

Scopus Travel • Itinerary

9 Nights ~ 10 Days in Israel [EXP - USA] [A/P]

10 days of Biblical experience in Israel. The tour starts of at Galilee moving to the dead sea area and ending at Jerusalem. This tour is a replica of our best selling 8 nights program, with an extra day that will take the tour through Beer Sheva, Gaza envelope & Ashkelon.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
—	10	Tel Aviv	Tel Aviv

Countries Covered: **Israel**

Tour Overview

10 Days of Biblical experience in Israel

- 10 Days of Biblical journey through Israel.
- Accommodation plan: Galilee [3 Nights], Dead Sea [2 Nights] & Jerusalem [4 Nights].
- This tour, starts in the Galilee, then travels south to Dead Sea and culminates in Jerusalem, taking a detour through Beer Sheva, Gaza envelope and Ashkelon.
- In the Galilee area the tour covers Haifa, Carmel hills, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor and Churches around the Sea of the Galilee. [3nights]
- From the Galilee the tour moves to the Jordan valley traveling down to Ein Bokek at the southern shores of Dead Sea. [2nights]
- Bit Shean, Baptism site, Jericho, Qumran Caves, Ein Gedi, Masada & Dead Sea are the major sites visited in this section of the tour.
- From the Salt Valley the tour moves up the Judean hills to reach Jerusalem. [4 Nights]
- The final leg of the tour, as usual, is the most intensive experience for the believer; It covers Judea, parts of Samaria and all of Jerusalem.
- In this section, the tour visits Beer Sheva, Gaza periphery and Ashkelon, Beit El, Tel Shiloh, All of Jerusalem, City of David, Garden Tomb, Bethlehem & Jaffa.

- High Value Tours included: Nazareth Village, Tel Shiloh City of David, Masada, Western Wall Tunnels

10 Days of Biblical experience in Israel

Day wise program structure. Transfers less than 20 minutes not indicated.

Day 01 — Arrival in Tel Aviv, Cesarea, Muhrakha, Haifa, Mt Carmel

Accommodation: Tiberias | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Arrival to Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to Caesarea martimi.
- Tour the Aqueduct, Mediterranean Sea & Roman Ruins, site of the imprisonment of St Paul.
- Transfer to the Dalyat el Carmel.
- Visit the Carmelite sanctuary of Muhrakha - the Site of Elijah's battle with the prophets of Ba'al. View the spectacular Jezreel valley from the Monastery.
- Lunch. (Traditional Druze lunch)
- Transfer to Haifa.
- View the spectacular Bahai Gardens, considered to be an modern architectural marvel.
- Short visit to Elijah's cave at the chapel of Stella Marris.



Ruins of a Roman Aqueduct, Ceasarea, Israel



Stone statue of Elijah



View of the Carmel forest, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel



View of the Bahai Temple and gardens from the German Colony, down town, Haifa, Israel



Stella Marris convent & chapel at Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel

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Day 02 — Golan Heights, Nazereth, Cana

Accommodation: Tiberias | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Early morning transfer to Golan heights via Bental - Quneitra.(1 hour 10 minutes)
- Tour of Banias national park & waterfalls.
- Transfer to Nazareth.
- Lunch & Tour of Nazareth Village.
- Visit Nazareth Basilica of annunciation. St Joseph's church & Jesus' synagogue.
- Mt Precipice.
- Transfer to Cana.
- Church of the wedding miracle at Cana.
- Transfer to the hotel in the Tiberias.



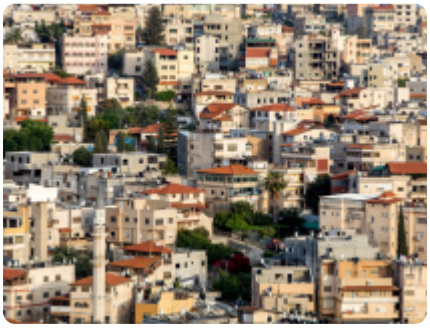
Banias waterfalls, Golan heights, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Grotto of Annunciation interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Interior of the Church of the wedding miracle at Cana - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



City of Nazareth, Galilee, Israel



Interior of the Upper Basilica in the Annunciation church complex, Nazareth, Israel

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Day 03 — Mt Beatitudes, Kfar Nahum, Tabga, Sea of the Galilee, Magdala, Mt Tabor

Accommodation: Tiberias | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Tour of the Galilee Churches: Mt of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus's sermon on the mount.
- Proceed to visit Capernaum (Kfar Nahum) the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus's ministry. The place of origin of healing and deliverance, the secrets of which were taught by Jesus.
- Visit Tabga, the site of the Jesus's miracle of the multiplication of bread loaves and fish to feed 5000 people.
- Short visit to Peter's house (Primacy of Peter).
- Slow, short boat ride in the Galilee on a replica of ancient Galilean boats.
- Lunch. (St Peter's fish lunch at the shores of the Sea of the Galilee)
- Tour of Magdala - Recently excavated archeological site of the first century city of Mary Magdalene.
- Visit the exquisite Boat Chapel complex, a marvel of modern architecture.
- Transfer to the sanctuary of Tabor.
- Ride up the Tabor hill in a mini van to visit the magnificent Basilica of Transfiguration.

Overnight accommodation: Tiberias
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Replica of an ancient Galilean boat on the Sea of the Galilee, Israel



Interior of the Basilica of Transfiguration, Mount Tabor. Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Church at Mount Beatitudes, site of the 'sermon on the mount'. Galilee, Israel



Mensa Christi stone at the church of Pirmacy of Peter on the northern shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel



Excavations at Magdala, the city of Mary Magdalene, on the western shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel

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Day 04 — Beit Shean, Jordan river baptim, Jericho, Qumran caves

Accommodation: Ein Bokek | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Beit Shean National Park.
- Transfer to Qasr Al Yahud - The Baptism site at Jordan river. It is widely believed that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at this site on the eastern bank.
- Ascend Mt Temptation [2 way cable car].
- Lunch. (Open Buffet).
- Jericho, the lowest city on earth, is also considered to be the oldest city of human civilization - visit the Sycamore tree & Zacheus house.
- Transfer to Qumran. Tour Qumran Caves - The site of the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls.



Ancient ruins in Beit Shean National Park near Mount Gilboa, the site of the martyrdom of King Saul. Biet Shean, Israel



View on Gilboa mountains



Qasr Al Yahud, The site of baptism in the Jordan river, widely believed to be the place of baptism of Jesus Christ. Salt Valley, Israel



Mount Temptation, view from Jericho city, Jericho, West Bank



Ascending Mount Temptation by cable car, Jericho, West Bank

Day 05 — Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea

Accommodation: Ein Bokek | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Early morning visit Masada national park [2 way cable car]. Masada tells the incredible story of the Jewish resistance to and martyrdom at the hands of the Roman legions.
- Transfer to Ein Gedi National Park – Site of David's hideaway from Saul.
- Lunch at Ein Bokek. (Local barbecue)
- Second afternoon at Dead Sea, soak in the mineral rich waters and experience the Dead sea float.



Ancient Jewish fortress of the Roman Empire on top of a rock in the Judean desert at Masada, Israel



Ibex in a gorge in Ein Gedi national park, Ein Gedi, Israel



Natural spring water stream, Ein Gedi national park, Ein Gedi, Israel



Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel



Salt deposits, Dead Sea Israel

Day 06 — Tel Beer Sheva, Ashkelon

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Tel Beer Sheva.
- Tel Beer Sheva National Park & Visitors centre at Abraham’s well.
- Drive through Gaza envelope communities to drive to Ashkelon.
- Lunch en-route.
- Ashkelon National Park.
- Transfer to Jerusalem.



Tel Beer Sheva National park, Beer Sheva, Israel



Beer Sheva the Biblical city and the capital of Negev, Israel



Archeological ruins at Ashkelon national park, Ashkelon, Israel



Beautiful beach, Ashkelon, Israel



Dramatic sunset over the Mediterranean sea, Ashkelon, Israel

Day 07 — Bet El, Shiloh, Jerusalem - Mt Olives, Garden Tomb

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Fore noon tour of Samaria. Transfer to Bet El. (45 minutes)
- Bet El -site of Jacob's dream of the ladder.
- Transfer to Tel Shiloh. (30 minutes)
- Detailed tour of Ancient Shiloh - site of Joshua's Tabernacles, which is believed to have stood here for 369 years.
- Transfer to Jerusalem. (1 hour)
- Lunch. (Open Buffet)

- Tour of Mt Olives. View the iconic Dome of the Rock from Mt Olives.
- Tour the sanctuary of Pater Noster where The Lord's Prayer is embedded in the walls in numerous languages.
- Palm Sunday Road - view from below only, the steep decent being perilous.
- Visit the Basilica at Gethsemane - Church of All Nations and the ancient Olive Garden.
- Tour of Garden Tomb, widely accepted as the site of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection.
- Communion at the Garden Tomb.



Dominous Flevit Chapel, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Mount Tabor across a field of Red Anemones in early spring, Jezreel Valley, Israel



Our Lord's prayer in various languages on the walls of the church of Pater Noster, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Israel



Mount of Olives facade with Gethsemane Basilica, view from Kidron valley, Jerusalem, Israel



Entrance to the Gethsemane Garden in Jerusalem, Israel

Day 08 — Mt Zion, City of David, Shepherd's field, Bethlehem

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Mt Zion- Upper room & David’s Tomb.
- St Peter Gallicantu site of Peters denial of Jesus.
- Detailed tour of City of David covering Hezikiel Tunnels & Siloam Pools.
- Tour of the Davidson Center - Southern Steps & Southern Wall. Walk the Ophel Path, view the “Mikveh” Jewish ritual purification bath-pools.
- Transfer to Bethlehem (30 minutes).
- Lunch. Traditional Palestinian barbecue.

- Shepherds’ field.
- Basilica of Nativity & Manger Square.
- Transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem (30 minutes).



The entrance to the City Of David, Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Room of the Last Supper, Cenaclum, Mt Zion, Jerusalem



Church of Saint Peter at Gallicantu, Mount Zion, Jerusalem, Israel



Hezekiah's Tunnel underground path underneath ancient City of David in Kidron Valley, Jerusalem, Israel



Interior of the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank

Day 09 — Jerusalem - Old city, Western Wall, Jaffa

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Old City of Jerusalem via Lions' gate. Bethesda Pools - St Anne's, Chapel of Flagellation. Chapel of Condemnation, continuing Via Dolorosa to Calvary.
- Western Wall complex.
- Western wall Tunnels - proximity tour to the Holy of Holies.
- Dome of the Rock.
- Transfer to Jaffa.
- *Farewell Lunch at Jaffa. (Typical Mediterranean salads & seafood grill)*
- St Peters Church, the site of the healing of Tabitha.
- Short tour of Jaffa.
- Transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem. (1 hour 10 minutes)



Pool of Bethesda



Chapel of Flagellation, Way of the Cross, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel



Dome of the Rock and the Old city of Jerusalem at dusk - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Western wall tunnels, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel



Jaffa fishing harbour at sunset, Jaffa, Israel

Day 10 — Departure from Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Transfer to TLV Airport. (35 minutes)



Pool of Bethesda



Chapel of Flagellation, Way of the Cross, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel



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Tour Highlights

High value tours, activities & attractions



City of David

"In this guided tour, you will walk in the footsteps of the kings and prophets, through underground passageways and in the waters of the Siloam tunnel (Hezekiah's tunnel) by flashlight. Join a magical and mysterious journey among ancient shafts, walls and fortifications of the City of David – the place where it all began. As part of the tour, you will visit the spring presentation – where you can feel the story of the Shiloach tunnel in an exciting 3D display that will draw you into the past, just before entering the water system. For those walking in the wet route – bring suitable shoes for walking in water and a change of clothes."

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Masada

"Masada is a rugged natural fortress, of majestic beauty, in the Judaean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea. It is a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel, its violent destruction and the last stand of Jewish patriots in the face of the Roman army, in 73 A.D. It was built as a palace complex, in the classic style of the early Roman Empire, by Herod the Great, King of Judaea, (reigned 37 – 4 B.C.). The camps, fortifications and attack ramp that encircle the monument constitute the most complete Roman siege works surviving to the present day." https://whc.unesco.org/en/licenses/6

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Mt Temptation by Cable Car

"Welcome to the Jericho Cable Car, an extraordinary attraction that promises an unforgettable experience! Soar above the ancient Jericho to the Mount of Temptation and take in breathtaking views of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Our car system ensures a safe and comfortable ride for visitors of all ages. Enjoy the cultural and historical significance of the region, with easy access to the Monastery of Temptation and the interesting Temptation Caves. Whether you seek adventure, spirituality, or simply wish to marvel at nature's beauty, the Jericho Cable Car is your gateway to an extraordinary journey."

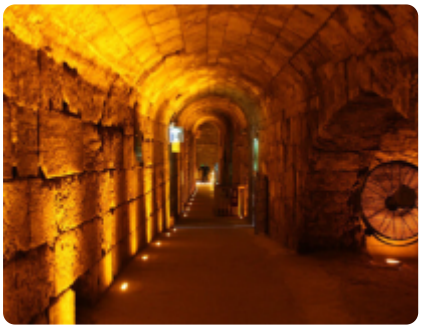
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Nazareth Village

"Set on the outskirts of old Nazareth, the Nazareth Village is built on ancient agricultural land that boasts the area’s last remaining first-century wine press. The original farm has been restored with its ancient wine press, terraces, irrigation system and stone quarry, and exact replicas of first-century houses, a synagogue, a watchtower, mikveh and olive presses have been carefully constructed using the original building methods and materials."

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The Western Wall Tunnel

"The excavation took over 20 years under very difficult conditions while archeological finds that can only be described as ‘awesome’ were uncovered. The Western Wall Heritage Foundation was assigned the task of continuing this project and bringing it to the world. With painstaking care, taking various religious, tourist, archeological, security and other considerations into account, and with Halachic (religious law) and scientific oversight, the Foundation continued with the excavation project, centimeter by centimeter, in order to uncover Jerusalem in all its former glory. Beautiful ornaments were found – archeological finds that were hugely important in understanding the city’s history. And a “time tunnel” was created taking us back into Jerusalem’s glory days."

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Tour of Ancient Shiloh

This is the place where, starting from the time when Joshua Ben Nun led the Jewish People, the Tabernacle stood for 369 years; the place where the tribal inheritances were divided among the tribes. Here the Tu b'Av festival of love celebrations took place, and the tribes were reunited. Here is where Elkana came, "to worship and offer sacrifices to God in Shiloh," and this is where Hannah prayed for a son. Her prayer was answered. Samuel was born and Hannah brought him here, where he grew up to be a prophet and a leader. Shiloh was also the home of Ahiya the Shilonite, who prophesied to Jeroboam the son of Nebat, about the division of the kingdom of the House of David after King Solomon's reign, and about the exile of the Ten Tribes of Israel.

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Popular queries

Know more about this tour

What are the travel requirements?

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the start date of the tour.
- Entry permit as required for various Nationalities. Israel's visa policy.
- Health insurance valid for the duration of the journey, preferably "cash free" policies.

Who can travel?

- Adult passengers from most countries.
- Minors must be accompanied by an immediate relative/guardian.

Is it safe to travel to Israel?

- Israel is safer than most places in the world.
- Stop watching the TV.

Are credit cards accepted in Israel?

- Yes, all credit cards are accepted in Israel.
- Please check with your service provider too.

Can an insurance policy be purchased in Israel?

- Yes, please write to us to know more.

Are foreign insurance policies accepted in Israel?

- Yes, they are, and it is preferred, because your insurance company is liable to the laws of your country, while local Israeli insurers are not.

Can cash be carried?

- Cash could be carried, but currently it is limited to NIS 12,000 which is about $3250 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= NIS 3.6.
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Israeli law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*

How much does this package cost?

- The cost of a tour package is a function of various services; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
- Please make a booking and we will send a price offer for your consideration.

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