

Come to Israel in 2020 Depart: August 31

Return: September 8 / 10



Day 01- Tuesday September 1 2020

- Arrival, meeting and assistance by Amiel Representative, transfer to Jerusalem.
- Dinner & overnight Jerusalem Hotel

Day 02 –Wednesday September 2 2020

Jerusalem, Old City

- After breakfast we'll ascend Mount of Olives for a breath taking panoramic view of the old city of Jerusalem.
- Descend via Palm Sunday Way to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. Enter the Garden of Gethsemane, with its ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ. Walk along the Palm Sunday Way and visit the chapel of Dominus Flevit
- On to Mt Zion to visit King David's Tomb and the Upper Room (Room of the Last Supper).
- Visit the Pools of Bethesda, the Sister of Zion Convent (to see the Pavement where Jesus stood as he was being tried by Pilate), Ecco Homo Arch, and the ancient Cardo
- We'll then enter the gates of the old city and walk the Via Dolorosa and end with a visit to the Church of Holy Sepulcher.
- Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Day 03 –Thursday September 3 2020

Temple Mount & Garden Tomb

- After breakfast head to visit the Temple Mount, sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians.

 Originally, it was the site of the two great Temples of Jerusalem. Now the location of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Continue to visit the last remaining segment from the ancient walls that surrounded the Second Temple, The Western Wall, a symbol of Jewish yearnings for their ancestral and spiritual homeland.
- End the day with a visit to the Garden Tomb, an ancient Jewish sepulcher which matches the New Testament description of the tomb in which Jesus was buried. Participate in a moving communion service.
- Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner & overnight





Day 04 - Friday September 4 2020

Via the Coastal Plain to Tiberius

- After breakfast we start our day with a short drive to the Bethlehem area to visit the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field.
- Travel via the Sharon plain to Caesarea. Caesarea, the seat of the Roman Procurator of the Judea in the time of Christ and is the place St. Peter converted the centurion Cornelius. (Acts 10:24).
 - Explore the Roman Theater and the Aqueduct and view the ruins of Roman, Byzantine and Crusader times.
- Next we Stop at a Druze village for Druze hospitality and learn about this great community that lives in Israel and serves in its Army.
- On to Nazareth, the home of Joseph and Mary, pass Mary's well, and visit the Church of the Annunciation and Nazareth Village that depicts the daily activities and culture the town Jesus grew up in.
- Drive to the city of Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle. (Turning jars of water into wine.)
- Dinner & overnight Sea of Galilee



Sea of Galilee & Golan Heights

- We'll start the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Visit the ancient Boat museum from Jesus' time.
- Drive to Capernaum, the town Jesus made his home after leaving Nazareth. Visit St Peter Primacy Church. Capernaum is the place where Jesus recruited the first of disciples Visit the excavation of the ancient synagogue and the house of St. Peter.
- On to Tabgha, site of the multiplication
- Visit Mount Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12).
- Eat St. Peter fish lunch.
- Drive to the Banās, site of the ancient Caesarea Philippe. It is here that Peter made his confession of faith in Jesus (Matthew 16:13). Drive to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee and Kursi.
- End the day at the Yardenit Baptismal site on the Jordan River. Here you are able to plunge into the atmosphere of spirituality and connect with the Holy Land.
- Dinner and overnight Sea of Galilee





Day 06 - Sunday September 6 2020

Via the Jezreel Valley to Jerusalem

- Drive to **Megiddo** which was one of the strongest and most important cities of Canaan.
 - The remains of the palaces, temples, gates, and the sophisticated water system of the city are evidence of its great power.
 - Megiddo's strategic location at the crossing of military and
- trade routes gave the city an importance far beyond its size.
- Continue to Yad Vashem, museum and memorial for the 6 million Jews murdered in the Holocaust.
 - Tour of the Holocaust History Museum, built mostly underground. Both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, it presents the story of the Holocaust from a unique Jewish perspective, emphasizing the experiences of the individual victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies and personal possessions.
 - End the visit at the very moving exhibit at the Children's
 - Pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million
 - Jewish children in the Holocaust.
- on to the City of David. See the newest and exciting excavations of Jerusalem during the time of the first Temple period.

 The story of the City of David began over 3,000 years ago, when King David left the city of Hebron for a small hilltop city known as Jerusalem, establishing it as the unified capital of the tribes of Israel. Today, deep underground, the City of David is revealing some of the most exciting archeological finds of the ancient world.
 - Walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel which still flows with water.
- Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.





Day 07 - Monday September 7 2020

Jericho & Dead Sea

- After breakfast drive to Jericho, the world's oldest city. Just beside the wall of Jericho, to the east, is the fountain of Eliseus. It was here the spring's bitter waters were turned sweet by the prophet's handful of salt (21 Kings 2: 19). From here the Mt. of Temptation can be seen Matt 4: 1). On to Jerusalem.
- Continue to Qumran, where the 2000 years old Dead Sea Scrolls were found.
- Next to Masada. Ascend Masada by cable car. Masada is the site of the most dramatic act in Jewish history. Explore the ancient excavation of Herod's Palaces, bathhouse, the storerooms, the Ramp, and the oldest synagogue in the world.
- Drive along the shore of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi is an Oasis on the Dead Sea shore. Near the 200 meter high waterfall is a cave where David had his famous meeting with King Saul. A walk around the reserve confirms that Ein Gedi is one of the most beautiful nature reserves in the world.
- Time to float on the Dead Sea.
- Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Day 08 - Tuesday September 8 2020

Departure or extension to Petra

• Transfer to Ben-Gurion airport for your flight back home

People wishing to do the Petra extension will be transferred to the Allenby Bridge and cross to Jordan.

Arrival at the Allenby Border Jordan side your Guide will help with all Visa formalities.

then we drive to Madaba one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land passing through a string of ancient sites visiting Madaba; "The City of Mosaics" a typical East Bank town: underneath almost every house lies a fine Byzantine mosaic. Many of these mosaics have been excavated and are on display in the town's museum, but it is estimated that many more lie hidden waiting to be discovered. We will continue to a Panorama tour in Amman.



DAY 09 - Wednesday September 9 2020

Petra

Breakfast at the hotel and start to Petra for a full day tour to discover the Nabateans City of Petra, the "pink city", which has been ranked New Wonders of the World Heritage of Humanity, it's the home of the Nabateans;
The complete city carved in a mountain with the huge colorful rocks that called "the red rose city".
The tour will start by crossing the "Siq" which is an impressive 1200 M long, deep and narrow gorge of stunning natural beauty.
The Siq s hammed in by cliffs soaring up to 80 Meters. Then just when you think you have seen enough dazzling sights in the Siq, you will face with Al-Khazneh (the treasury) the pride of all Jordanians. The architectural style of it was unique in the ancient world, main inspiration was Hellenistic, Alexandrian Hellenistic, plus that unique encompassing Nabateans artistic touch
(30 M Wide, and 43 M high) it is a truly breath-taking. Then we continue the visit and come to the Street of Facades the
Theatre which looks Roman but was executed by the Nabateans in the 1stCentury AD, it is carved into solid Rock except towards the front earlier side, where part of it was built freestanding, initially it could seat 3000 People, but was later extended to finally hold about 7000.

Late afternoon drive to Wadi Arava Border for departure Arrive at Arava border, transfer to Ramon airport and fly to Ben Gurion airport. Transfer to your hotel.

Dinner and overnight Tel Aviv

DAY 10 -Thursday September 10 2020

Departure

• After breakfast transfer to the airport for departure





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