

HOLYLAND TOUR Sunday arrival – 11 days/10 nights

Day 1: SUNDAY - Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel *Overnight in Tel Aviv*

Day 2: MONDAY - Caesarea / Megiddo / Haifa / Acre

Depart Tel Aviv and drive along the coastal plain to **Caesarea**, capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of the ancient city, the Roman Theatre and aqueduct.

Continue to **Megiddo**, identified as the site of Armageddon.

Visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system.

Drive to **Haifa**; view the Persian Gardens at the **Baha'i Temple**.

From Haifa, drive to **Acre** to visit the ancient city and harbor.

Continue to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight

Day 3: TUESDAY - Tiberias / Capernaum / Banias

After a short tour of **Tiberias**, we take a boat ride to **Capernaum**. Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue.

Proceed to **Tabgha**, the site of the Miracle of Fish and Loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor.

Continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

Drive to the **Banias Springs** and waterfalls and tour the **Golan Heights**.

Return to Kibbutz Lavi for overnight

Day 4: WEDNESDAY - Nazareth / Beit Shean

Drive to **Nazareth** via Cana of Galilee. Visit the Church of Annunciation, St. Joseph's workshop and Mary's Well.

Drive to **Yardenit**, a traditional baptism site on the Jordan River.

Continue to **Beit Shean**, a newly excavated city, and visit the Roman theatre.

Drive along the Jordan River to Jerusalem for overnight.

Overnight Jerusalem

Day 5: THURSDAY - Jerusalem - Old City

Drive to **Mount of Olives** for a panoramic view of the city;

Visit the church of All Nations, King David's tomb and the room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion.

Enter the **Old City** and visit the Cardo, Temple Mount (entrance to the mosques not included), Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, the Oriental Bazaar and more.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6: FRIDAY - Jerusalem - New City and Bethlehem

Drive to **Ein Karem** to see the Church of Visitation.

Proceed to **Yad Vashem**, the memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.

Visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple Period.

Proceed to **Bethlehem** to visit the Church of Nativity. (Visit subject to security clearance).

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 7: SATURDAY - Dead Sea / Masada

Visit the ancient city of **Qumran** and drive along the shore of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth, to **Masada**, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Mt. Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. *Return to Jerusalem for overnight*

Day 8: SUNDAY

Travel south to the **Negev** desert; visit the Israeli Air Force Museum at Hatzerim to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force.

Visit **Sde Boker** and see Ben-Gurion's hut and grave overlooking the magnificent Zin valley.

Stop at **Mitzpeh Ramon** to gaze into the Ramon Crater, a geological wonder.

Drive to **Timna** to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations.

Overnight Eilat

Day 9: MONDAY - Free day in Eilat or Day in Petra (optional)

Cross the border into **Jordan** and rive though the stark desert to the astonishing rose-red city of Petra which was built by the Nabateans (An early Arab tribe).

The visit begins with the entrance of the **Siq**, which is about 1.2 km long crack in the towering cliff. A twist, a turn and the Treasury building appears in front of you like magic.

Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The Treasury, Royal Tombs, The Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's Daughter), and many other smaller monuments, which fascinate visitors.

Take time for lunch in a nice restaurant.

Drive to **Aqaba** for a short visit

Cross back into Israel and drive to **Eilat.**

Overnight Eilat

Day 10: TUESDAY

Visit the **Underwater Observatory** and observe the marine wildlife on a coral reef from up close Drive to **Mamshit** for a **Camel riding experience** and a visit to an authentic **Bedouin tent**. Learn about the Bedouin traditions and hospitality and enjoy a light lunch. *Drive back to Tel-Aviv for overnight*

Day 11: WEDNESDAY

Transfer to Ben-Gurion airport for departure.



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