

JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

11 days incl. air or 10 days from Tel Aviv to Tel Aviv (TG)

Vacation Overview

A wonderful vacation! Start in Tel Aviv and travel to Caesarea with visits to the Roman Amphitheater and the impressive Crusader fortress, to the ancient fortified city of Megiddo, to Muhraqa, and to Haifa, a city with a long history dating back to biblical times. Here you will visit the Baha'i Shrine. In Acre, tour the excavated part of the immense underground Crusader city. On to Nazareth in Galilee, where you will visit St. Joseph's Church; Cana—site of the miracle where Jesus changed water into wine at a wedding; and Lake Tiberias. Arrive at Kibbutz Ginosar and enjoy an evening lecture on kibbutz life. On the way to Jerusalem, stop at important biblical sites such as Bet She'an with its fine Roman and Byzantine relics, and enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee. In Jerusalem, included excursions to Ein Karem and Bethlehem, to Masada and the Dead Sea, and a walking tour through the Old City show you the highlights. Visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Via Doloroso, the Wailing Wall, and more. A full day at leisure to relax or to join an optional excursion that includes visits to the Israel Museum with the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls, to the Holocaust Memorial in Yad Vashem, and more. Stop in the Valley of Elah, Latrun, and Jaffa on your way back to Tel Aviv, and enjoy a farewell dinner.

Map



Itinerary

Day 1

(Sat.) Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 Arrival in Tel Aviv, Israel

(Sun.) Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Enjoy this evening's welcome drink with your traveling companions, hosted by your Tour Director.

Day 3 Tel Aviv– Caesarea–Megiddo–Muhraqa–Haifa

(Mon.) Start your tour of the Holy Land with Caesarea, the perfect place to learn about the Roman and Crusader presence in the country. Visit the ROMAN AMPHITHEATER and the impressive CRUSADER FORTRESS, and admire Herod's Stadium and harbor. In the afternoon, travel to the ancient fortified city of Megiddo, regarded as one of the most important biblical sites in Israel. This is the famous battleground, where armed struggles of Assyrians, Canaanites, Egyptians, Greeks, Israelites, Persians, Philistines, and Romans took place. According to the New Testament, Armageddon will serve as the gathering place for an army that will fight in the battle that causes the return of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:10). Next, continue along the coast through Baron Edmond de Rothschild's vineyards and apricot groves to the slopes of the scenic Carmel mountain range. At Muhraqa, site of Prophet Elias' contest of faith with the priests of Baal, enjoy a sweeping panoramic view of the fertile Jezreel Valley. Via the Druze Village of Daliyat el Carmel you reach Haifa, a city with a long history dating back to biblical times. (B,D)

Day 4 Haifa– Acre–Nazareth–Cana–Kibbutz Ginosar

(Tue.) Enjoy a visit to the golden-domed BAHAI SHRINE, the world center of Baha'i faith. Next, visit Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the northern end of the lovely Bay of Haifa. Acre became the capital of the Crusader kingdom after its conquest by Richard the Lionheart. Marvel at the forbidding Ottoman fortress and tour the excavated part of the immense underground CRUSADER CITY with its secret passageways and the vaulted crypt of the Knights of St. John. On to Nazareth in Galilee, chief scene of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Here, visit the contemporary CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION. Continue to ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, built over a cave known as St. Joseph's Workshop and pass by Mary's Well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel. Next, travel on to Cana, site of the first miracle where Jesus changed water to wine at a wedding (John 2:1-12). Due to this, many couples renew their wedding vows at this sacred place. After a panoramic view over Lake Tiberias, arrive in lakeside Kibbutz Ginosar, where you will see an ancient fisherman's boat said to be from the time of Christ. Time to relax or to swim before dinner. This evening you are invited for a LECTURE ON KIBBUTZ LIFE. (B,D)

Day 5 Kibbutz Ginosar–Mount of Beatitudes–Tabgha–Sea of Galilee–Bet She'an–Jerusalem

(Wed.) Heading towards the Sea of Galilee, visit the MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Next, visit the CHURCH OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES AND FISHES at Tabgha as well as the CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S PRIMACY, where Jesus instructed Peter "to feed my lambs and feed my sheep." (John 21:15-19). At this place, warm springs used to flow into the sea, attracting fish, which is why Peter came here to earn a living. On to CAPERNAUM, where Jesus recruited his first followers among the fishermen. Afterwards, enjoy a 45-minute CRUISE on the Sea of Galilee. Via the ruins of Kursi, which memorialize two of Jesus' miracles, arrive at the Jordan River and visit a BAPTISMAL SITE. Then, visit the ancient city Bet She'an with its fine ROMAN and BYZANTINE RELICS. The city is located at the foot of Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his son died by their own hands in battle with the Philistines. On the way to Jerusalem, stop for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Holy City, considered one of the oldest places in the world, with a history dating back as far as 4000 BC. (B,D)

Day 6 Jerusalem. Excursion to Ein Karem and Bethlehem

(Thu.) This morning, drive to Ein Karem and visit the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST and the CHURCH OF VISITATION, said to be built over the home of John the Baptist's parents. Enjoy a beautiful view of the valley and the surrounding wooded hills. Continue to Bethlehem and see Shepherd's Field, where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Next, visit the CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY which stands on the site where Jesus was born. On the way back to Jerusalem, visit the JERUSALEM ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK, where you will see the most amazing discoveries of Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period. Tonight, perhaps an optional Israeli folklore show with dinner? (B)

Day 7 Jerusalem. Excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea

(Fri.) Drive through the Judean wilderness to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the Earth. Enjoy the scenery as you follow the road between the salty water and majestic desert mountains. Catch glimpses of the caves of Qumran, where the precious Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Ascend by cable car to the spectacular cliff-top FORTRESS of Masada, and hear how 960 Jewish zealots preferred death at their own hands to the indignity of surrender to overwhelming Roman forces. Around lunchtime, reach one of the comfortable Dead Sea resorts. You will have plenty of time here to experience the feeling of buoyancy in the heavy water. Then back to Jerusalem (B)

Day 8 Jerusalem. Excursion to the Old City

(Sat.) After a panoramic view from the MOUNT OF OLIVES over the old and modern part of the city, start your guided walking tour. Via the Chapel of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, arrive at the GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. Here, see the Rock of Agony, where Jesus prayed his last prayer before his arrest (Matthew 26:36). Nearby is the Cave of the Assumption of Mary and the Cave of Betrayal. Follow the 14 Stations of the Cross along the VIA DOLOROSA to Golgotha, and visit the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE. Erected over the site of the crucifixion, this church is shared by six Christian communities. Walk past the Temple Mount from where you can see the Dome of the Rock, a splendid mosque on the holy mount. On to the WAILING WALL, the most holy shrine in Jewish religion. Then, stroll through the restored Jewish quarter to MOUNT ZION, where we visit the UPPER ROOM, the TOMB OF KING DAVID, and the HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS, where Jesus was kept the night after he was arrested. (Matthew 26:57). (B)

Day 9 At Leisure in Jerusalem

(Sun.) A full day at leisure to explore or to join your Tour Director for an optional excursion featuring the synagogue of Hadassah Hospital with its famous Chagall windows, representing the 12 sons of the Patriarch Jacob, who formed the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Continue to the Israel Museum with the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest Bible in the world, and the model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period. Also visit the famous Holocaust Memorial at Yad Vashem. (B)

Day 10 Jerusalem–Valley of Elah–Latrun–Jaffa–Tel Aviv

(Mon.) Take the scenic winding road through Wadi Sorek towards the ancient land of the Philistines. In the Valley of Elah, stop at the site of David's victory over the Philistine champion, Goliath, and hear about this biblical event (Samuel 17:1-29). Later, refresh your memory with the tale of Samson and Delilah (Judges 16:1-20) as you proceed through the land of the Dan tribe to the wide Valley of Ayalon. At strategic Latrun you visit the MONASTERY OF THE TRAPPIST MONKS. Then, stop near the ruins of the basilica which is said to be the site of EMMAUS, where Jesus manifested himself to two of his disciples (Luke 24:13-35). On the way to Tel Aviv, stop for a visit of the MINI ISRAEL MUSEUM, featuring 350 beautifully crafted exact-replica models of historical, religious, archaeological, and modern sites. Continue along the Mediterranean shore and stop in Jaffa for a walk through the beautifully restored ancient port, where medieval pilgrims started their strenuous 2-day trek to Jerusalem. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your traveling companions of an unforgettable journey through the Holy Land. (B,D)

Day 11 Tel Aviv

(Tue.) Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers may be included when you make your flight arrangements. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Vacation Highlights

INCLUDED FEATURES

Tel Aviv:

Welcome drink; farewell dinner

Caesarea:

Visit the Roman amphitheater and the Crusader fortress

Megiddo:

Visit the biblical site

Muhraqa:

Panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley

Haifa:

Visit the Baha'i Shrine

Acre:

Visit the underground Crusader city

Nazareth:

Visit the Church of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Church

Cana:

Visit the site of the first miracle

Lake Tiberias:

Panoramic view

Kibbutz Ginosar:

See an ancient fisherman's boat; lecture on Kibbutz life; visit Mount of Beatitudes; the Church of Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha, and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy; Capernaum; a Baptismal site on the River Jordan; and enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee

Bet She'an:

Admire its Roman and Byzantine Relics

Ein Karem:

Visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation

Bethlehem:

Visit the Church of Nativity

Masada:

Ride a cable car and visit the cliff-top fortress

Dead Sea:

Visit one of the resorts

Jerusalem:

The Jerusalem Archaeological Park; a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives; visit the Garden of Gethsemane; guided walking tour, follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Wailing Wall, and walk through the Jewish Quarter to Mount Zion, visit the Upper Room, the tomb of King David, and the house of Caiaphas

Latrun Area:

Visit the site of David's victory over Goliath in the Valley of Elah, the Monastery of the Trappist Monks in Latrun, Emmaus, and the Mini Israel Museum

Jaffa:

Walking tour of the ancient port

Note:

- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler
- This tour can be combined with "Jordan & Egypt in the Bible" and with "The Vatican, Assisi and Southern Italy plus Medjugorje extension"
- All arrangements in Israel are under the management of Round the World

INSIDE VISITS

Inside visits and special features are shown in the description, including admission charges when applicable.

STANDARD INCLUDED FEATURES

Learn more about transportation, hotels, and other standard included features offered.

Accommodations**MEALS**

Full Israeli breakfast daily (B); 4 three-course dinners (D), including a welcome drink and a farewell dinner in Tel Aviv

SUPERIOR HOTELS

Tel Aviv Sheraton Moriah (SF), **Haifa** Dan Panorama (F), **Kibbutz Ginosar** Nof Ginosar (F), **Jerusalem** Renaissance (SF)

Dates and Prices

View the following dates and prices to find just the right date for your vacation. Below you'll find the date you'll depart, the date the vacation starts and date you'll return.

Once you've selected your date, you'll move to the next step to get an airfare quote and to begin booking your vacation. When you book your flights with us, you'll find we offer competitive and hassle-free airfares, plus you'll receive free airport transfers, flights coordinated with vacation dates and you'll avoid strict internet terms and conditions.

Departure Details	Departure Date	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price	Status
	4/18/2009	4/19/2009	4/28/2009	\$2,099.00	Not Available
	5/2/2009	5/3/2009	5/12/2009	\$2,099.00	Please Call
	5/16/2009	5/17/2009	5/26/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!
	5/30/2009	5/31/2009	6/9/2009	\$2,099.00	Not Available
	6/13/2009	6/14/2009	6/23/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!
	6/27/2009	6/28/2009	7/7/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!
	7/18/2009	7/19/2009	7/28/2009	\$2,099.00	Please Call
	8/8/2009	8/9/2009	8/18/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!
	8/22/2009	8/23/2009	9/1/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!
	9/12/2009	9/13/2009	9/22/2009	\$2,099.00	Please Call
	10/10/2009	10/11/2009	10/20/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!
	10/31/2009	11/1/2009	11/10/2009	\$2,099.00	Book Now!

US\$ Price Details

- Applicable air fare taxes and fees

Single room supplement:

\$395, \$454 (2010: 0418-0516).

Triple room reduction per person:

\$23, \$26 (2010: 0418-0516).

Extra nights per person in Tel Aviv:

in single room \$390, in twin room \$248, in triple room \$233

2010 departures are subject to itinerary and price modification.

- Please note: Passengers will be required to sign a travel waiver, as the U.S. State Department has from time to time issued travel warnings to U.S. Citizens recommending that Americans defer travel to Israel.

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-We may be able to provide you with flight arrangements from your gateway city.

-Additional accommodations before or after your tour may be available at our low prices.

Additional Information:

-Departure/arrival taxes and fares from other cities will be advised at the time of booking.

-2008, 2009 & 2010 vacation itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Guaranteed Air-Inclusive Price:

Air-inclusive prices do not include a September 11th fee up to \$10, passenger facility charges of up to \$18, Federal domestic flight segment fees of up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure and other government imposed fees of up to \$300 depending on your itinerary. Please see the Applicable Airfare Taxes and Fee link above for more information.

Air booked in conjunction with a land vacation is considered an air-inclusive vacation. Air can only be booked by Globus in conjunction with a land package and is only available for passengers traveling from the United States. For vacation departures in 2008, your final air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed when your air schedule had been confirmed and your entire vacation package has been paid in full. For vacation departures in 2009, an additional \$250 non-refundable deposit (total \$500 non-refundable) is required for air booked in conjunction with any land vacation and your final air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed when your flight information is confirmed and Globus has received your full land and air deposit.

Not Included in the Vacation Price:

Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax;

agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; airport taxes and fees including the September 11th Security fee up to \$10 per person, Passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, Federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure, and other government imposed fees up to \$300 per person; port taxes; passports; visas and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted Globus menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); optional excursions; airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection premiums; all airline imposed baggage fees (including internal flights); and all other items of a personal nature.

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