

Holy Land and Jordan Itinerary - 11 Days / 10 Nights

Day 1: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

Meeting and assistance at Ben Gurion airport. Transfer to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: Nazareth / Haifa / Acre

AM: Drive to Cana and visit the place of Jesus' first public miracle, changing water into wine. On to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of Annunciation, excavation under the Basilica, Joseph's workshop, Mary's Well and Synagogue.

PM: Drive to Haifa, ascend Mt. Carmel and visit Stella Maris Monastery, see Elijah's cave, and enjoy a panoramic view of the city. Further to Akko and visit the ancient city that was once the Crusader Capital after having lost Jerusalem in the 12th century.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tiberias.

Day 3: Tiberias / Banias

AM: Start the day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum and see St. Peter's Memorial, St. Peter's House and the VI century Synagogue. On to Mt. Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his most famous address; the Sermon on the Mount. Further to Tabgha, the site of multiplication of the fish and loaves.

PM: Drive to Banias, a source of the Jordan River and Caesarea Philippi.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tiberias.

Day 4: Tiberias / Jordan

AM: Drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of Transfiguration. Continue drive through Jezreel valley and visit Beth Alpha Synagogue and admire its beautiful mosaic floor. Proceed to Beth Shean, one of the oldest cities in the Holy Land. See the theatre, amphitheatre, and wide streets adorned by ancient columns.

PM: Cross into Jordan through Sheikh Hussein border. Once in Jordan, drive to Jerash, the beautiful city founded in 300 BC by the soldiers of Alexander the Great. See the ruins of the Triumphal Arch, the Forum, the Theatre, and the Cardo which makes this one of the best reserved Roman cities in the world.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Amman.

Day 5: Amman / Mt. Nebo / Petra

AM: Visit Amman, see the Citadel from which a splendid panorama of Amman can be seen. Visit the Lower City and see the ancient Roman Theatre and Forum. Further to Madaba to visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George which contains a geographic map of Palestine.

PM: Drive to Mt. Nebo which Yahweh told Moses to climb to see the promised land before dying. Besides the breathtaking view of the Jordan valley that extends to the Dead Sea, you will also visit the Church and Monastery. Continue to Kerak and visit the spectacular fort located at an altitude of 1,000 meters. Finally continue drive to Petra.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Petra.

Day 6: Petra

Full day visit of the beautiful rose red city of Petra. Start the visit by taking a horse ride across the Siq into the city. This Nabatean city is one of the ancient wonders of the world. See the Treasury, Amphitheatre, Necropolis, the Court and the Prison.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Petra.

Day 7:

AM: Transfer to Allenby bridge to cross into the Holy Land. Visit the ancient of Jericho and see Elisha's Spring, Sycamore Tree, New City and view of Mt. Temptation.

PM: On to Qumran to visit the excavations of the Essean Monastery and the cave of the Scrolls. Continue to Massada to see the famous Herodus fortress. Stop and have a swim in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem via the Old Roman road.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 8: Ein Karem / Bethlehem

AM: Drive to Ein Karem and visit the Church of Visitation and Church of St. John the Baptist. Continue drive to Shepherds Field.

PM: Bethlehem: Visit the Basilica of Nativity, Manger of the Chapel of St. Jerome, and the Crusader Cluster. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 9: Jerusalem

AM: Visit Mount of Olives, Ascension Place, Church of Paternoster, Dominus Flevit, Virgin's Tomb, Grotto of Jesus' Arrest, Garden and Church of Gethsemane.

PM: Mount Zion to include: St. Peter in Gallicantu, the Cenacle and the Dormition Abbey.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 10: Jerusalem

AM: Start the day with a walking tour of the old city. Visit the Temple Area; see the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock, Al Aksa Mosque, St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda.

PM: Trace the final footsteps of Jesus as you walk the Via Dolorosa. See the Church of Flagellation, Ecce Homo Arch, Church of Resurrection (Calvary and Holy Sepulchre).

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 11: Jerusalem / Airport

Transfer to airport for departure.