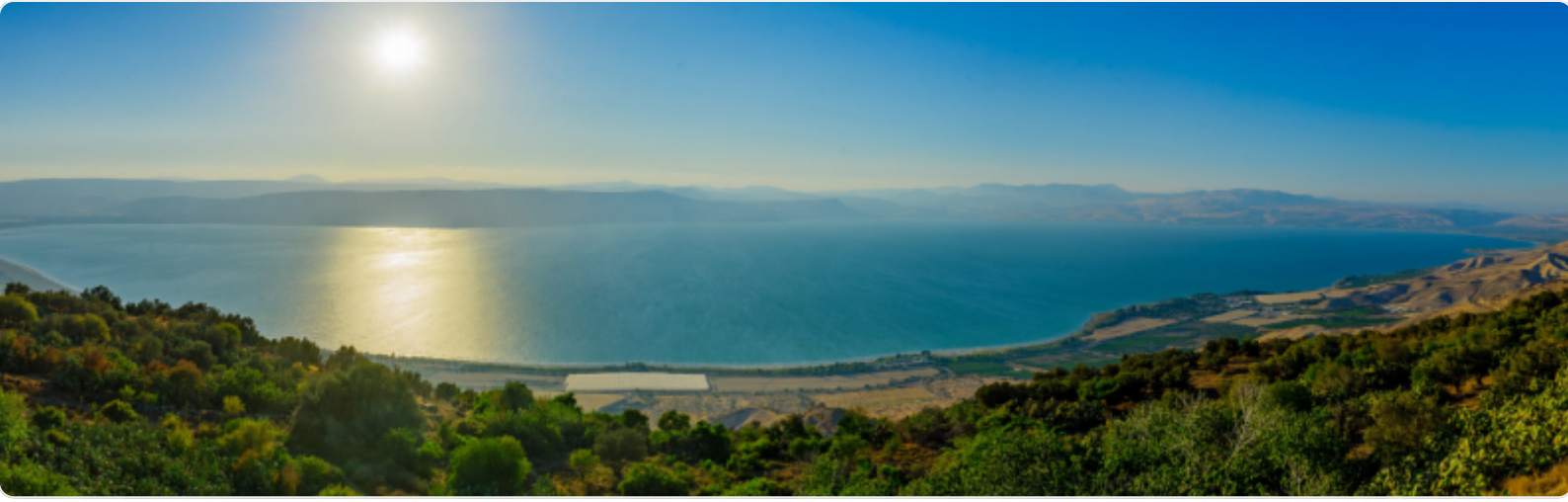

Scopus Travel • Itinerary

6 Nights ~ 7 Days in Israel [TLV-TLV - AI: EXP-P]

A week in Israel experiencing the Bible. 4 nights at Bethlehem & 2 nights at the Galilee

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

Countries Covered: **Israel**

Tour Overview

A week in Israel

Pilgrimage | Church Groups

- One week of Biblical experience in Israel.
- Arriving to Tel Aviv in the evening, the tour moves to Judah for overnight at Bethlehem. [4 nights]
- The tour continues to visit all holy sites in Jerusalem, Ein Karem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Bethany & Dead Sea.
- The tour then moves to the Galilee visiting Emmaus, Haifa & Muhrakha at the Carmel hills. [2 nights]
- At the Galilee area the tour will visit sites in Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor & churches around the Sea of the Galilee.
- The tour will culminate in Jaffa Tel Aviv from where they move to TLV airport for departure.

Cutomised program

Day wise program structure. Transfer times less than 20 minutes are not mentioned.

Day 01 — Transfer to Hotel

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Dinner

- Evening arrival to Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem.



View of the city of Bethlehem city at dusk, Bethlehem, West Bank



El Al plane landing at Ben Gurion international airport, Tel Aviv, Israel



Terminal of Tel Aviv airport (TLV) in Israel.



Approach to Tel Aviv international airport from the Mediterranean sea, Tel Aviv, Israel



The land of Judah at night. View of the Judean hills from Bethlehem, West Bank

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Day 02 — Mt Olives, Gethsemane, Mt Zion & Bethlehem

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (1 hour, requires check point crossing)
- Tour of Mt Olives. View the iconic Dome of the Rock from Mt Olives.
- Short visit to the chapel of Ascension.
- 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.
- Mt. Zion. David’s Tomb & Upper room.
- Walk to St. Peter in Gallicantu.
- Transfer to Bethlehem. (30 minutes)

- Lunch. [Traditional Palestinian / Open buffet]
- Shepherd's Field.
- Shopping for Religious Articles.
- Basilica of Nativity & the grotto of Nativity.



Pater Noster Church Mount Olives - Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



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



Church at the Shepherd's Field in Biet Sahour, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Olive tree with view of Jerusalem



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

Day 03 — Ein Karem, Baptism Site, Jericho & Dead Sea

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Ein Karem. (1 hour, requires check point crossing)
- Visit the Church of John the Baptist.
- Transfer to Qasr Al Yahud, baptism site at Jordan river. (45 minutes)
- 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.
- Transfer to Jericho. Visit Sycamore tree & Zachaeus' house.
- Lunch. [Open buffet]
- Transfer to Dead Sea.
- Dead Sea, soak in the mineral rich waters and experience the Dead sea float.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem. (1 hour 15 minutes, requires check point crossing)



Monsatery on the cliffs of Mount Temptation, Jericho, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel



Girl relaxing in the water of Dead Sea



Ein Karem, Birth place of John the Baptist, Ein Karem, Israel



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

Day 04 — Old City of Jerusalem, via dolorosa, Western wall & Garden Tomb

Accommodation: Bethlehem | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (1 hour, requires check point crossing)
- Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem via Lions' gate. Bethesda Pools - St Anne's, Chapel of Flagellation. Chapel of Condemnation, continuing Via Dolorosa to Calvary.
- Lunch. (Buffet)
- Tour of Garden Tomb, widely accepted as the site of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection.
- *Communion at the Garden Tomb.*
- Western Wall.
- Dome of the Rock.
- Transfer to hotel in Bethlehem. (30 minutes)



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



Entrance to Garden Tomb considered as actual place of burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ near Old City of Jerusalem



Panoramic view of Western Wall with cupolas of Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Jerusalem, Israel



Lions Gate entrance to the Old city of Jerusalem. Pilgrims start the walking tour of the Way of the Cross from this gate. Jerusalem, Israel

Day 05 — Emmaus, Hiafa, Mt Carmel & Cana

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

- Transfer to Emmaus. (1 hour 30 minutes, requires check point crossing)
- Tour of Emmaus nicopolis.
- Transfer to Haifa. (1 hour 30 minutes)
- View of Bahai Gardens and Temple.
- Transfer to Dalyat el Carmel. (45 minutes)
- Visit the Carmelite sanctuary of Muhrakha. View of the Jezreeel valley.
- Lunch at Dalyat El Carmel. (Traditional Druze Lunch)
- Transfer to Cana. (30 minutes)
- Cana - Church of the wedding miracle.
- Transfer to hotel in Tiberias. (30 minutes)



Cana Church of the wedding miracle interior, Kfar Kanna, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



Stone statue of Elijah



Pilgrims celebrating the Eucharist at Emmaus Nicopolis, Israel



Biblical village Cana of Galilee (Kafr Kanna) in morning fog, Nazareth in Israel

Day 06 — Galilee Churches, St Peters fish lunch & Boat Ride

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

- Mt Beatitudes - site of Jesus's sermon on the mount.
- Tabga - site of the multiplication miracle.
- Visit Kfar Nahum or Capernaum, the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus’s ministry.
- Peter's House & Mensa Christy.
- Lunch. [St Peter’s Fish lunch]
- Afternoon Boat Ride in the Sea of Galilee on a replica of ancient Galilean boats.
- Transfer to hotel in Tiberias.



Church at the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount, Galilee, Israel



Boat ride on a replica of an ancient Galilean wooden boat, Sea of the Galilee, Israel



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

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Day 07 — Tabor, Nazareth, Ceasarea & Jaffa

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

- Transfer to Mt Tabor base station. (30 minutes)
- Drive up the Tabor hill in a mini van to visit the Basilica of Transfiguration.
- Transfer to Nazareth. (30 minutes)
- Tour of Nazareth - Church of the Annunciation & Josef's workshop.
- Lunch at Nazareth.
- Transfer to Ceasarea. (45 minutes)
- Brief stop to view Mediterranean Sea & Roman aqueduct
- Transfer to Jaffa via Tel Aviv beachfront (1 hour)
- St Peters Church, the site of the healing of Tabitha.
- Short tour of the the old city of Jaffa.
- 18.00 Transfer to Airport.



Mount Tabor Basilica of Transfiguration interior with roof - Fr. Biju Michael SDB



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



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



Ruins of an ancient Roman aqueduct



Jaffa fishing harbour at sunset, Jaffa, Israel

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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.
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