

# Biblical Lands

8 days | Jerusalem to Tel Aviv



*COACH TOUR: Join us on a Biblical adventure through Israel's most holy sites - explore Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth before heading to the gorgeous region of Galilee. End with fun and sun in the lively city of Tel Aviv.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Haifa - Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden and Mount Carmel
- Jerusalem (West Bank) - Old City - Jewish Quarter, bazaars, Western Wall. Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mt. Zion, Last Supper Room and King David's Tomb. Israel Museum and the Dead Sea Scrolls and Yad Vashem - World Holocaust Centre
- Ein Karem - Birthplace of John the Baptist
- Bethlehem (West Bank) - Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field
- Jericho - Oldest city in the world
- Beit Shean - Excavations of the old Roman city
- Safed - City of Kabala
- Nazareth - Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well
- Golan Heights - Former fortifications and Druze villages

- Picturesque Sea of Galilee and the Miracle Sites
- Caesarea - One of the great cities of antiquity! Roman theatre and Crusader fortress
- Tel Aviv - Dynamic city on the Mediterranean coast

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily and 6 dinners
- 7 nights 4 star hotels
- Touring - Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beit Shean, Nazareth, Galilee, Acre, Haifa and Caesarea
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing
- Services of local guides for scheduled sightseeing
- Ben Gurion Airport arrival and departure transfer on days 1 and 8
- All transfers and transportation in modern air-conditioned vehicles
- This coach tour is operated in conjunction with other tourist groups, not solely On The Go. You will join travellers from a number of different operators, some staying in different hotels for sightseeing each day

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow USD\$5-7 per day, per traveller for your guide and

USD\$2 per day, per traveller for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Jerusalem

Monday. Welcome to Israel and the start of your Biblical adventure. We'll be there to meet you at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer you to our hotel in greater Jerusalem (West Bank). The remainder of today is at your leisure.

#### Overnight - Jerusalem

### Day 2 : New Jerusalem



Jerusalem (West Bank). Begin the day with a trip to the Mount of Olives for impressive views of Jerusalem. See some of the world's oldest olives trees at the Garden of Gethsemane and discover the glistening mosaics of the nearby Church of Agony.

Continue to the Israel Museum's, Shrine of the Book to see the famous Dead Sea Scrolls

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and the beautifully renovated Model of the Herodian City of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple (515 BCE – 70 CE). Scattered over 45 acres of the Mount of Remembrance is Yad Vashem, a vast, landscaped complex with a fascinating museum and a dozen memorials built to honour the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust. We pay our respects and learn more about how this tragedy shaped the modern State of Israel. Later, we visit the picturesque village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. **Overnight - Jerusalem (B, D)**

## Day 3 : Old Jerusalem & Bethlehem



Jerusalem - Bethlehem - Jerusalem (West Bank). After breakfast today we head to the spectacular Old City through one of the fabled gates. Within its mighty walls we explore the renewed Jewish Quarter, the 2,000 year old Western Wall, Via Dolorosa – the route that Jesus is believed to have taken as he carried his cross to Calvary, and the Stations of the Cross ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest Christian site in the Old City. We'll also have time to wander the colourful bazaars and pick up some souvenirs.

Later, we make our way to Mount Zion to visit the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and Dormition Abbey. This afternoon we visit Mahane Yehuda, this bustling market showcases incredible flavours, aromas and colours and is fantastically noisy and exciting place to explore. **Overnight - Jerusalem (B, D)**

## Day 4 : Beit Shean, Nazareth & Safed



Jerusalem - Nazareth - Galilee. Leaving Jerusalem, we drive north via Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Continuing via the Jordan Valley we reach Beit Shean and explore the excavations of this beautiful Roman city. Afterwards we proceed to Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation that dominates the city's skyline. It's the largest church in the Middle East and one of the Christian world's most holy shrines. We'll also visit Mary's Well and then continue to Safed, the city of the Kabala in the northern district of Galilee, for a walk through the mystic alleys and the artists' colony. **Overnight - Galilee (B, D)**

## Day 5 : Viticulture, Golan & Galilee



Galilee. This morning we drive to Golan Heights, where we see the former fortifications and the Druze villages. Afterwards, we visit an Israeli vineyard for wine tasting. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, we'll learn about wine production and sample a collection of fine wines.

We continue past Banias, the source of the Jordan River, to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here, we'll see Peter's House and the ruins of the ancient synagogue in Capernaum, Mount Beatitudes, and Tabgha where the

miracle of the Fish & Bread took place. After learning a little about the importance of Israel's diamond industry at a famed emporium, our day continues with a short tour of Tiberias, an ancient centre of Jewish learning. This afternoon an optional sailing trip across the Sea of Galilee is offered (book & pay locally).

**Overnight - Galilee (B, D)**

## Day 6 : Acre & Haifa



Galilee - Tel Aviv. Driving west, we explore the medieval fortifications of Acre, a famous Crusader stronghold. In Haifa we'll enjoy a tour of the Bahai Shrine, Persian Gardens and Mount Carmel for panoramic views of the city. Heading southwards to Caesarea we visit the Roman Theatre and Crusader Fortress before arriving in Tel Aviv, Israel's dynamic party centre on the Mediterranean Coast. **Overnight - Tel Aviv (B, D)**

## Day 7 : Tel Aviv - your way



Tel Aviv. Today offers free time for you to enjoy Tel Aviv your way. Alternatively, you could opt to take a day trip to the Dead Sea to swim in the buoyant waters (book and pay locally). **Overnight - Tel Aviv (B, D)**

## Day 8 : Tel Aviv

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and further explore, we can arrange post accommodation, please enquire.

For information about visas, top travel tips and much more, take a look through our travel guide.

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

#### Leonardo Jerusalem

The modern Leonardo Hotel is in an ideal base for exploring the sites of Jerusalem. Centrally located within a short walk of famous sites such as the Via Dolorosa, Western Wall and the Old City. Rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated, with all modern amenities. The two restaurants serve delicious local and international cuisine and breakfast is plentiful. After a long day of sightseeing, the large outdoor pool is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a refreshing swim, while those who can't resist a holiday workout can head to the fitness centre.



#### Hotel Grand Court

Centrally located, the Hotel Grand Court is a very modern hotel and an excellent base for exploring the holy city. Guest rooms are bright and well furnished with free Wi-Fi throughout. The Garden Court is the perfect spot to enjoy breakfast al-fresco. There is also a refreshing outdoor pool to relax in or by (open April - September). Perfectly located just a short walk from the Old City.



#### Hagoshrim Hotel & Nature

A unique hotel in the northern Galilee region of Israel, Hagoshrim Hotel & Nature was built on the ruins of the splendid winter palace of Ottoman ruler Amir Fahir. Surrounded by picturesque water springs and greenery, the hotel offers spacious guestrooms with balconies overlooking the Koren river. Guests can indulge in treatments at the Fiorina Spa or enjoy the facilities of the health and fitness centre, which include a gym, two swimming pools and a sauna. An Israeli breakfast buffet is also available daily, with dinner served in the onsite restaurant.



#### Hotel Grand Beach

Located just a few minutes walk from Tel Aviv's golden beaches, the Hotel Grand Beach offers a comfortable and luxurious atmosphere. Guest rooms are modernly furnished and include free Wi-Fi. With a number of excellent eating options including a lavish buffet in the 'Jerusalem' dining room. The roof top pool is another highlight affording stunning views of the seafront and the city and is a great place to cool off! Perfectly located close to the sea front and the bustling city centre with lots of restaurants and cafes nearby.



#### Hotel Metropolitan

Within easy walking distance from major city attractions, Hotel Metropolitan is a modern hotel with excellent amenities. Guest rooms are designed in a contemporary style with soft furnishings and stylish en suite bathrooms. The hotel also has an onsite bar and cafe serving food throughout the day. In the summer head to the outdoor pool with sundecks - the perfect way to start the day! Perfectly located in the centre and very heart of Tel Aviv.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. The 'Twin Share' price is per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. The 'Solo Room' price is applicable to all solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
07 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
14 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
21 Dec	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
28 Dec	USD 2,445	USD 4,445

### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
11 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
18 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
25 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
01 Feb	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
08 Feb	USD 2,295	USD 3,295

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15 Feb	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
22 Feb	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
01 Mar	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
08 Mar	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
15 Mar	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
22 Mar	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
29 Mar	USD 2,545	USD 4,545
05 Apr	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
12 Apr	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
19 Apr	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
26 Apr	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
03 May	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
10 May	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
17 May	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
24 May	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
31 May	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
07 Jun	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
14 Jun	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
21 Jun	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
28 Jun	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
05 Jul	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
12 Jul	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
19 Jul	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
26 Jul	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
02 Aug	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
09 Aug	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
16 Aug	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
23 Aug	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
30 Aug	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
06 Sep	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
20 Sep	USD 2,545	USD 4,545
27 Sep	USD 2,445	USD 4,445
04 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
11 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
18 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
25 Oct	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
01 Nov	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
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22 Nov	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
29 Nov	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
06 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
13 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
20 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
27 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 3,295

## PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295

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Date	Twin Share	Single
10 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
17 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
24 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
31 Jan	USD 2,295	USD 3,295
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