviv and serves mainly domestic flights to and from Eilat. The flight to Eilat takes about 1 hr. Sde Dov Airport serves as well as light-aircraft activity and limited international flights, mostly to nearby Cyprus. Check in at the airport is 1.5 hrs prior to departure.
- Eilat airport is located in the center of the city Eilat. It mostly handles domestic flights to Tel Aviv and Haifa with a few international flights as well. Check in at the airport is 1.5 hrs prior to departure. The airport is reached from all hotels by car, the ride takes about 5 -10 minutes, 20 - 30 minutes from the hotels near the Coral Beach & Taba border.

## Distances in Israel

Tel Aviv - Jerusalem	66km
Tel Aviv - Haifa	96km
Tel Aviv - Tiberias	136km
Tel Aviv - Eilat	352km
Tel Aviv - Dead Sea	162km
Tel Aviv - Allenby Bridge	204km
Tel Aviv - Sheik Hussein Bridge	125km
Jerusalem - Allenby Bridge	245km
Jerusalem - Sheik Hussein Bridge	137km
Jerusalem - Tiberias	177km
Jerusalem - Dead Sea	103km

# Touring in Israel



One of the advantages of coach tours is that all the planning and research has already been done for you, and has been tailored into an itinerary that ensures you visit the must-see destinations in Israel with many more of its secrets divulged along the way. In this brochure you will find different touring options that allow you to include as much or as little of Israel as you like. All tours listed are part of a group tour but a similar tour can be organised on private basis as we also cater for individuals who required tailor-made tours by private vehicle and guide or special interest tours. Please contact our friendly staff for more information.

## Jerusalem Highlights

• 5 Days



**Departs:** Sundays

### Day 1 Sun: Tel Aviv

Upon arrival to Tel Aviv Airport you will be met by our representative who will be holding a sign with your name on, immediately after passport control. Our representative will guide you to pick up your luggage, after which you will be escorted via Customs to meet your driver who will transfer you to your hotel. Evening at leisure and overnight in Tel Aviv.

### Day 2 Mon: Tel Aviv-Masada-Dead Sea- Jerusalem

Meet your tour guide in the morning and set off 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. Ascend via cable-car for a thorough 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. (B)

### Day 3 Tue: Jerusalem New City and Bethlehem

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 south western outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great

significance in Christian traditions, since this is where according to tradition 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. Herzl. Visit Bethlehem - the birthplace of Jesus at the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Return to your Jerusalem hotel for overnight. (B)

### Day 4 Wed: 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 Sepulchre, 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 a top 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 hotel and overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

### Day 5 Thu: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv

Transfer to Tel Aviv airport. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 4 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Service of Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Double	Triple	Single
Bronze	1321	1244	1764
Silver	1626	1532	2191
Gold	1922	1811	2721

High season and holiday supplement may apply

# Israel Discovery

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Daily  
Tour does not operate on the:  
8, 9 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

Transfer from Tel Aviv airport to your hotel in Jerusalem.

## Day 2: Jerusalem Old and New

Explore the biblical and cultural highlights of Jerusalem including the Mount of Zion, the "old city" and the Western Wall. Walk the Stations of the Cross and admire the Church of Holy Sepulchre. On Saturdays instead of Yad Vashem, drive to Ein Karem, traditionally known as birthplace of John the Baptist. Stroll the narrow lanes of the picturesque neighborhood, stopping by Mary's spring and the remarkable Church of St John the Baptist. Return to point of departure. (B)

## Day 3: Jerusalem-Masada-The Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Depart Jerusalem and descend to the lowest place on earth. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the rock fortress of Masada. Ascent by cable car and visit Herod's palaces, dating back 2000 years. Enjoy a chance to float in the Dead Sea. Overnight Jerusalem. (B)

## Day 4: Jerusalem-Nazareth-Sea of Galilee-Tel Aviv

Today we travel north to Nazareth, the town of Joseph and Mary. Visit the

Church of the Annunciation, where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary she would give birth to the Messiah. Drive via Kana to Tiberias, the lively resort town on the Sea of Galilee (there is no stop in Kfar Kana). Stop at Tabgha, where the Miracle of the Fishes and Loaves took place. Then we continue on to Capernaum, where Jesus conducted his ministry. Return via the Baptismal site at Yardenit. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B)

## Day 5: Tel Aviv-Caesarea-Haifa-Acre-Tel Aviv

Morning departure to Caesarea, to visit the Roman Theatre and the Crusader Fortress with its unique dry moat.

Then to the port city of Haifa to view the magnificent Bahai gardens from atop Mount Carmel. Continue north to Acre to explore the Knights' Halls and the secret escape tunnel dug by the Crusaders. Arrive at Rosh Hanikra, the most northern point on the coast to walk through the beautiful grottos carved by the sea. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B)

## Day 6: Tel Aviv

Departure transfer to Tel Aviv airport. (B)

*The sequence of the itinerary may vary depending on the arrival day in Tel Aviv.*

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Customised itinerary comprising regular tours and individual services
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 3 nights accommodation in Jerusalem and 2 nights accommodation in Tel Aviv with breakfast
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	1755	1606	2684
Silver	1857	1727	2851
Gold	2377	2164	3993

High season and holiday supplement may apply



Bethlehem



Dead Sea

# Israel Experience

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Daily  
Tour does not operate on the:  
8, 9 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight.

## Day 2: Jerusalem - Old and New

Morning pick up from your hotel to begin tour of Jerusalem. See some of the most revered holy sites in the world. Begin the tour with a stop at the Mount of Olives, descend to explore the old Jewish Quarter, with its famed Cardo, once a bustling Roman marketplace. Stop and contemplate at the Western (Wailing) Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, follow the Stations of the Cross towards the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On Saturday instead of Yad Vashem, drive to Ein Karem, southwest of Jerusalem, traditionally known as birthplace of John the Baptist; Stroll in the narrow lanes of the picturesque neighborhood, stopping by Mary's spring and continue to visit the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Return to point of departure. (B)

## Day 3: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

This morning, depart Jerusalem for a trip to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. Drive to Shepherd's Field before visiting the Church of the Nativity and Manger's Square. The rest of the day is yours to discover treasures. Alternatively a visit to the beautiful Gardens of Gethsemane can be arranged. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

## Day 4: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Tel Aviv

After breakfast, depart towards the Dead Sea Region. Visit the Ancient Jewish stronghold of Masada. This imposing rock fortress was once home to a luxurious palace built by Herod the Great and was the location of the last stand against the Roman's. Afterwards, take the opportunity to swim in the lowest point on earth. This nutrient rich body of water has provided the basis for many skin treatments for years. The high mineral content in both the water and mud is known for its curative effects. Drive to Tel Aviv for overnight. (B)

## Day 5: Tel Aviv-Nazareth-Sea of Galilee-Tel Aviv

This morning depart for the north and travel through the lush Galilee landscape towards the ancient city of Nazareth. See the city where Jesus spent his childhood. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of St. Joseph. Continue the day via Cana to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Stop at Capernaum and admire the ancient Synagogue where Jesus preached and stop at Tabgha, where he performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Drive via the baptismal sites at Yardenit to Tel Aviv for overnight. (B)

## Day 6: Tel Aviv

Transfer to Tel Aviv airport. (B)

*The sequence of the itinerary may vary depending on the arrival day in Tel Aviv.*

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Customised itinerary comprising regular tours and individual services
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 3 nights accommodation in Jerusalem, 2 nights accommodation in Tel Aviv
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	1690	1569	2609
Silver	1820	1690	2786
Gold	2312	2089	3946

High season and holiday supplement may apply

# Taste of Israel



• 5 Days



**Departs:** Daily  
Tour does not operate on the:  
8, 9 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

Upon arrival, transfer from Tel Aviv to your hotel in Jerusalem.

## Day 2: Jerusalem Old

This morning, depart from your hotel for a tour of Old Jerusalem. Begin the day with a stop at the Mount of Olives to gaze upon a panoramic view of the city below. Afterwards continue on, entering the Old City through the Armenian and Jewish Quarters towards the newly renovated Cardo, once the bustling centre of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to see the Roman Road, the Jewish Wailing Wall, and the Kotel, before arriving at the Christian Quarter. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, wander this interesting city or return to your hotel. (B)

## Day 3: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

Today, visit the ancient city of Bethlehem. See the Church of the Nativity, built over the rumored position

of Jesus' birth. Continue the tour by seeing Manger's Square and view Shepherd's Field, one of two rumored locations where the shepherd saw the Star of the Nativity. The rest of the day is yours to explore and spend at leisure, however we highly recommend taking the opportunity of wandering through the wonderful Gardens of Gethsemane. (B)

## Day 4: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

After breakfast, depart Jerusalem and journey to the mountain fortress of Masada. Ascend by cable car to the once luxurious palace of Herod the Great. See the site of the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. Wander this unique site where you can explore the bathhouse, storerooms, hanging palaces and the Synagogue. Continue the day by descending to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea where you can experience floating in these waters which have amazing healing powers. Enjoy the opportunity to float in this mineral rich marvel. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

## Day 5: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Customised itinerary comprising small group day tours and individual services
- VIP A/C coaches with Licensed English speaking guide and a maximum of 19 people
- 4 nights accommodation with breakfast daily
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	1467	1328	2303
Silver	1514	1384	2405
Gold	1987	1783	3408

High season and holiday supplement may apply

# Israel Prelude

• 5 Days



**Departs:** Daily  
Tour does not operate on the:  
8, 9 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

Upon arrival to airport, meet our representative and transfer to hotel in Jerusalem for overnight.

## Day 2: Jerusalem Old and New

Pick up from your hotel for tour of Jerusalem's cultural and biblical highlights. Begin with a panoramic view of the city from the Mount of Olives. Return to the city through one of its famous gates and explore the newly restored Jewish Quarter and the Cardo. Stop at the Western Wall. Walk the Via Dolorosa, Stations of the Cross the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On Saturdays instead of Yad Vashem, drive to Ein Karem, traditionally known as birthplace of John the Baptist. Stroll in the narrow lanes of the picturesque neighborhood, stop by Mary's spring and the Church of St John the Baptist. Return to point of departure. (B)

## Day 3: Jerusalem-Masada-The Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Our day begins with a drive to Masada and cable car ride to the summit of

the mountain fortress of Masada. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the Zealots last stand against Rome. Visit Herod's 2,000 year old palace and explore the remains of a luxurious and opulent castle. Continue onto the Dead Sea for an opportunity to float in the mineral-rich waters. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

## Day 4: Jerusalem-Nazareth-Sea of Galilee-Jerusalem

Morning departure to Nazareth, the town of Joseph and Mary. Visit the Church of the Annunciation, where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary she would give birth to the Messiah. Continue to Galilee via Cana where Jesus turned water into wine, before a stop at Tiberias. Visit Tabgha, where the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes took place and Capernaum, the home of St Peter and the ancient synagogue located where Jesus preached. Return via the Baptismal site at Yardenit then to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

## Day 5: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for departure. (B)

The sequence of the itinerary may vary depending on the arrival day in Tel Aviv.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Customised itinerary comprising regular tours and individual services
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 4 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	1458	1328	2303
Silver	1504	1393	2386
Gold	1885	1755	3231

High season and holiday supplement may apply



Sepulchre Rotunda



Nazareth

# Classical Israel



• 8 Days



**Departs:** Saturdays  
 Tour does not operate on the: 9 Mar; 20 Apr; 17 Aug; 28 Sep; 5, 12, 19 Oct; 7 Dec 2019

Similar tour departs on Tuesdays, for detailed itinerary please contact us.

**Day 1 Sat: Tel Aviv**  
 Upon arrival to airport meet our representative and transfer to Tel Aviv for overnight.

**Day 2 Sun: Tel Aviv-Galilee**  
 Depart Tel Aviv along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of the ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Proceed to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon - visit the archaeological excavations including the well preserved water supply system. Continue to the Druze village at Daliat El Carmel and enjoy lunch and famous Druze hospitality at a local restaurant. Continue on via Mount

Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa bay and the Golden domed Bahai shrine and gardens. Overnight in Kibbutz guesthouse in Galilee. (B, D)

**Day 3 Mon: Galilee**  
 Proceed to Safed, the centre of Jewish mysticism, to visit the ancient synagogues and the artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at a Golan winery for a tour and wine tasting. Onto "Kessem Hagolan", a multimedia presentation of the area and its history. Overnight in Kibbutz guesthouse in Galilee. (B, D)

**Day 4 Tue: Galilee-Sea of Galilee-Nazareth-Jerusalem**  
 Start the day with a tour of Tiberias. Explore the centre of Jesus' ministry at Capernaum to see the remains of the synagogue where he preached, and the octagonal church of St. Peter. Continue on to Nazareth to visit the church of the Annunciation. Drive via Beit Shean to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac. Continue to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

**Day 5 Wed: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem**  
 Start the day with a magnificent panoramic view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives. Visit the tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish Quarter. Visit the

Roman Cardo, the Herodian Quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Bethlehem (subject to security clearance) to visit the Church of the Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

**Day 6 Thu: Jerusalem**  
 After breakfast visit to the Israel Museum - Tour the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and see the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period. Enjoy a tour of the New City - include a view the Knesset (Israel's Parliament). Continue for a moving visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Visit Meah Shearim, the ultra-orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem and learn about their unique lifestyle. In the evening enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner followed by the spectacular "sound and light" show at the Tower of David museum (weather conditions permitting). Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

**Day 7 Fri: Jerusalem**  
 Depart Jerusalem via the Judean Mountains and descend to the lowest place on earth. Visit the ancient city

of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue along the shores of the Dead Sea to the magnificent cliff top fortress of Masada. Ascend via cable car to explore the remains of King Herod's luxurious palace and hear about the zealots who defied the Roman Empire from this location. Take the chance to enjoy a float in the salty waters (weather conditions permitting). Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

**Day 8 Sat: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv**  
 Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for departure. (B)

- HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**
- Regular coach tour
  - Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
  - Transport by air conditioned coach
  - 7 nights accommodation
  - Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
  - Entrance fees to sites visited
  - Meals as per Itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)

Price Per Person A\$	Saturday Arrival			Tuesday Arrival		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2739	2572	3965	3009	2804	4476
Silver	2869	2702	4169	3166	2944	4717
Gold	3399	3185	5107	3751	3510	5785

High season and holiday supplement may apply. Entrance to the Holocaust museum is not permitted for children under the age of 10.

Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.

# Christmas in the Holyland



• 8 Days



**Departs:** 22 Dec 2018 & 22 Dec 2019

## Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met by a Representative. Transfer from the airport and check into hotel, Rimonim Hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

## Day 2: Jerusalem

After breakfast drive up the Mount of Olives, It is said by believers that Jesus gave an end-time prophecy at this location, for a wonderful view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Dominus Flevit, the Pater Noster Church - continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, where according to the gospels Jesus and his disciples are said to have prayed the night before he was arrested, the day before his death, and the Church of All Nations. Continue to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu built on the site of the house of the High Priest Caiphas. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

## Day 3: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem (Midnight Mass)

After breakfast, relax and enjoy a morning at leisure in Jerusalem. In the afternoon depart for Bethlehem to participate in the Christmas Celebrations. The Hebrew Bible identifies Bethlehem as the city David was from. The New Testament identifies Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus. The town is inhabited by one of the oldest Christian communities in the world. Visit the Shepherds Fields and enjoy dinner in this ancient city and participate in the Midnight Christmas Mass. Christmas Mass will be celebrated outside in the manger square and viewed from large screens erected around the square. Return to in Jerusalem hotel for overnight. (B, D)

## Day 4: Jerusalem (Christmas Day)

After a late breakfast enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Walk along the Via Dolorosa following the Stations of the Cross. Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Western Wall and view the Temple Mount. Visit Mount Zion, the Hall of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey. According to the Book of Samuel, Mount Zion was the site of the Jebusite fortress called the "stronghold of Zion" that was conquered by King David, becoming his palace and the City of David. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 5: Jerusalem-Jericho-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

After breakfast drive to Jericho, known to be the oldest town in the world. View the Mount of Temptation and the Sycamore Tree. Passing Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were

discovered, proceed to the Dead Sea, where you can experience floating in these waters which have amazing healing powers. The Dead Sea has attracted visitors from around the Mediterranean basin for thousands of years. Biblically, it was a place of refuge for King David. It was one of the world's first health resorts (for Herod the Great) and it has been the supplier of a wide variety of products, from balms for Egyptian mummification to potash for fertilisers. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 6: Jerusalem-Tiberias

After breakfast drive along the Jordan Valley to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Multiplication. Visit Capernaum, where Jesus began his preaching career. Check into hotel in Rimonim Mineral Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 7: Tiberias-Mt Tabor-Yardenit-Tiberias

After breakfast drive to Mt. Tabor, the site of the Miracle of the Transfiguration - take a Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee with time for prayer and reflection. Enjoy traditional St. Peter's Fish Lunch. Continue to "Yardenit" traditional Baptismal Site. Return to Rimonim

Mineral Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## Day 8: Tiberias-Cana-Nazareth-Muhraka-Caesarea-Tel Aviv

After breakfast drive to Cana, the site of the First Miracle where Jesus turned water into Wine. His first public miracle. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation. Proceed to Muhraka where Elijah confronted the priests of Baal. Proceed to Caesarea, ancient excavated city with many Roman and Crusader ruins. Transfer to the Airport for your departure flight. End of our services. (B)

*Note: This tour has guaranteed departure with minimum of 2 people.*

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned deluxe coach
- Licensed English speaking guide
- Accommodation for 7 nights accommodation (5 nights Jerusalem, 2 nights Tiberias)
- Meals as per Itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Welcome kit on arrival
- Christmas dinner at Bethlehem

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
Tourist Class	3020	3904
First Class	3697	4758
Superior Class	4901	6770

*Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.*



Nazareth

# Israel Splendours Tour

• 8 or 10 Days



**Departs: Sundays**  
 Tour does not operate on the:  
 6 Oct 2019

## Day 1 Sun: Tel Aviv

Upon arrival, transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.

## Day 2 Mon: Tel Aviv-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Leave Tel Aviv for Masada and ascend by cable car to the fortress. Visit the excavations, Herod's Palaces, the Synagogue and bathhouse. Enjoy the breath-taking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Descend for a possibility to "float" in the salty water, then to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

## Day 3 Tue: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem, then on to the Garden of Gethsemane. Visit the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper on the famous Mount Zion, the new city including the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, the Model of 1st century Jerusalem and the Holocaust Memorial, Yad Vashem. In the heart of a neighborhood in downtown Jerusalem, visit Mahane Yehuda to experience the flavors, aromas, colours and the traders' interaction with the crowds, at the largest open market in

Israel. Then visit Ein Karem, known as the birthplace of John the Baptist. (B)

## Day 4 Wed: Jerusalem

Tour of the Old City beginning with the Jewish Quarter. See the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre before continuing onto Bethlehem to visit the Shepherds Fields (view only) and the Church of the Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

## Day 5 Thu: Jerusalem-Jericho-Nazareth-Safed

Depart Jerusalem via Jericho (subject to security clearance), the oldest city in the world. Explore the excavations of the beautiful Roman City of Beit Shean. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and the carpentry workshop of Joseph. On to Safed, city of the Kabala, for a walk through the mystic alleys, a visit to a synagogue and the artists' colony Overnight at Kibbutz Kfar Giladi. (B)

## Day 6 Fri: Tiberias-Safed-Golan Heights-Nazareth-Tiberias

Drive to the Golan Heights, passing by the Druze villages. Pass by Banias, source of the Jordan River. Enjoy an Israeli wine country experience, with vineyards surrounded by breathtaking views. Become acquainted with the collection of fine and rare wines enjoying a tour, wine tasting and understanding of the wine production process. Descending to the shores of the Sea of Galilee, visit the Mount of Beatitudes and the ruins of the ancient synagogue and Peter's house at Capernaum. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the fish and bread took place. Continue to Tiberias for a short tour of the old center of Jewish learning. Optional sailing in a boat across the Sea of Galilee. Overnight Kibbutz Kfar Giladi. (B, D)

## Day 7 Sat: Tiberias-Acre-Haifa-Caesarea-Tel Aviv

After breakfast drive to Acre for a visit of the old Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa for a sightseeing tour including visits to the Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden and Mount Carmel for a panoramic view of the city. Proceed to Caesarea to visit the Roman theatre and Crusader fortress. Continue to Tel Aviv and Jaffa for a short city tour. Overnight Tel Aviv (B).

## Day 8 Sun: Tel Aviv

Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for departure. (B)

## Jordan Extension

### Day 8 Sun: Tel Aviv-Jerash-Amman

Drive to Sheik Hussein Bridge for border crossing procedures to enter Jordan (border crossing tax payable locally). Explore Jerash, the ancient Roman city of the Decapolis. Gaze and admire the colonnaded streets, the temples, theatres and the spectacular squares and plazas. Chance to take part in an optional real re-enacted Gladiator fight in the original hippodrome as the Romans used to do. Continue onto Amman for a panoramic city tour visiting the Citadel and Roman Amphitheatre. Overnight in Amman. (B)

### Day 9 Mon: Amman-Petra

Travel along the Desert Highway to Petra. Often described as the Eighth

Wonder of the Ancient World, it is a vast, unique city carved in to sheer rock face. Take a short horse ride through the Siq and emerge at the stunning Treasury. See the magnificent theatre, and various tombs, temples, baths and colonnaded streets. Overnight in Petra. (B)

### Day 10 Tue: Amman-Madaba-Mt Nebo-Amman

Depart to Madaba to see the intricate and ancient map made of Mosaics which depicts the Holy Land. Visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his passing. Explore the remains of the Byzantine Church with its mosaic floor, and enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea from a platform in front of the church. Afternoon transfer to Amman Airport or across the border to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv Airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 7 or 9 nights accommodation
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	8 Days Israel Splendours			10 Days with Jordan		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2219	2164	3157	3371	3343	4476
Silver	2563	2516	3649	3872	3816	5126
Gold	3046	2897	4513	4476	4271	6184
Deluxe	4114	3919	6435	5627	5414	8209

High season and holiday supplement may apply

Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.



Jordan River



Haifa

# Bible Tour

• 8 or 9 Days



**Departs:** Mondays

*Tour does not operate on the:  
7 Oct 2019*

**Day 1 Mon: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem**

Arrive at Tel Aviv Airport and transfer to Jerusalem for overnight.

**Day 2 Tue: Jerusalem**

Start the tour by driving to the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem, then see the Garden of Gethsemane. See the famous Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book and experience a moving visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Finally, visit Ein Karem where John the Baptist was born. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

**Day 3 Wed: Jerusalem-Bethlehem**

Visit the Western Wall, Temple Mount and walk the Via Delorosa (Stations of the Cross) to the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper on Mount Zion. Continue to Bethlehem to visit Shepherds Fields (view only) and the Church of the Nativity. (B)

**Day 4 Thu: Jerusalem-Nazareth-Safed-Galilee**

Depart Jerusalem via Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Explore the excavations of the beautiful Roman City of Beit Shean. Proceed to Nazareth to see the carpentry workshop of Joseph and the Church of Annunciation before continuing onto Safed, the city of Mystical Judaism. Walk through this Artists colony and feel the mysticism. Overnight in Galilee Kibbutz hotel. (B)

**Day 5 Fri: Galilee-Golan Heights-Capernaum-Tiberias-Galilee**

Travel to Golan Heights and gaze upon the lands below including that of Syria and the ghost town of Kuneitra. Pass by the Caesari of Philippi at the Banias Springs, before continuing onto the shores of the Sea of Galilee to visit the town of Capernaum and visit the ancient ruins of the Synagogue. Enjoy an Israeli wine country experience, with vineyards surrounded by breathtaking views. Become acquainted with the collection of fine and rare wines enjoying a tour, wine tasting and understanding of the wine production process. Optional sailing tour. Tour the beautiful church at Tabgha. Enjoy a short tour of the city of Tiberias. Return to the Galilee Kibbutz Hotel for overnight. (B)

**Day 6 Sat: Galilee-Acre-Haifa-Caesarea-Tel Aviv**

Depart for Acre to explore the Knights' Halls and the secret Crusader tunnels, then proceed to Haifa to view the magnificent Bahai gardens from atop Mount Carmel. Stop at Caesarea, to visit the Roman Theatre and the

Crusader Fortress. Continue to Tel Aviv and Jaffa for a short city tour. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B)

**Day 7 Sun: Tel Aviv**

A day at leisure or take an optional tour to the Dead Sea and Masada. Explore Herod's Palace dating back 2000 years and discover the story of the Jewish Zealots. Descend for a quick swim then return to Tel Aviv for overnight. (B)

**Day 8 Mon: Tel Aviv**

Transfer to the airport for departure. (B)

## Jordan Extension

**Day 7 Sun: Tel Aviv-Jerash-Amman**

Drive to Sheik Hussein Bridge for border crossing to enter Jordan (border crossing tax payable locally). Explore the fascinating city of Jerash. This ancient Roman city was once a strong Roman Outpost. Continue onto the capital of Amman to visit the Citadel and Roman Amphitheatre during your panoramic city tour. Overnight in Amman. (B)

**Day 8 Mon: Amman-Petra**

After breakfast, depart the hotel and travel along the Desert Highway on the road to Petra. Today enjoy a spectacular full day tour exploring the rose-red city of Petra. Enjoy a short

horse ride, then travel on foot through the awesome 'SIQ' valley. Visit the Treasury, and explore hundreds of buildings, tombs, temples, and a 3,000-seat theater from the first-century AD. Overnight in Petra. (B)

**Day 9 Tue: Amman-Madaba-Mt Nebo-Amman**

Depart to Madaba to see the intricate ancient Mosaic map of the Holy Land. Visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his passing. Explore the remains of the Byzantine Church with its mosaic floor, and enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea from a platform in front of the church. In the afternoon transfer to Amman airport or over the border and onto Jerusalem or Tel Aviv Airport. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 7 or 8 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	8 Days Bible Tour			9 Days with Jordan		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2043	2006	2944	3064	3027	4011
Silver	2386	2349	3464	3510	3464	4643
Gold	2916	2749	4346	4086	3872	5525

*High season and holiday supplement may apply*

*Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.*



Jaffa

# Israel Heritage Tour

• 8 or 11 Days



**Departs: Thursdays**  
*Tour does not operate on the:*  
**3 Oct 2019**

**Day 1 Thu: Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at the airport meet our representative and transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.

**Day 2 Fri: Tel Aviv-Jaffa-Caesarea-Megiddo-Tiberias**

This morning involves a drive to the ancient town of Jaffa where you'll enjoy a short walking tour of these picturesque alleys within this old fortified town. Afterwards continue onto the archaeological ruins of Caesarea, an ancient port city rebuilt by Herod the Great. After a brief stop, continue onto the city of Megiddo, a city which hasn't been inhabited for more than 5000 years. Drive onto Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee for overnight. (B)

**Day 3 Sat: Tiberias-Capernaum-Tabgha-Golan Heights-Tiberias**

Today, depart for Capernaum to visit the Synagogue, once the place of Jesus' teachings. Continue onto the town of Tabgha, the location of the miracle of Fishes and Loaves. After brief stop, hike to the top of the Mount of Beatitudes. Ascend to the Golan

Heights to view the panoramic view of the peaks of Mt. Hermon, the rugged plateau of the Golan Heights, and beneath it the green pastoral Hula Valley. (B)

**Day 4 Sun: Tiberias-Nazareth-Cana-Beit Shean-Jerusalem**

After breakfast, depart for the holy site of Nazareth before heading to the Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well and the Church of St. Joseph. Continue onto the wedding church at Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. Drive to the ancient city of Beit Shean to see the excavated Roman and Byzantine city of Scythopolis. Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

**Day 5 Mon: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem**

Drive south towards Masada via the Inn of the Good Samaritan, and visit the caves of Qumran. Afterwards ascend the fortress of Masada which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots. Visit the excavations - Herod's Palace, the synagogue and bath house. Descend by cable car back to the bus and drive along the coast of the Dead Sea where there is the chance to float in the salty waters. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

**Day 6 Tue: Jerusalem-Old City**

Drive to Mt. Scopus for a view of Jerusalem, then to the Garden of Gethsemane, Western Wall and Temple Mount. Trek the Via Dolorosa, also known as the Stations of the Cross. Continue to Mt. Zion for a visit to the tomb of King David and the room of the Last Supper. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

**Day 7 Wed: Jerusalem New-Bethlehem-Jerusalem**

Today enjoy a guided tour seeing the highlights of modern Jerusalem. Begin

with a visit to the Shrine of the Book to view the Dead Sea Scrolls. Continue on to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial before a visit to the village of Ein Karem, known as the location where St. John the Baptist was born. Drive by the Knesset (Israel Parliament) before arriving to Bethlehem. Visit Rachel's Tomb and the Church of the Nativity (subject to security clearance) before returning to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

**Day 8 Thu: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B)

## Jordan Extension

**Day 8 Thu: Jerusalem-Jerash-Amman**

Drive to Sheik Hussein Bridge for border crossing procedures to enter Jordan. Explore Jerash, the ancient Roman city of the Decapolis. Visit the Citadel and Roman Amphitheater on a panoramic city tour of Amman. Overnight: Amman. (B)

**Day 9 Fri: Amman-Petra**

Depart along the Desert Highway to Wadi Musa - the modern village of Petra. Enjoy a spectacular full day tour exploring the rose-red city of Petra. Enjoy a short horse ride, and then travel on foot through the awesome 'SIQ' valley. Visit the Treasury, and explore hundreds of buildings, tombs, temples, and a 3,000 seat theater from the first-century AD. Overnight: Petra. (B)

**Day 10 Sat: Petra-Wadi Rum-Madaba, Mt Nebo-Amman**

Travel south to the towering mountains and rock formations of Wadi Rum, which mesmerised Lawrence of Arabia. Drive through the stunning desert landscapes on a jeep safari, visiting the Lawrence Spring and Khazali Canyon. See the intricate ancient Mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba. Visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the promised land before his passing. Explore the remains of the Byzantine Church with a mosaic floor, and from a platform in front of the church enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. After the visit depart for Amman. Overnight: Amman. (B)

**Day 11 Sun: Amman**

Departure transfer to Amman airport or cross the Allenby Bridge/Sheik Hussein for transfer back to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv airport. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- 8 or 11 days regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 7 or 10 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch)
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	8 Days Israel Heritage			11 Days with Jordan		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2294	2256	3129	3677	3640	4689
Silver	2758	2711	3909	4253	4216	5655
Gold	3306	3139	4856	5014	4791	6936
Deluxe	4643	4401	7196	6481	6240	9397

High season and holiday supplement may apply

Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.



**Departs:** Wednesdays

*Tour does not operate on the: 17, 24 April; 5 Jun; 25 Sep; 2, 9, 16, 23 Oct 2019*

**Day 1 Wed: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, meet and greet with our representative for your transfer to Jerusalem for overnight.

**Day 2 Thu: Jerusalem-Old City**

Start the day with a tour of the Ancient City of Jerusalem; see the magnificent views from the Mount of Olives, continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and then on to Mount Zion to see King David's Tomb and the Room of Last Supper. Walk the Cardo, which was once the ancient Roman main thoroughfare and markets, before ascending Temple Mount (subject to security). Place a note of prayer in the Western Wall and trek the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, finishing at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Explore the colourful Oriental Bazaars and search for a bargain before finishing the day with a visit to the Garden Tomb. (B, D)

**Day 3 Fri: Jerusalem-New City-Bethlehem-Jerusalem**

After breakfast, opportunity to explore the quaint village of Ein Karem before proceeding on for a moving visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Visit the Shrine of the Book and see the original Dead Sea Scrolls and the miniature model of the city of Jerusalem as it was during the time of King Herod. Proceed to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus to visit the Church of Nativity and Manger Square before returning to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 4 Sat: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem**

Today, descend to the Dead Sea region - known as the lowest place on Earth. Visit the ancient city of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found before continuing along the shores of the Dead Sea to the magnificent cliff-top fortress of Masada. Ascend via cable car to explore the remains of King Herod's luxurious palace and enjoy your opportunity for a float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 5 Sun: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv**

After breakfast day at leisure. Pick up from your hotel in Jerusalem at 13.30 for your transfer to Tel Aviv. After check in, rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B, D)

**Day 6 Mon: Tel Aviv-Caesarea-Lavi**

Depart Tel Aviv and drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region. Visit the excavations of the ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Proceed

to Muhraka, the site of confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Enjoy the spectacular view of the Jezreel valley and the lower Galilee. Continue to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon, learn the impressive history of this battle field as you visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Onto Acre to visit the remarkable underground Crusader City and crypt. Walk through the Old City recognized by UNESCO as world heritage site, the local market and harbor. Continue to Kibbutz Lavi (B, D)

**Day 7 Tue: Lavi-Tiberias-Capernaum-Tabgha-Golan Heights-Lavi**

Start the day with a tour of ancient city of Tiberias, named after the Roman Emperor. Enjoy a boat ride in a traditional wooden sailing vessel and explore the centre of Jesus' ministry at Capernaum and see the remains of the synagogue where he preached. Continue onto Tabgha, known as the site of the miracle of the Fishes and Loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where the Sermon on the Mount took place. Drive to Caesarea of Phillipi at Banias Springs and then tour

the Golan Heights to better understand the geopolitical issues affecting the region. Overnight in Lavi. (B, D)

**Day 8 Wed: Jordan Valley**

Drive to Cana to visit the Wedding Church, where Jesus performed his first miracle turning water into wine. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation, Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Proceed to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan river. Next, stop at Beit Shean to visit the newly excavated Roman city and amphitheatre. Drive along the Jordan valley to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 9 Thu: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv**

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion airport for departure. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 8 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2795	2581	4141
Silver	2934	2711	4355
Gold	3621	3389	5506

*High season and holiday supplement may apply. Entrance to the Holocaust museum is not permitted for children under the age of 10.*

*Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.*





**Departs: Sundays**  
*Tour does not operate on the:*  
 14, 21 Apr; 29 Sep; 6, 13, 20 Oct 2019

**Day 1 Sun: Tel Aviv**

Arrival to Ben Gurion airport where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

**Day 2 Mon: Tel Aviv-Caesarea-Megiddo-Haifa-Acre**

Depart Tel Aviv and drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region; visit the excavations of the ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Proceed to Muhraqa, the site of confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal; enjoy the spectacular view of the Jezreel valley and the lower Galilee. Continue to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; learn the impressive history of this battle field as you visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Onto Acre to visit the remarkable underground Crusader City and crypt; walk through the Old

City recognized by UNESCO as world heritage site, the local market and harbour. Continue to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 3 Tue: Acre-Tiberias-Capernaum-Banias-Acre**

After a short tour of Tiberias, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; visit the Yigal Alon center where the "Jesus boat", an ancient fishing boat from the 1st century, is displayed. Continue to Capernaum to visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Stop at Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of Fish and Loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Proceed to Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Springs and tour the Golan Heights. Return to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 4 Wed: Acre-Cana-Nazareth-Beit Shean-Jerusalem**

Drive to Cana to visit the Wedding Church, where Jesus performed his first miracle turning water into wine. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation, Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Proceed to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan river; next, stop at Beit Shean to visit the newly excavated Roman city and amphitheatre. Drive along the Jordan valley to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 5 Thu: 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 Room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the Old City; walk through the Cardo, the ancient roman road; visit the Jewish and Christian quarters; view the Temple Mount; walk along the Via Dolorosa and the oriental Bazaar to visit the Church of Holy Sepulchre. Next, drive to the Garden Tomb and enjoy the beautiful gardens and peaceful ambiance. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

**Day 6 Fri: Jerusalem-New City-Bethlehem-Jerusalem**

Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of Visitation; proceed to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust. Visit 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, birthplace of Jesus; visit Shepherds' field; walk through Manger Square to visit the remarkable Church of Nativity. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 7 Sat: Jerusalem-Qumran-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem**

Drive through the Judean hills to Qumran caves, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found; Continue along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada, the

last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D; ascend Masada by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod; visit the remains of the walls, water cistern and Herod's Palace; descend by cable car. Continue to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth; enjoy the opportunity to float in the unsinkable water and cover yourself with the mineral rich mud, believed to have therapeutic effects. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 8 Sun: Jerusalem-Ben Gurion Airport**

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure. (B)

*\*Visit subject to the security conditions.*

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 7 nights' accommodation on half board basis
- 6 touring days as per itinerary
- with Licensed English Speaking guide
- Entrance fees to the sites as described in program

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2646	2461	3826
Silver	2804	2609	4067
Gold	3436	3241	5107

*High season and holiday supplement may apply.*

*Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.*



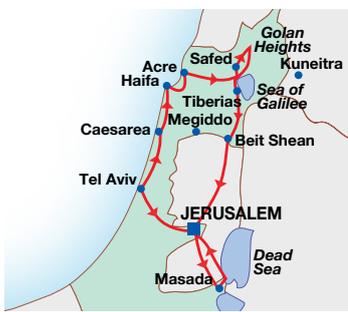
Bethlehem



Capernaum

# Grand Tour of Israel

• 12 or 14 Days



## Departs: Wednesdays

Tour does not operate on the: 6 Mar; 10, 17, 24 Apr; 8 May; 14 Aug; 18, 25 Sep; 2, 9, 16 Oct; 4 Dec 2019

### Day 1 Wed: Tel Aviv

Upon arrival, meet and greet at airport before transferring to your Hotel.

### Day 2 Thu: Tel Aviv

In the morning enjoy a guided tour of Independence Hall, where the state of Israel was founded. Afterwards drive to Latrun to visit the Armored Corps museum, one of the most diverse tank museums in the world. Visit the Ayalon Institute and see the secret underground arms factory, reminiscent of the times under British Mandate rule and visit the battlegrounds which have been painstakingly restored. Continue to Beit Guvrin national park, declared by UNESCO as a world heritage site, explore parts of the archaeological remains and unique caves. Return to your hotel for overnight. (B)

### Day 3 Fri: Tel Aviv

Depart your hotel for a day of touring. Firstly a stop at Rabin Square, before continuing onto the old port city of Jaffa. Wander the interesting artist quarter, learn about Tel Aviv's famed Bauhaus architecture as you explore the Neve Zedek. Continue onto the Nahlat Binyamin Boulevard and enjoy the colours and scents of the craft markets. Finish the day with a walk through the trendy Bohemian district at Shenkin Street. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B)

### Day 4 Sat: Tel Aviv

Day at leisure to continue discovering this fascinating modern city, or perhaps, just its famed beaches. (B)

### Day 5 Sun: Tel Aviv-Caesarea-Megiddo-Haifa-Galilee

Drive along the coastal plain to

Caesarea, which was once the capital of Judea under the Romans. See the excavations of the crusader city, the Roman port and amphitheater. Proceed to Megiddo; visit the archaeological excavations including the well preserved water supply system. Continue to Daliat el Carmel, a Druze village and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed via Mount Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa bay and the Golden domed Bahai shrine and gardens. Overnight in a kibbutz guesthouse. (B, D)

### Day 6 Mon: Galilee-Safed-Golan Heights-Galilee

Drive to Safed, the centre of Jewish mysticism, where you will visit the ancient synagogues and the artists' colony. Continue to Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at the Golan winery for a tour and wine tasting; Proceed to Kesem Hagolan, for a multimedia presentation of the area and its history. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse. (B, D)

### Day 7 Tue: Galilee-Nazareth-Tiberias-Capernaum-Jerusalem

Start the day with a visit to Nazareth and visit the Church of Annunciation; continue to Tiberias. Visit Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and church of St. Peter. Visit Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive via Beit Shean to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

### Day 8 Wed: Jerusalem

Start the day with a magnificent panoramic view from Mount of Olives. Drive to the Old City to visit the tomb of King David and the room of last supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Bethlehem (Subject to security clearance); view Rachel's tomb and proceed to visit the Church of Nativity and Manger's Square. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

### Day 9 Thu: Jerusalem

Drive to the Israel museum to see the

Shrine of the Book, once home to the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period. Proceed for a tour at the Knesset, Israel's parliament. Continue to visit Mount Hertz cemetery and Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust. Visit Mea Shearim, the ultra-orthodox neighbourhood. In the evening enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner followed by the spectacular 'Sound & Light' show (weather permitting) at the Tower of David museum. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

### Day 10 Fri: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Stop at Qumeran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress. Continue to the Dead Sea and cover yourself with the mineral rich mud and experience a swim in the Dead Sea (weather permitting). Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L)

### Day 11 Sat: Jerusalem

Day at leisure. Spend the day exploring this fascinating city mixed with ancient and modern. (B)

### Day 12 Sun: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure. (B)

## Eilat Extension

### Day 12 Sun: Jerusalem-Timna-Eilat

Travel south through the Negev desert and visit Timna to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars. Continue to Eilat where you'll stop to visit the underwater observatory, one of the largest sea aquariums in the world, built into a coral reef. Overnight Eilat. (B)

### Day 13 Mon: Eilat-Petra-Eilat

Enjoy a free day to relax at leisure in the picturesque Red Sea coastal resort town of Eilat. (B) Optional Petra Tour: After assistance with visa to the

Jordanian border, drive to Petra, the astonishing rose-red city. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans (An early Arab tribe) who settled in the south of Jordan more than 2000 years ago. The visit begins with the possibility of a short horseback-riding for about 700m to the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2km long. Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the Treasury, Royal Tombs, the Court, Roman theatre, Roman Street and Qassier El-Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter). The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second Wonder of the World. After the visit, time for lunch before driving back to border. On the way, a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility to stop and take a walk around. Transfer to the border at around 18:00pm and cross back for overnight at Eilat. (B, L)

### Day 14 Tue: Eilat-Mitzpe Ramon-Sde Boker-Tel Aviv

Depart for Tel Aviv, on the way stop at Mitzpe Ramon to gaze into the Ramon crater. Proceed to Sde Boker and see Ben Gurion's hut and grave overlooking the magnificent Zin valley. Stop for a camel ride and a visit to an authentic Bedouin tent; learn about the Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch. Continue to Hatzerim and visit Israel's air force museum to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force. Drive to Tel-Aviv. (B, L)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 11 or 13 nights accommodation in Category of your choice
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Tours as per itinerary with Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	12 Days Grand Israel Tour			14 Days with Eilat		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	3770	3556	5562	4996	4745	7057
Silver	3984	3770	5934	5274	5024	7540
Gold	4829	4569	7484	N/A	N/A	N/A

High season and holiday supplement may apply

Please refer to page 21 for the list of hotels used in these programs.



**Departs: Sundays**  
 Tour does not operate on the:  
 6 Oct 2019

**Day 1 Sun: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem**

Upon arrival, meet and greet at Tel Aviv airport and transfer to Jerusalem for overnight.

**Day 2 Mon: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem**

After breakfast, depart Jerusalem for the mountain fortress of Masada. Ascend by cable car to the once luxurious palace of Herod the Great. See the site of the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. Wander this unique site where you can explore the bathroom, storerooms, hanging palaces and the Synagogue. Continue the day by descending to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. Enjoy the opportunity to float in this mineral rich marvel. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 3 Tue: Jerusalem New City**

Start with a spectacular view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, then continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, located at the foot of the Mount of Olives, within the walled grounds of the Church of all Nations. See the famous Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book and the model of Jerusalem from Herodian times. Experience a moving visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial,

This 45-acre (180,000 m<sup>2</sup>) complex contains the Holocaust History Museum; memorial sites, such as the Children's Memorial and the Hall of Remembrance, The Museum of Holocaust Art and sculptures. Explore the picturesque village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 4 Wed: Jerusalem Old City-Bethlehem-Jerusalem**

Today we start our visit in the Old City. See the Western Wall and the Temple Mount (subject to security clearance). Walk the Via Dolorosa until we reach the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper on Mount Zion. Afternoon visit to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity, built over the rumored position of Jesus' birth. Continue the tour to Shepherd's Field (view only), one of two rumored locations where the shepherd's saw the Star of Nativity. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 5 Thu: Jerusalem-Jericho-Nazareth-Tiberias**

Depart Jerusalem via Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Explore the excavations of the beautiful Roman City of Beit Shean. Continue onto Nazareth, located in the lower Galilee and in the heart of a valley surrounded by mountains. See the carpentry workshop of Joseph and visit the Church of Annunciation. Drive to Safed, a city of Mystical Judaism for a walk through the artists colony. Return to Kibbutz hotel for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 6 Fri: Sea of Galilee**

Ascend the Golan Heights and from Mt. Bental, peer deep into Syria and the ghost town of Kuneitra. Pass by Caesarea of Philippi at the Banias Springs before driving along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the town of Capernaum, which was originally a fishing village. Visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue. Enjoy an Israeli wine

country experience, with vineyards surrounded by breathtaking views. Become acquainted with the collection of fine and rare wines enjoying a tour, wine tasting and understanding of the wine production process. Optional sailing tour. See the beautiful church at Tabgha where the miracle of the fishes and the loaves took place. Enjoy a short tour of the city of Tiberias before returning to the Galilee Kibbutz Hotel for overnight. (B, D)

**Day 7 Sat: Galilee-Coastal Plain-Tel Aviv**

Morning departure for Acre to explore the Knights' Halls and the secret Crusader tunnels, then to Haifa to view the magnificent Bahai gardens from atop Mount Carmel. Stop at Caesarea, to visit the Roman Theatre and the Crusader Fortress. Continue onto Tel Aviv and Jaffa for a short city tour. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B, D)

**Day 8 Sun: Tel Aviv**

Transfer to the airport for departure. (B)

## Jordan Extension

**Day 8 Sun: Tel Aviv-Jerash-Amman**

Drive to Sheik Hussein Bridge for border crossing procedures to enter Jordan (border crossing tax payable locally). Explore Jerash, the ancient Roman city of the Decapolis. Gaze and admire the colonnaded streets, the temples, theatres and the spectacular squares and plazas. Chance to take part in an optional real re-enacted Gladiator fight in the original hippodrome as the Romans used to do. Continue onto Amman for a panoramic city tour visiting the Citadel and Roman

Amphitheatre. Overnight in Amman. (B)

**Day 9 Mon: Amman-Petra**

Travel along the Desert Highway to Petra. Often described as the Eighth Wonder of the Ancient World, it is a vast, unique city carved in to sheer rock face. Take a short horse ride through the Siq and emerge at the stunning Treasury. See the magnificent theatre, and various tombs, temples, baths and colonnaded streets. Return to Petra for overnight. (B)

**Day 10 Tue: Amman-Madaba-Mt Nebo-Amman**

Depart to Madaba to see the intricate and ancient map made of Mosaics which depicts the Holy Land. Visit Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land before his passing. Explore the remains of the Byzantine Church with its mosaic floor, and enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea from a platform in front of the church. Afternoon transfer to Amman Airport or across the border to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv Airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Airport transfers with Meet and greet service
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- 7 or 9 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Licensed English Speaking guide for all touring
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	8 Days Pilgrims Tour			10 Days with Jordan		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2349	2303	3231	3575	3529	4606
Silver	2684	2646	3770	4058	4011	5311
Gold	3464	3296	4884	4996	4773	6658

High season and holiday supplement may apply

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Jerusalem

# From Israel to Jordan

## Israel & Jordan Connection

• 10 Days



**Departs:** Daily  
Tour does not operate on the:  
8, 9 Oct 2019

### Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

On arrival transfer from Tel Aviv airport to Jerusalem.

### Day 2: Old Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

Tour of Old Jerusalem. Explore the highlights including Mount of Olives, the 'Old City' including the newly restored Jewish Quarter, the Cardo and Western Wall. Continue to the Christian Quarter to walk the Stations of the Cross, Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then, proceed to enter Bethlehem via Manger Square and visit the Churches of the Nativity and Milk Grotto. Overlook the shepherd fields and return to Jerusalem. (B)

### Day 3: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. Take a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress. Visit Herod's Palace. Opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea and float in the mineral rich water before returning to hotel. (B)

### Day 4: Jerusalem-Nazareth-Sea of Galilee-Jerusalem

Head north to Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Annunciation then continue on to Tiberias, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, driving past Cana. Upon arrival, visit Tabgha, where the Miracle of the Fishes and Loaves occurred and Capernaum, to visit the ancient Synagogue where Jesus preached. Also visit Mt of Beatitudes before returning to Jerusalem via Yardenit. (B)

### Day 5: Jerusalem-Allenby Bridge-Wadi Rum

After breakfast, drive to Allenby Bridge (Border tax payable locally). Upon

arrival in Jordan, drive to Wadi Rum. At the camp, dinner and overnight in a traditional Bedouin tent. (B, D)

### Day 6: Wadi Rum-Petra

Today take a four wheel drive morning tour of Wadi Rum, the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes. Continue to Petra, the Rose Red City. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Petra. (B, D)

### Day 7: Petra

A full day in Petra, selected in 2007 as one of the 7 Wonders of the Modern World. Its magnificent temples and palaces are carved into the rosecolored sandstone cliffs. Begin with viewing the magnificent Treasury, and then continue with the temples, tombs, houses and amphitheatre. (B, D)

### Day 8: Petra-Kerak-Mt Nebo-Madaba-Amman

Drive to Kerak and visit the Crusader Castle of Reginald of Chatillon. Continue to Mt Nebo where we look at the Moses Memorial. Then proceed to Madaba for a tour of St George's Church, home to the famous mosaic map of the Holy Land. Overnight in Amman, the capital city of Jordan. (B)

### Day 9: Amman-Jerash-Amman

This morning after breakfast, tour of Jerash and then a city tour of Amman, taking in the Citadel before descending to the downtown area with the Amphitheatre and colonnaded street. Then, enjoy a panoramic tour of the souks of Amman, the mosque of King Abdullah the first and the modern city of Amman. (B)

### Day 10: Amman

Transfer to Amman airport for your departure flight. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Tours as per itinerary: In Israel group tours, in Jordan private tours with English speaking driver and local guide in Petra and Jerash
- Transportation by air conditioned vehicle
- All transfers including assistance
- 4 nights accommodation in Jerusalem, 1 night in Wadi Rum, 2 nights in Petra & 2 nights in Amman
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	3399	3213	5209
Silver	3594	3408	5636
Gold	4309	4039	7141

## Israel & Jordan Highlights

• 8 Days



**Departs:** Daily  
Tour does not operate on the:  
8, 9 Oct 2019

### Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem

Upon arrival at the airport, meet and greet before transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem. (B)

### Day 2: Old Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

Depart hotel after breakfast and drive to Mount Of Olives for a panoramic view of the entire city. Continue on to the old city entering through the Jewish Quarter. Walk the Cardo to the Wailing Wall before arriving to the Christian Quarter to experience the Stations of the Cross and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Afternoon visit to Bethlehem to visit the popular sites including Church of the Nativity and Manger's Square. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

### Day 3: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

After breakfast, depart south from Jerusalem for the Dead Sea Region, popular for the location of the mountain fortress of Masada, widely known as the location of the final stand of the Jewish Zealots against the Romans as well as the location of Herod's famed and luxurious Palace. Descend to the Dead Sea, salt lake whose banks are more than 400m below sea level, the lowest point on earth. Its famously hypersaline water makes floating easy, and its mineral-rich black mud is used for therapeutic and cosmetic treatments. Float on the surface of the water before returning to Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

### Day 4: Jerusalem-Allenby Bridge-Mt Nebo-Madaba-Petra

Depart Jerusalem this morning for Allenby Bridge for your crossing into

Jordan. (Border tax payable locally) Upon arrival, drive to Mt Nebo and survey the 'Promised Land' with its views of the Jordan Valley and the rumored burial location of Moses. Continue onto Madaba, The City of Mosaics, where every stone tells a tale. Continue onto Petra for overnight. (B)

### Day 5: Petra

This morning, tour Petra, believed to have been settled as early as 9,000 BC, and was possibly established in the 4th century BC as the capital city of the Nabataean Kingdom. Ride through the Siq towards the Treasury, one of the most recognised façades in the world, known for its inclusion in the Indiana Jones movie franchise. Continue walking along the 2km strip and for those feeling a little adventurous, hike up the 800 steps to the Monastery and gaze upon the valley below. (B, L)

### Day 6: Petra-Amman

After breakfast, depart Petra for the capital of Amman. Upon arrival, enjoy your panoramic city tour of this culturally rich city. Explore the Souks, admire the Mosque of King Abdullah and gaze upon the modern architectural marvels situated throughout the city. (B)

### Day 7: Amman-Jerash-Amman

Today enjoy a tour of the historic city of Jerash, a fascinating Greco-Roman city, believed to be one of the best preserved provincial cities outside of Europe and once one of the Ten Great Cities within the Decapolis League. Wander the ruins or watch a chariot race and gladiator fight. Return to Amman for overnight. (B)

### Day 8: Amman

Transfer to the airport for your departure. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Tours as per itinerary: In Israel group tours, in Jordan private tours with English speaking driver and local guide in Petra and Jerash
- Transportation by air conditioned vehicle
- 3 night's accommodation in Jerusalem, 2 night's in Petra, 2 nights in Amman
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees to sites visited

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Bronze	2702	2507	4262
Silver	2934	2758	4726
Gold	3491	3241	5915

# Religious Tours

Groups receive a pilgrim gift pack including a pilgrim certificate signed by the Minister of Tourism and Mayor of Jerusalem

Home to the three great Monotheistic religions; Christianity, Judaism and Islam as well as many others. Israel provides an excellent home base for those wanting to embark on a religious pilgrimage. Many sites important to religions are featured within our programs; however we can custom design any itinerary to suit your specific needs and faith. Visit sites of religious significance such as the Church of Holy Sepulchre for Christians, Masada or the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Below we have provided some sample itineraries for the three main religious beliefs, prices based on groups of 20-24 people travelling. Please note that these are only a few suggestions and starting point as the programs can be modified to suit your required timeframe, places of interest or accommodation choice.

## Anglican Tour

• 8 Days

### Departs: Daily

#### Day 1: Tel Aviv

Visit Neot Kedumim Biblical Reserve, explore Old Jaffa and see the house of Simon the Tanner. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight Gilgal Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv-Caesarea-Muchrakah-Nazareth-Cana-Tiberias

Explore Caesarea Maritima and the Carmelite Monastery at the Muchrakah. Visit the holy sites of Nazareth and the Wedding Church in Cana. Overnight at Prima Galil or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Tiberias-Tabgha-Capernaum-Mt. of Beatitudes-Syria-Tiberias

Sail the Sea of Galilee, then visit Tabgha. Head to Capernaum, then climb Mt. of Beatitudes. Walk through Caesarea-Phillippi at Banias Falls. Tour Golan Heights and from Mt. Bental, view Syria and the ghost town, Kuneitra. View Northern Israel from atop the Hula Valley. Overnight at Prima Galil or similar (B, D)

#### Day 4: Tiberias-Beit She'an-Beit Alpha-Jerusalem

Depart the Sea of Galilee via the fertile Jordan Valley. Explore Beit She'an and visit the synagogue of the zodiac at Beit Alpha. Head to Jerusalem and stop at Mt. Scopus for a 'welcome to Jerusalem prayer'. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jerusalem

Climb Mt. of Olives, then walk Palm Sunday Road and visit the Church of All Nations, then the Temple Mount. Visit

Jerusalem Old City, the Garden Tomb and tour the Western Wall Tunnels. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

Tour Mt. Zion and visit the Church of St. Peter. Explore the new city of Jerusalem and visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and the Shrine of the Book. Visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Ein Gedi-Jerusalem

Drive to the mighty fortress of Masada. Experience a 'float' in the Dead Sea and hike to the Ein Gedi desert oasis. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport. (B)

from **A\$2250** per person twin share based on 20 participants

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Private religious group tour
- Meet and assist at airport
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- 7 nights accommodation in three or four star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Headsets
- Entrance fees and luggage handling included

## Catholic Tour

• 8 Days

### Departs: Daily

#### Day 1: Tel Aviv

On arrival transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Gilgal Hotel or similar. (D)

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv-Muchrakah-Nazareth-Cana-Nazareth/Tiberias

Drive to Haifa to visit the Carmelite Monastery and St. Elijah's Grotto. Continue to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. Visit the Church of St. Joseph. Celebrate mass in Nazareth. Visit the Wedding Church in Cana. Overnight at Golden Crown City Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Nazareth/Tiberias-Mt. of Beatitudes-Capernaum-Tabgha-Mt. Tabor-Nazareth/Tiberias

Climb Mt. of Beatitudes then explore Capernaum and see the ruins of a Galilean synagogues. Visit the Church of the Multiplication and Church of St. Peters Primacy in Tabgha. Sail the Sea of Galilee, then visit Mt. Tabor. Golden Crown City Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Nazareth/Tiberias-Yardenit-Jericho-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Visit Yardenit then continue to Jordan Valley. Make your way through the desert to Jericho and experience a 'float' in the Dead Sea. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

Drive to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity. Visit the Silver Star, Roman Catholic Church of St. Catherine and the Shepherd's Field. Celebrate mass in Bethlehem then

visit Ein Kerem. Enter the Old City of Jerusalem and tour the Western Wall. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem

Drive to the Mt. of Olives stopping at the Church of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Walk Palm Sunday Road passing by the Franciscan Church of Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Visit the Islamic Quarter of Old City. Walk along the Via Dolorosa and end at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem-Mt. Zion-Abu Gosh-Jerusalem

Explore Mt. Zion, visit the Israel Museum and Emmaus in Abu Gosh. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem

After breakfast transfer to Ben Gurion airport. (B)

from **A\$2050** per person twin share based on 20 participants

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Private religious group tour
- Meet and assist at airport
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- 7 nights accommodation in three or four star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Headsets
- Entrance fees and luggage handling included

## Orthodox Tour

• 8 Days

### Departs: Daily

#### Day 1: Tel Aviv

On arrival transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Gilgal Hotel or similar. Rest of day at leisure. (D)

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv-Lod-Haifa-Nazareth/Tiberias

Visit the Church of St. George in Lod then the modern port-city of Haifa. Visit the Stella Marris Carmelite Monastery and Cave of Elijah. Overnight at Golden Crown Old City Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Nazareth/Tiberias-Cana-Mt Tabor-Nazareth/Tiberias

Tour Nazareth, the site of Mary's Well and the Church of the Annunciation. Visit the Wedding Church in Cana and explore Mt. Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration. Overnight at Golden Crown Old City Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Nazareth/Tiberias-Capernaum-Tabgha-Mt. of Beatitudes-Nazareth/

### Tiberias

Sail the Sea of Galilee. Explore Capernaum, then visit Tabgha and the Church of Multiplication. Climb Mt. of Beatitudes and visit Caesarea of Phillipi at Banias Springs, then tour the Golan Heights. Overnight at Golden Crown Old City Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Nazareth/Tiberias-Yardenit-Beit She'an-Belvoir-Jerusalem

Visit Yardenit then depart the Sea of Galilee via the fertile Jordan Valley. Explore Beit She'an and visit the Hospitaller Castle of Belvoir. Head to Jerusalem and stop at Mt. Scopus for a welcome to Jerusalem prayer. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem

Climb Mt. of Olives, then visit the Church of Pater Noster and the Chapel of Ascension. Walk Palm Sunday Road

to visit the Church of Dominus Flevit and the Church of All Nations. Explore the Islamic Quarter of Old City. Walk by Ecce Homo Arch, Via Dolorosa, the Stations of the Cross and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit Mt. Zion and the Church of St. Peter. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

Experience Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Explore Ein Kerem before driving to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, Manger Square and Shepherd's Fields. Stop for special shopping of olive wood religious carvings. Overnight at Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem-Jericho-Dead Sea-Jerusalem

Tour the ruins of Old Jericho and the Mt. of Temptations then visit the

Greek Orthodox Monastery on the mountaintop. Explore the caves of Qumran and enjoy a 'float' on the Dead Sea. Jerusalem Tower Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Jerusalem

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion airport. (B)

from **A\$2350** per person twin share based on 20 participants

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

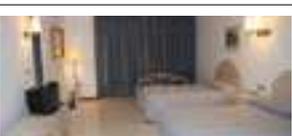
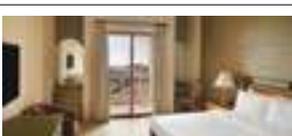
- Private religious group tour
- Meet and assist at airport
- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- 8 nights accommodation in three or four star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, D-Dinner)
- Headsets
- Entrance fees and luggage handling included

# Hotels Used in our Programs

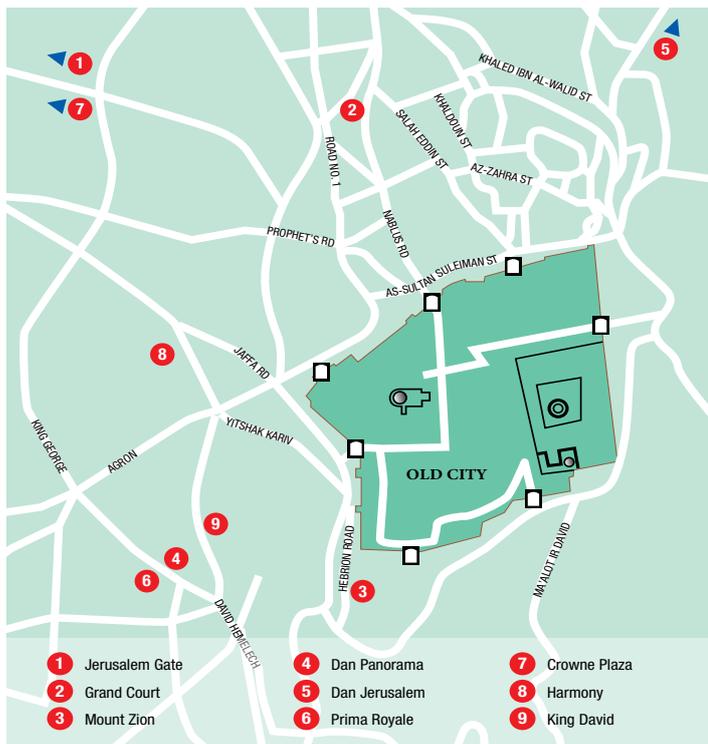
We have negotiated very competitive prices at the hotels which we use in our programs. We have selected these hotels as they offer superb value for money without compromising on standard. Their staff offer friendly and helpful service and understand the needs of our Australian clients. Bronze - usually 3 star hotels; Silver - usually 4 star hotels; Gold - usually 4 and a half to five star hotels. Deluxe - usually 4 and a half to 5 star hotels with hotels in Jerusalem being in the city centre.

Hotels	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	DELUXE
Jerusalem	Jerusalem Tower / Park / Jerusalem Gold	Grand Court / Royale	Dan Panorama / Crowne Plaza	David Citadel / Mamilla
Tel Aviv	Sea Net / Gilgal	Metropolitan / Grand Beach	Dan Panorama / Crowne Plaza	Carlton / Sheraton
Tiberias	Prima Too / Restal	Leonardo Tiberias / Golan	Ron Beach / Caesar	Scots Hotel / Galei Kinneret
Galilee	Kibbutz Hotels	Kibbutz Hotels	Kibbutz Hotels – superior rooms	Kibbutz Hotels – superior rooms
Eilat	Vista/ Prima Music	Dan Panorama	Dan Panorama	Dan Panorama
Amman	Larsa / Liwan / Toledo	Nabatean Castle / Petra Guest House	Petra Marriott	Regency Palace
Petra	Petra Palace / Amra Palace	Golden Tulip / Petra Panorama	Nabatean Movenpick / Beit Zaman	Nabatean Movenpick / Beit Zaman

\*Similar hotels may be used if above properties are not available.

Hotels				
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	 Jerusalem Tower	 Jerusalem Grand Court	 Dan Panorama	 David Citadel
<b>TEL AVIV</b>	 Sea Net	 Tel Aviv Sea Metropolitan	 Crowne Plaza	 Sheraton
<b>TIBERIAS</b>	 Prima Too	 Leonardo Tiberias	 Ron Beach	 Scots Hotel
<b>GALILEE</b>	 Galilee Kibbutz Hotels	 Galilee Kibbutz Hotels	 Galilee Kibbutz Hotels	 Galilee Kibbutz Hotels
<b>EILAT</b>	 Vista	 Dan Panorama	 Dan Panorama	 Dan Panorama
<b>AMMAN</b>	 Larsa	 Nabatean Castle	 Petra Marriott	 Regency Palace
<b>PETRA</b>	 Petra Palace	 Golden Tulip	 Nabatean Movenpick	 Beit Zaman

# Jerusalem



## Taste of Jerusalem

• 3 Days

**Departs:** Daily

**Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem**

Upon arrival transfer from Tel Aviv airport to Prima Royal Hotel in Jerusalem.

**Day 2: Jerusalem-Full day tour**

Morning pick up from your hotel for a full day tour of Old and New Jerusalem. Sights visited include: Mt Zion, the walled Old City and Western Wall, the Stations of the Cross, the Church of Holy Sepulchre, and the Holocaust Memorial. (B)

**Day 3: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv**

After breakfast, transfer to Tel Aviv airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Return airport transfers • 2 nights' accommodation at Prima Royale Hotel • Full day tour of Old and New Jerusalem
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

from  
**A\$790**  
per person  
twin share

## Jerusalem Essentials

• 4 Days

**Departs:** Daily

**Day 1: Tel Aviv-Jerusalem**

Pick up from Tel Aviv airport and transfer to Prima Royal Hotel in Jerusalem.

**Day 2: Jerusalem-Full day tour**

Take a full day sightseeing tour of Jerusalem, which covers attractions in both the Old and New town. (B)

**Day 3: Jerusalem-Masada-Dead Sea-Jerusalem-Full day tour**

Pick up from your hotel and depart for Masada to visit Herod's Palace, dating back 2000 years. Then travel to the Dead Sea where there is the chance to

swim. The water is so rich in salts and minerals that you float! Return to your hotel. (B)

**Day 4: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv**

After breakfast, transfer to Tel Aviv airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Return airport transfers • 3 nights' accommodation at Prima Royale Hotel • Full day tour of Old and New Jerusalem • Full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea • Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

from  
**A\$1130**  
per person  
twin share

## 1 Jerusalem Gate Hotel

★★★



Located just minutes from the main bus station and International Congress Centre, at the entrance of the city and within walking distance from the city centre and the 'Shuk.' Offers the perfect base to explore the city from. Suitable for holiday makers as well as business travellers. Facilities include restaurant, bar, lounge, coffee and beauty shop. Each of the 298 comfortable rooms feature individually controlled A/C and heating, cable TV, direct dial telephone, high-speed internet access and functional bathroom with hairdryer. **Breakfast Included:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free. 2-16 - supplement applies.

from  
**A\$134**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Grand Court Hotel

★★★★



Near the Old City, this 4 star stylish property consists of 442 rooms and is located at the historic Mandelbaum Gate and is within a stroll away to the main attractions. Enjoy the spacious sun lit dining room and garden view lounge. Other facilities of the Grand Court Hotel also include a swimming pool and a fitness centre. All of the guest rooms are pleasantly furnished and include the following features: A/C, TV with cable and movie channels, telephone, mini-bar, in room safe and hairdryer. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-12 years supplement applies.

from  
**A\$169**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Mount Zion Hotel

★★★★★



This boutique hotel offers a special ambiance so unique it can be difficult to define. Considered to have stunning views of Mount Zion and the walls of the Old City. The hotel features a swimming pool (open in summer), lobby bar and coffee shop, dining rooms, spa facilities, internet and free parking. Each of the 137 rooms have been recently renovated to encompass modernity with the ambiance of old Jerusalem and all include direct dial phone, in room safe, satellite TV, A/C and hair dryer. Additionally there are rooms with balcony available on request. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-18 years - supplement applies.

from  
**A\$250**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 4 Dan Panorama Hotel

★★★★★



Centrally located in the new part of the city, this upmarket property is close to restaurants and shops, whilst still being within walking distance of Jerusalem's major historic sites and the fascinating Old City. The hotel offers excellent facilities including a restaurant, rooftop swimming pool and sundeck in summer, fitness room, a business centre, complimentary covered parking, beauty salon, gift shops and a photography shop. All rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated with private facilities and equipped with cable TV, mini-bar, safe and hairdryer. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
A\$230  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 5 Dan Jerusalem Hotel

★★★★★



The Hotel is located on the historic slopes of Mount Scopus, overlooking the romantic skyline of Jerusalem and surrounded by the rolling hills of Judea. Also, it is located on the new light rail and 3 kilometres to the old city. The hotel features a selection of restaurants and a bar as well as over 500 guest rooms which all include A/C, a mini-bar, ensuite bathroom and shower, high speed internet access, radio, telephone, voice mail system, television, work desk, safe and hairdryer. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-18 years sharing with 2 paying adults - supplement applies.

from  
A\$196  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 6 Prima Royale Hotel

★★★★★



This boutique hotel is located in the residential district of Talbieh. A private hideaway for all travellers wanting to relax in the heart of this unique city. Offers various facilities to ensure you have a comfortable stay including gift shop, business centre, wireless internet, coffee shop and bar. This hotel is perfect for everyone. All 126 elegantly designed and spacious rooms feature mini bar, air conditioning, cable TV, telephone, safe and private bathroom with hairdryer. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-16 years - 75% discount first child when sharing with 2 adults.

from  
A\$190  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 7 Crowne Plaza Hotel

★★★★★



One of the most recently renovated hotels in Jerusalem. The hotel offers spectacular views of the city of Jerusalem. It is situated opposite the International Convention Centre and within walking distance to the Museum campus, the Knesset, the Supreme Court and the vibrant Mahane Yehuda market. The hotel is located on the tram line to the old city but also offers frequent free shuttle services. The hotel has a total of 396 rooms which have a modern interior design and are equipped with a mini bar, cable TV, Wi-fi Internet, hair-dryer and tea and coffee making facilities. Hotel also offers a business centre, a luxurious spa, gym, tennis courts and a half Olympic size swimming pool. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-18 years sharing with 2 paying adults - supplement applies.

from  
A\$182  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 8 Harmony Hotel

★★★★★



The Harmony Hotel is just a 10-minute walk from the Old City and five minutes away from Jerusalem's Mamilla shopping centre. The area offers travellers a variety of gourmet restaurants, upscale boutiques and is in proximity to the many religious and historic sites of Jerusalem. The hotel offers 50 comfortable and stylish guestrooms combining modern design with elements that convey the essence of the city's character, from stunning photographs to video art created by local artists. Each room includes air-conditioning, LCD TV, free Wi-Fi access, coffee/tea, mini-fridge, safe and hair dryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-18 years sharing with 2 paying adults - supplement applies.

from  
A\$188  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 9 King David Hotel

★★★★★



One of Jerusalem's most famous hotels, the 5-star King David offers luxury décor, panoramic views and an outdoor pool. The spacious gardens overlook the Old City, which is just a 15-minute walk. The hotel has four restaurants with the Garden Restaurant providing traditional Israeli food. Facilities for the hotel also include tennis court and fitness centre as well as an outdoor swimming pool and children's pool open during the summer. King David Hotel Jerusalem features air-conditioned rooms with LCD TV and marble bathrooms. Many rooms have views of the Old City and Mount Zion. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
A\$500  
per person  
per night  
twin share

# Day Tours

We are delighted to offer a wide selection of tours to fit in with both your needs and your time schedule. These day tours can be added to almost any itinerary and range in duration from half day to full day sightseeing or evening outings. These tours have set itineraries and most of them include pick up and drop off from hotels in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv (subject to road access). Some tours are available as small group tours. Tours include English speaking guide and are operated in air conditioned coach or minivan. All tours are also available on private basis. Due to space limitation not all tours are listed hence please contact us for other tours.

## Jerusalem Old City

• Half Day



**Departs:** Daily

Pick up from hotel. Explore Old and New Jerusalem. Start the tour with a panoramic view of the city from Mount of Olives (may be replaced by Mount Scopus). Enter the Old City through one of its famous gates. Explore the restored Jewish Quarter and visit the Cardo, an ancient Roman marketplace where you can still shop today. Stop at the Western Wall. Continue into the Christian Quarter and walk along the Via Dolorosa, following the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Finish in the Old City for the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. *Note: Modest dress and head covering are required for visiting holy sites.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	94	110

Please note that we also offer those tours as small VIP group tours (group size maximum 10 to 15 people) the supplement is A\$46 per person.

## Jerusalem Old & New City

• Full Day



**Departs:** Daily

Pick up from your hotel in order to explore the biblical and cultural highlights of Old and New Jerusalem. Start the tour with a panoramic view of the city from Mount of Olives (may be replaced by Mount Scopus). Enter the Old City through one of its famous gates. Explore the restored Jewish Quarter, one of the four quarters of the walled city. The quarter is home to around 2,000 people and covers about 0.1 square kilometers. It is also the location of many tens of synagogues and yeshivas and has been almost continually home to Jews since the century 8 BCE. Visit the Cardo, an ancient Roman marketplace where you can still shop today. Stop at the Western Wall, the holiest place to the Jewish people. Continue into the Christian Quarter and walk along the Via Dolorosa, following the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue in the afternoon for a moving visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. (On Saturday instead of Yad Vashem, drive to Ein Karem, southwest of Jerusalem, traditionally known as birthplace of John the Baptist; Stroll in the narrow lanes of the picturesque neighborhood, stopping by Mary's spring and continue to visit the remarkable Church of Saint John the Baptist.) Return to Hotel. *Note: Modest dress and head covering are required for visiting holy sites.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	140	176

Please note that we also offer those tours as small VIP group tours (group size maximum 10 to 15 people) the supplement is A\$46 per person. Entrance to the Holocaust museum is not permitted for children under the age of 10.

## Tel Aviv City Tour

• Full Day



**Departs:** Fridays

Pick up from your hotel. Morning visit to the Diaspora Museum - explore the History and culture of the Jewish people. Take a tour of the Tel Aviv city centre - the business and entertainment capital of Israel and UNESCO Heritage Site. Stop at Rabin's square, place of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin. Explore Neve Zedek and the earliest neighbourhoods of Tel Aviv. Onto the craft markets of Nahalat Benyamin and the colourful ambience of Sheinkin Street. Continue to Old Jaffa, the 8,000 year old port city; Visit the ancient ruins and stroll the restored artist's quarter. Return to your hotel. *Guests picked up from Jerusalem will join the tour from Tel-Aviv.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	204	186

## Private Petra from Israel

• 2 Days



**Departs:** Tel Aviv or Jerusalem Daily (except Thursdays & Fridays)

### Day 1: Jerusalem or Tel Aviv-Allenby Bridge-Madaba-Mt Nebo-Petra

Pick up from your hotel in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem and transfer to Allenby Bridge (applicable border tax paid locally). Meet your driver outside the Jordan border at 8.00am, Drive to Madaba, home to some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world. Continue to Mount Nebo, highest point in the Moabite mountain range, offering a remarkable view of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. From this peak then drive to your hotel in Petra for dinner and overnight. (D)

### Day 2: Petra-Petra Visit-Allenby Bridge-Tel Aviv or Jerusalem

After breakfast, visit the red rose city Petra, the biggest attraction of Jordan. Start the trip on horseback or by foot to the canyon, the so called Siq, and then walk to the most beautiful monument: the Treasury, from here explore the city to see the Street of Facades, the Royal Tombs and Pharaoh's Castle, transfer back to Israeli border via Allenby Bridge and transfer to your hotel. (B)

#### INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in A/C vehicle • 1 night accommodation in Petra • Allenby Shuttle Bus Ticket Round Trip • Entrance fees to sites visited • Horse riding in Petra (700m) • Professional English speaking guide throughout Jordan part
- Transfers on Israeli side.

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple
Silver	1328	1226
Gold	1413	1311
Platinum	1558	1456

## Bethlehem

• Half Day



**Departs:** Daily

Pick up from your hotel. Drive to the city of Bethlehem; Walk through the Manger's Square to visit the Church of Nativity. Proceed to the Church Of Milk Grotto Shepherds' Field. Stop at a local souvenir store and return to Jerusalem. Tour ends in Jerusalem and return to Tel-Aviv on own. *Note: Passports and modest dress required.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	150	186

## Jericho

• Half Day



**Departs:** Mon, Wed & Sat

Pick up from your hotel. Drive through the Judean desert and enjoy a roadside view of the Good Samaritan Inn. After a short stop at sea-level for a panoramic view, continue to Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Stop to see Zacchaeus' Sycamore Fig Tree and proceed for an overview of Mt. of Temptation. Visit to Tel Jericho. Tour ends at around 01:30pm in Jerusalem; Transfer to Tel-Aviv with a driver only. *NOTE: Passports are required.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	186	326

## Combination Tours

• Full Day



**Departs:** Jerusalem Old City & Bethlehem - Daily

Jerusalem & Dead Sea - Daily

Bethlehem & Jericho - Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

These combination tours, combine the most popular day tours from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Visit the holyland of Jerusalem, the birth place of Jesus, the oldest city in the world Jericho where 25 ancient cities were uncovered or the lowest place on earth the Dead Sea where you have the opportunity to float and cover yourself in mineral rich, therapeutic mud. *\*Passports are required for the Bethlehem & Jericho tour.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
Jerusalem Old City & Bethlehem	204	224
Jerusalem & Dead Sea	204	260
Bethlehem & Jericho	260	280

## Nazareth & the Sea of Galilee

• Full Day



**Departs:** Daily (except Sundays)

Depart your hotel and travel through the lush Galilee landscape to Nazareth, where Jesus spent his childhood. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of St Joseph. Continue via Cana to the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Visit Capernaum to see the ancient synagogue where Jesus preached, Tabgha, where he performed the Miracle of Fishes and the Loaves and visit in Church of Multiplication. Then visit the baptismal site at Yardenit before returning to your hotel. Guests picked up from Jerusalem will join the tour from Tel-Aviv.

*Note: Passports and modest dress required. Guests picked up from Jerusalem will join the tour from Tel-Aviv. Transfer from/to Jerusalem may be accompanied by a driver only.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	186	176

## Masada & the Dead Sea

• Full Day



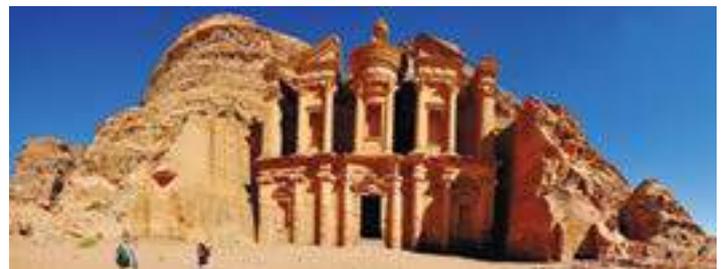
**Departs:** Daily

Pick up from your hotel. Depart via the Judean hills to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth; Visit a Dead Sea cosmetic products shop. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada where you will learn about the heroic story of the Jewish fighters. Ascend by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the zealots of the first century made their last stand against the Romans. Visit the remains of the walls, palace, synagogue, water cisterns, mosaic floors, roman baths and other findings. Descend by cable car. Continue to the Dead Sea; Its famously hypersaline water makes floating easy, and its mineral-rich black mud is used for therapeutic and cosmetic treatments at area resorts. The surrounding desert offers many oases and historic sites. Enjoy the unique opportunity to float in the Dead Sea and cover you with the mineral rich mud that many believe has therapeutic effects. Return to your hotel. *Note: Comfortable walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, bathing suit and towel are recommended. Spa treatments are not included. Lockers are available at additional cost.*

Price Per Person A\$	From Jerusalem	From Tel Aviv
	204	222

## Petra Day Tour

• Full Day



**Departs:** Daily (except Fridays & Saturdays)

Pick up from Eilat hotel or airport. After assistance with border formalities, drive straight to Petra, the astonishing rose-red city built by the Nabateans. Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Walk into the narrow canyon that leads to the red rock. Visit the treasury, royal tombs, the court, roman theatre, Roman Street, Qasser El- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter). After the visit, stop for lunch in a nice restaurant (included in price). Drive through Aqaba for a short panoramic tour before driving back to Arava border crossing. Return to hotel or airport in Eilat. *Note: Passports are required for this tour.*

### INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in A/C vehicle
- Entrance fees to all mentioned sites
- Horse riding in Petra (700m)
- 2-3 hours local English speaking guide

Price Per Person A\$	From Eilat	From Tel Aviv (including return flight to Eilat)
	464	798

*Price does not include Jordan visa, taxes & tips.*

# Tel Aviv



## 1 Sea Net Hotel

★★★



Located in the centre of Tel Aviv just minutes walk from the sea front and promenade. All rooms although a bit small are equipped with interactive TV with access to the Internet and movie rental. ADSL Internet connections for personal computers are provided. For guests' convenience a mini bar and coffee making facilities are available. The Sea Net lobby bar is situated in the reception area, serving both alcoholic and light refreshments. For guests relaxation a sundeck is on the roof of the hotel, allowing a panoramic view of Tel Aviv and the sea. Small and boutique tourist class hotel in a good location. **Breakfast:** Israeli Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free. 2-12 years - 50% discount of twin rate.

from  
**A\$116**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Gilgal Hotel

★★★



Located in the heart of Tel Aviv the Gilgal Hotel offers modern, contemporary accommodation combined with a high standard of personal service. Just a short walk from Tel Aviv Beach and the city's shopping area, restaurants, coffee shops and bars, the Gilgal offers rooftop dining with a view of the sea for with Mediterranean and international dishes for those looking to relax at the hotel. The 50 rooms are comfortable and offer air conditioning, Wi-Fi, safety deposit box, phone, flat screen satellite TV, coffee and tea facilities and hair dryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free, 3-12 years - 75% discount first child when sharing with 2 adults.

from  
**A\$140**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Dan Panorama Hotel

★★★★



Located in the heart of Jerusalem and within walking distance of the Old City, the Dan Panorama is a 4-star hotel offering newly refurbished accommodation and a great range of facilities including a range of restaurant, cafes and bars which serve many Israeli specialities alongside international dishes. The hotel also has a rooftop pool and sun terrace (summer months only) as well as gym, games room, spa and wellness centre, a synagogue and shops. All of the 292 rooms are spacious and elegant and contain Cable LCD TV, air conditioning, radio, mini bar, in-room safe, phone and hair dryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free with cot, 3-17 years sharing with 2 paying adults - supplement applies.

from  
**A\$260**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 4 Renaissance Hotel

★★★★★



A Marriott hotel and originally a business traveler's hotel, caters well for families and tourists alike. The Renaissance is located on the Mediterranean shore and Tel-Aviv's bustling city centre is only a few minutes walk away. Hotel offers 342 comfortable guest rooms and suites. All rooms have a sea view and private balconies. Each of the guest rooms include voice mail service, Wireless Internet connection, hairdryer, mini-bar, in-room safe, and Cable TV. Non smoking rooms & connecting rooms available. The hotel offers also indoor Pool, health club and fitness centre. **Breakfast:** Israel Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
**A\$270**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

# Israel General Information

## Introduction

Israel is best known as the Holy Land, a country with a rich tapestry of sacred sites for Christians, Jews, Muslims and Bahai's. Adherents of the world's great monotheistic religions are drawn to Israel by their spiritual ties to the land. Israel's tumultuous history has resulted in over 20 civilisations leaving their mark on the land and its cities over a period of 10,000 years making it an archaeological and historical treasure trove. Modern Israel is a vibrant exciting and energetic country with a rich and varied art and culture, exciting nightlife featuring entertainment and cuisine from over 100 countries.

Each part of the magical country has something new and different to discover. Take the time and enjoy every moment of it!

## Official Language

Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages; however English is also widely spoken.

## Visas

A three month visa is granted to Australian Passport holders upon arrival. There are a few countries that do not accept passports with an Israeli visa in it (Syria, Lebanon, Iran and Libya). For those not wanting a visa stamped into their passport can instead fill out a FORM 17L, which is available in the arrival hall prior to passport control. Without the visa or FORM 17L, you risk being charge VAT Tax by hotels. Entry is granted provided there is more than six months validity on your passport.

## Electricity

220AC volts, 50hz. Plugs are two or three pronged cylindrical in style and an adapter will be required.

## Time Zone

Israel is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Israel is approximately seven hours behind Australia during European Summer, and nine hours behind in European Winter.

## Climate

Ranging from Mediterranean in the north to arid in the south, there is an area to suit everyone. Israel has long warm to hot and dry summers from May to October. Jerusalem has mild nights and warm days, while the Dead Sea is very hot around this time averaging temperatures 32-38 degrees during summer.

Israel also has cool wet winters from December to February. Generally the Dead Sea region is warm to hot all year round with temperatures staying high, even during winter, which makes it a perfect winter spa escape.

## Average Monthly Temperatures (Degrees celcius):

Average Temps	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jerusalem	Low	5	5	6	10	13	16	18	17	14	10	6
	High	10	11	14	20	24	26	27	26	23	18	13

## Population

Israel had a population of just over 8.2million in 2014.

## Food

Israeli food is generally a mix of East and West. Most restaurants are moderately priced with menus in both Hebrew and English. National specialties include Falafel (deep fried balls of mashed chickpeas), Hummus, Tahina (sesame seed sauce). In addition there are favourites such as shashlik which is charcoal meat on a skewer, shwarma, slices of grilled meat served in a pita bread, bean stews and a Shabbat meat stew called cholent. A huge buffet Israeli breakfast features at all hotels.

## Currency

Israeli Shekel, 100 Agorots is equal to 1 Shekel; however \$USD is widely accepted. Visa and MasterCard are the preferred credit cards and most tourist areas have ATMs. Most banks are open from Sunday to Thursday from 0830-1200 and from 1600-1800 on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Fridays and the eves of major Jewish holidays, banks are open from 0830-1200.

## Getting There

**By Air:** El Al offers most direct flights to Israel via Bangkok linking with either Qantas, Thai or British Airways ex Australia or from Hong Kong linking with Cathay or Qantas ex Australia. Royal Jordanian connects with Thai or Qantas via Bangkok from Australia also services Israel via Amman.

**By Sea:** Haifa is Israel's main port. There are regular cruises from Cyprus to Israel but no ferry service.

**By Land:** Access into Israel from Jordan is via the three bridges on the Eastern side of the country, the Sheikh Hussein Crossing in the north, the Allenby Bridge in the centre and the Arava Crossing in the south. There is also access via Egypt between Taba and the Red Sea resort city of Eilat.

## Getting Around

Internal flights are only available between Eilat and Tel Aviv. Israel's national bus service links most cities and towns. Israel also has a convenient, efficient and inexpensive train network lining Israel's coastal cities and Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Buses and trains don't run on Shabbat (from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset). Pre purchased tours are recommended for those who are hoping to travel and sightsee during these times.

Shared taxis (sheruts), which are a cheap and popular form of transport run seven days a week. Operating similar to a bus, these taxis run on a fixed route for a fixed price, private taxis are available all week. A rental car is recommended for those who want to cover a lot of ground quickly, however

it should be noted that Jerusalem and Tel Aviv have serious parking problems and traffic is congested.

## Accommodation

Israel has a comprehensive range of accommodation types available from budget to luxury including hotels, holiday villages, self catering apartments or rooms, and hostels. In addition there is some unique accommodation such as Christian hospices or Kibbutz guest houses. Pre-booking accommodation is the best choice for a stress free holiday, with quality hotels, at a decent price. Most hotels in Israel serve kosher food which meets Jewish dietary laws and dictate that certain foods cannot be served together. You will find breakfast buffets to be opulent with a large variety of food, however you won't find meat or cold meats and dairy (cheese) or meat and fish served at the same buffet.

## National Holidays 2019

21-22 Mar - Purim (Deliverance of the Jewish people)  
 20 Apr - Pesach (First day of Passover)  
 21-22 Apr - Orthodox Easter  
 26 Apr - Pesach (Last day of Passover)  
 2 May - Holocaust Day  
 8 May - Memorial Day  
 9 May - Independence Day  
 2 Jun - Jerusalem Day  
 9 Jun - Shavuot (Pentecost)  
 11 Aug - Fast of Ninth of Av  
 14-20 Sep - Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)  
 30 Sep-1 Oct - Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)  
 9 Oct - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)  
 21 Oct - Simchat Torah  
 20-30 Dec - Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)

## Shopping

Israel offers the choice of modern shopping malls or colourful markets, Best buys include cut and polished diamonds, glass and silver items, jewellery, Dead Sea cosmetics and skin care as well as religious items. Bargaining is not standard in Israel except in the Market areas. Tourists benefit from a zero VAT (Value Added Tax) on most items, and buying from shops displaying the Ministry of Tourism sign enables the possibility of a VAT refund at the airport or land border crossing point of departure. Most Israeli shops are open from Sunday to Thursday, 0800-1900. Some shops close between 1300-1600 for an afternoon break, on Fridays, some shops close early, and others, mainly Jewish stores close for Shabbat. In Christian and Muslim districts in cities such as Jerusalem and Nazareth shops are open during the Jewish Sabbath.

## Tipping

Tipping is expected for taxis, hotel portage and guides, however with all other services, tipping is optional. Recommended tips are as follows: meals in restaurants between 10-15% of bill, however, many include a 12% service charge and as such, a tip is not required. Other tipping includes:

tour guides US\$10 pp/day, tour drivers US\$6 pp/day, private tours US\$20-US\$30 per car/day, transfer drivers US\$6/transfer and porters US\$1 per bag.

## Things To Do

**Jerusalem:** The holy city is host to a multitude of religions and cultures and this has resulted in many sights to see. Enter into the old city by the Jaffa Gate and David's Tower with its fantastic views of Temple Mount. Explore the Old City Quarters with Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Armenian cultures all contributing to 4 very distinct quarters. Highlights include the Western Wall, the newly reconstructed Hulda steps leading to Jerusalem Archaeological Park, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; one of Christianity's most sacred places, believed to be built upon the site of Christ's Crucifixion and the Via Dolorosa. Admire the Dome of the Rock, and find a bargain in the street markets. Modern Jerusalem is a vibrant city. Other highlights include the Israel Museum containing the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, and Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust of WWII.

**Dead Sea:** Experience the lowest point on earth where anyone can float.

**Masada:** Be amazed at the sheer size of Masada and explore the ruins of King Herod's palace, perched high on the ridge. Here 900 Jewish Zealots held the Roman legions at bay for 4 years between AD 69-73. Enjoy the lush spring water oasis of Ein Gedi and visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

**Galilee:** Gain inspiration from the Sea of Galilee as the place of Jesus' worship and to the ruins of the ancient Synagogue at Capernaum. Nearby Tabgha is the site of the miracle of the Fishes and Loaves and a few kms away is the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon. Visit Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine and Jesus' home town of Nazareth.

**Bethlehem:** Controlled by the Palestinian Authority, but accessible in group tours from Jerusalem just 9kms away, Jesus' birthplace is located within the walls of the Church of Nativity.

**Tel Aviv:** Visit the charming neighbourhood of Neve Zedek, see the unique bauhaus buildings around the city that earned UNESCO heritage status and the title of 'the white city'. Jaffa is the Mediterranean's most ancient seaport and now a popular suburb of Tel Aviv.

**Haifa:** The highlight of this port city is the Gold domed Bahai Temple and Formal Gardens which ascend the slopes of Mount Carmel in 13 stages.

**Negev & Eilat:** The southern half of Israel is dominated by the stark grandeur of the Negev Desert. Beersheba has special significance for Australians as the site of a great ANZAC victory of WWI. At Israel's southern tip is the vibrant Red Sea resort city of Eilat from which travellers can enjoy the coral beneath Eilat's warm waters. From Eilat it is an easy crossing from Israel into either Egypt or Jordan.

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bookings paid less than 14 days prior to client's departure, the documents will be provided in electronic format regardless of the value of the services.

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**Ferry Tickets:** All ferry tickets are not refundable once paid in full regardless of date of cancellation.

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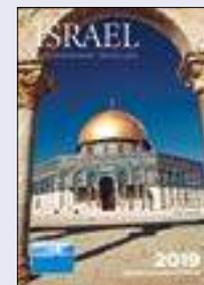
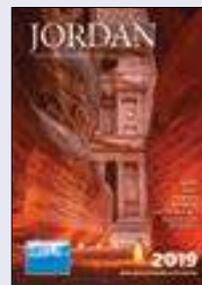
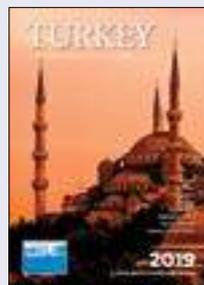
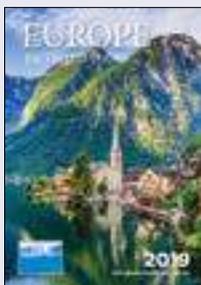
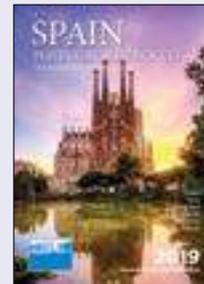
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