

Israel Bibleland Tour

8 Days | 7 Nights | 6 Guided Touring Days

Monday *Arrival*

Pick up from Ben Gurion Airport. Our BGN Airport representative will meet you at the arrival hall (as per your landing details) & will lead you to the car for transfer to Jerusalem. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

Tuesday *Jerusalem New City*

Day begins with a panoramic view of Jerusalem atop **Mount of Olives**. On to visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** and Church of the Agony. Continue to visit the **Shrine of the Book**, exhibiting the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then to see the renovated **Model of the Second Temple** - Herodian City of Jerusalem. Proceed to **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial. In the afternoon visit to the picturesque village of **Ein Karem**, recognized as the birth place of John the Baptist. Return to Hotel. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

Wednesday *Jerusalem Old City & Bethlehem**

Enter the Old City for a walking tour including visits to the: renewed Jewish Quarter; the **Western Wall**, the Temple Mount area; the colorful Arab Bazaar; **Via Dolorosa** and the Stations of the Cross ending at the Church of the **Holy Sepulcher**. Proceed to Mount Zion and visit **King David's Tomb**, the **Last Supper Room** and the Dormition Abbey. In the afternoon travel to **Bethlehem***, cross the check point & visit the **Church of the Nativity** and view the Shepherds Fields. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

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

Thursday *Beit She'an - Nazareth - Safed*

Leave Jerusalem and travel east towards Jericho*, the oldest city in the world. Then, northbound via the **Jordan Valley** and the new settlements till **Beit Shean** and tour the excavations of this striking Roman City. Proceed to **Nazareth** to visit the Church of the Annunciation & Mary's Well. On to **Safed** (tzfat), known as a world Kabbalah center; walk its mystic alleys and artists' quarter. **Overnight in the Galilee.**

Friday *Golan Heights – Sea of Galilee*

The Day begins with a ridden ascent to the **Golan Heights**. Visit former Syrian fortifications, Birkat Ram - the Israeli version of "Crater Lake". Pass by some of the Golan Druze villages and on to the **Banias Nature Reserve** – a main water source to the Jordan River. On to the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit Capernaum – a Biblical fishermen's Village, seeing the ruins of its ancient synagogue and Peter's House. Proceed to visit Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Fish and the Loaves, then to **Mount Beatitude**. Towards the end of the day, proceed for a short tour of Tiberias. **Overnight in the Galilee.**

Saturday *Acre - Haifa - Tel Aviv*

After Breakfast drive west to **Acre** for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa, sightseeing tour of **Haifa**, including the Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden and **Mount Carmel** for a panoramic view of the city. Proceed southwards to **Caesarea** to visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader fortress. Continue south for a short city tour of Tel Aviv-Jaffa. **Overnight in Tel Aviv.**

Sunday *Massada & Dead Sea*

Drive from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem via Latrun & Shaar Hagai, on to the Dead Sea Valley via Ma'aleh Edumim and the Inn of the Good Samaritan in the **Judean Desert**. First part of the day: ascend **Massada** by cable car to explore the fortress of King Herod and last stronghold of the Zealots. Second part of the day: a short drive from Massada to enjoy a dip & float in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth: 1,200 ft below sea level. **Overnight in Tel Aviv.** ** You will receive **separate voucher** for this day tour

Monday *Departure*

Transportation to Ben Gurion Airport. End of service or proceed with your chosen extension.