



Bibleland Tour - 8 Days / 7 Nights

Monday arrival

Monday - Arrival

- Upon arrival to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight.

Tuesday - Jerusalem

- Start the day at the Israel Museum's **Shrine of the Book** with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated **model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem**, dating back to the time of the Second Temple.
- Enjoy **Ein Karem**; a picturesque village in the south western outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great significance in Christian traditions, since this is where according to tradition John the Baptist was born.
- Visit **Yad Vashem** the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, established in 1953, located at the foot of Mt. Hertzl.
- Visit **Bethlehem** - the birthplace of Jesus at the **Church of the Nativity** and **Manger Square**.
- Return to your Jerusalem hotel.

Wednesday - Jerusalem

- Enter the **Old City of Jerusalem** where you will see the **Western Wall** and the actual site of the Second Temple, the **Temple Mount**.
- Walk the Way of the Cross, the **Via Dolorosa**, to **Calvary** and the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, housing both the traditional site of Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection.
- To the southwest, just outside the Old City, is **Mount Zion**, with the traditional **tomb of King David** and the **Room of the Last Supper**.
- Enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem - the holy city for each of the world's three great religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam, from atop the **Mount of Olives**.
- Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Judas betrayed Jesus.
- In the heart of a neighborhood in downtown Jerusalem, visit **Mahane Yehuda** to experience the flavors, aromas, colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds, at the largest open market in Israel.
- Return to your Jerusalem hotel.

Thursday - Beit Shean / Nazareth / Safed

- Leave Jerusalem and drive north passing by Jericho, the oldest city in the world.
- Travel through the Jordan Valley and the new settlements to **Beit Shean**, and visit the excavations of this beautifully preserved Roman City.
- On to **Nazareth** to visit the **Church of the Annunciation** and Christian holy sites.
- Proceed to **Safed**, city of the Kabbalah and centre of Jewish mysticism, to visit the beautiful streets of the artists' colony.
- Overnight in a kibbutz hotel in the Galilee.

Friday - Golan Heights / Sea of Galilee

- Drive up to the **Golan Heights** passing by Banias, source of the Jordan River, former Syrian fortifications and the Druze villages.
- Enjoy an **Israeli wine country** experience, with vineyards surrounded by breathtaking views. Become acquainted with the collection of fine and rare wines enjoying a tour, wine tasting and understanding of the wine production process.
- Descend to the shore of the **Sea of Galilee** and proceed to **Capernaum**, to visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue, the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the 'Sermon on the Mount' and **Tabgha**, the traditional site of the 'miracle of the loaves and the fish'.
- Onwards to **Tiberias**, the old center of Jewish learning.
- Optional **sailing on a boat across the Sea of Galilee** to experience the tranquility and scenery little changed during the past 2000 years (subject to conditions and fee).
- Return to the kibbutz hotel for overnight.

Saturday - Acre / Haifa / Caesarea / Tel Aviv

- After breakfast drive through the hills of the Galilee, westwards to **Acre** (Akko) for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications.
- Continue to **Haifa**, ascending Mount Carmel for a panoramic view of the city, including the Baha'i Shrine, Persian Garden, and Haifa bay.
- Proceed along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea** to visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader fortress at what is known as the "masterpiece of Herod the Great".
- End the day with a short city tour of **Tel Aviv** and the ancient port of **Jaffa**.
- Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Sunday - Free Day (or optional Masada & Dead Sea Tour)

- Day at leisure in Tel Aviv, or an optional tour to **Masada** & the **Dead Sea**.
- Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Monday - Departure

- Transfer to the airport for departure.

Please note that the sequence of the tour and sites visited may be amended due to circumstances at the company's or the guide's discretion.