



Ayelet Tours, Ltd.®

ISRAEL HIGHLIGHTS-HERITAGE TOUR

8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS

WED. DEPARTURE/THURS. ARRIVAL

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY: DEPARTURE

Depart the United States on overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

DAY 2, THURSDAY: ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion airport, meet the Ayelet Tours representative and transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv... Overnight Tel Aviv.

Day 3, FRIDAY: TEL AVIV/SEA OF GALILEE/TIBERIAS

After breakfast, begin tour with a drive-up north along Mediterranean coast to the archaeological ruins of Caesarea, an ancient city built by Herod the Great in honor of Augustus Caesar. Head inland to Megiddo where the book of Revelation mentions a great battle at the place called "Armageddon". It is an ancient city inhabited continuously for more than five millennia (6000-500 BC). After exploring the ancient ruins we'll drive toward the Sea of Galilee. Arrive at hotel for overnight in Tiberias.

Day 4, SATURDAY: SEA OF GALILEE

Breakfast...Start the day from historic Tiberias with a drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The next destinations will be Capernaum followed by Tabgha. Ascend into the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of the peaks of Mt. Hermon, the rugged plateau of the Golan Heights, and beneath it, the green pastoral Huleh valley. Return to hotel for overnight in Tiberias.

Day 5, SUNDAY: GALILEE/ JODAN RIVER/JERUSALEM

Breakfast...This morning travel to Cana and then proceed to Nazareth* for visits to the Church of Annunciation. and Mary's Well. Continue with drive through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean with its recently excavated amphitheater. After seeing the excavations of this beautifully restored and preserved Roman City, which was destroyed in an earthquake, the tour moves onward to Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem.

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Day 6, MONDAY: DEAD SEA/MASADA

Breakfast...Drive south through the Judean Desert to Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ascend by cable car to the fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations of King Herod's palace, the synagogue, bathhouse and more. Enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Continue on to Dead Sea. Along the route, view the site of the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Nearly 1,300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest point on the earth's surface. Bring a swimsuit; if weather permits it's possible to "float" on the salty, mineral rich, water. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 7, TUESDAY: JERUSALEM –OLD CITY

Breakfast. Start the day from Mt. Scopus to enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem. The holy city for each of the world's three great religions –Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – Jerusalem occupies a unique place in the world! Stop at the Mount of Olives before continuing on to visit the Old City, the Western Wall and actual site of the Second Temple, the Temple Mount. Walk along Via Dolorosa, see Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit Mount Zion, with the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 8, WEDNESDAY: JERUSALEM – MODERN

After breakfast, drive to Yad Vashem the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust located on the foot of Mt. Hertzal. Drive to Ein Karem, a picturesque village on the southwestern outskirts of Jerusalem. Visit the Israel Museum with a detailed model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Drive by the Knesset (House of Parliament) and the campus of Hebrew University. If situation permits, drive to Bethlehem* to see Rachel's Tomb and the Church of the Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9, THURSDAY: DEPARTURE

Transfer to airport for return to the United States.

*Site under the Palestinian Authority Jurisdiction. Visit subject to situation.

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*Itinerary subject to change.

