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8 Nights ~ 9 Days in Israel [Journey Of Faith] [A/P]

This tour start with arrival in Tel Aviv. The first 2 nights accommodation is scheduled to be in the Galilee area, where the tour covers all major Biblical sites in and around the Sea of the Galilee. The tour will spend the next 2 nights at Jericho visiting biblical sites in Jericho, Beit El, Tel Shiloh and Dead Sea. The tour then moves to Jerusalem for the final section of the tour in Israel, visiting numerous Holy sites and shrines in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Judah.

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

Countries Covered: **Israel**

Tour Overview

8Nights & 9 Days ~ Israel premium pilgrimage

Pilgrimage | Anglican/Protestant congregations

- This tour, named as "Journey of Faith" starts in the Galilee, then travels south to Dead Sea and culminates in Jerusalem.
- In the Galilee area the tour covers Cesearea, Carmel hills, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor and Churches around the Sea of the Galilee. [2 nights]
- From the Galilee the tour moves to the Jordan valley traveling down to Jericho. [2 nights]
- Beit El, Ancient Shiloh, Baptism site, Jericho & 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 covers all of Jerusalem and Bethlehem.
- High Value Tours included: Tel Shiloh, Jericho Mt Temptation & Western Wall Tunnels.

A fascinating journey though biblical Israel

Day wise program structure. (Transfers less than 20 minutes are not mentioned)

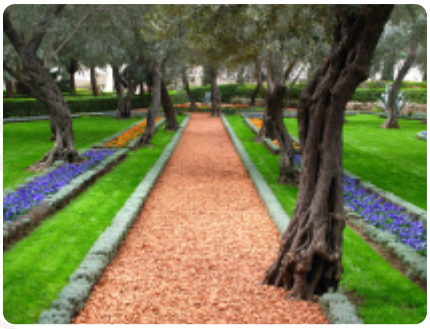
Day 01 — Early morning arrival in Tel Aviv, Cesearea, Haifa & Muhrakha

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Dinner

- Afternoon arrival in Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to Cesarea (1hour) - Mediterranean Sea & Roman Ruins.
- Transfer to Haifa (30 Minutes).
- Tour of Elijah's cave at Stella Marris, view of Haifa Bay area and Bahai Temple & Gardens.
- Transfer to Carmelite sanctuary of Muhrakha (40 minutes).
- Lunch - Traditional Druze buffet.
- Tour of Muhrakha, the battle site of Prophet Elijah.
- Transfer to Hotel in Galilee. (45 Minutes)

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

Ruins of a Roman Aqueduct, Ceasarea, Israel



Curated gardens at the Bahai temple at the northern side of Mount Carmel. Haifa, Israel

Stone statue of Elijah

Day 02 — Mt Tabor, Nazareth & Cana

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

- Transfer to the sanctuary of Tabor (30 minutes).
- Ride up the Tabor hill in a mini van to visit the magnificent Basilica of Transfiguration.
- Transfer to Nazareth (35 mins).
- Tour of Nazareth Village - replica of a first century Nazarene village.
- Visit Basilica of Annunciation, Joseph’s workshop & Jesus’ synagogue.
- Buffet lunch at Nazareth.
- Transfer to the village of Cana (20 minutes).
- Visit the Church of the wedding miracle.
- Transfer to the hotel in Galilee (30 minutes).

Winding snake road to ascend Mount Tabor, Galilee, Israel

Beautiful view of Mount Tabor from across the Jezreel Valley, Galilee, Israel

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

Exterior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee in northern Israel

The dome of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel

Day 03 — Galilee Churches, St Peters Fish lunch, Galilee Boat Rdie & Jordan river

Accommodation: Jericho | 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.
- St Peter's fish lunch at the shores of the Sea of the Galilee.
- Visit the exquisite Boat Chapel complex, a marvel of modern architecture.
- Baptism site at Jordan river.
- Transfer to Hotel in Jericho. (1 hour, 30 minutes).

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

Sea of the Galilee view from the Benedictine monastery at Tabgha - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Archeological site of Capernaum, the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus' ministry.

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

"Yardenit", the baptism site in the Jordan river near the Sea of the Galilee, Israel

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Day 04 — Beit El, Shilioh, Jericho & Dead Sea

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

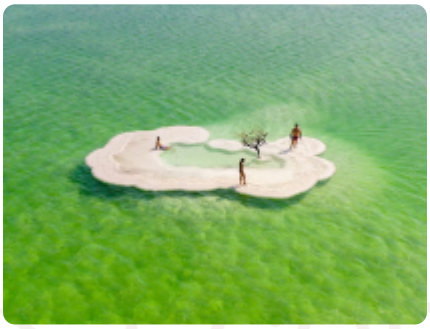
- Via Samaria forenoon. Transfer to Tel Shiloh. (45 minutes)
- Detailed tour of Ancient Shiloh - site of Joshua's Tabernacles, which is believed to have stood here for 369 years.
- Transfer to Beit El (35 minutes). Site of Jacob's dream of the ladder.
- Lunch at Jericho, the lowest city on earth.
- Jericho is also considered to be the oldest city of human civilization - visit the sycamore tree & Zacheus house.
- Ascend Mt Temptation [2 way cable car].
- Transfer to Dead Sea.

- Dead Sea, soak in the mineral rich waters and experience the Dead sea float.
- Transfer to the hotel in Jericho.

Ancient water at Tel Shiloh National Park, Samaria

Ascending Mount Temptation by cable car, Jericho, West Bank

"The Dead Sea float", Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel



Salt deposits in the Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel

Day 05 — Garden Tomb, Mt Olives, Gethsemane, Shepherd's field & Bethlehem

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

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (45 Minutes)
- Tour of Garden Tomb, widely accepted as the site of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection.
- Communion at the Garden Tomb.
- 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.
- Transfer to Bethlehem (30 minutes).
- Traditional local lunch.
- Shepherds’ field.
- Basilica of Nativity & Manger Square.
- Transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem (30 minutes).

Door at the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem, Israel

The Garden Tomb, Jerusalem, Israel

Dome of the Rock and the Old City of Jerusalem view from an Olive grove from Mount Olives - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

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

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

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

Day 06 — Western Wall & Dome of the rock, Mt Zion, Overnight prayer vigil at Calvary

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

- Western Wall Plaza.
- Dome of the Rock.
- Mt Zion- Upper room & David’s Tomb.
- St Peter Gallicantu site of Peters denial of Jesus.
- Lunch - Oriental Buffet.
- Return to Hotel for 3 hours rest.
- 17.00 Transfer to Jaffa Gate - Old city of Jerusalem.
- Packed Box Dinner.
- Overnight prayer vigil at Calvary - Holy Sepulcher Church.

Panoramic view of the Western wall plaza, Jerusalem, Israel

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

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

Church of Saint Peter at Gallicantu - Mount Zion Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Day 07 — Eammaus, Jaffa & Tel Aviv

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

- Transfer to Hotel.
- 3 Hours rest.
- Transfer to Emmaus.
- Tour of Emmaus Nicopolis.
- Transfer to Jaffa (1 hour).
- Special Israeli seafood 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)

The ruins of the Byzantine church complex in Emmaus Nicopolis, Israel

Jaffa fishing harbour at sunset, Jaffa, Israel

Beautiful panoramic view from Mount Carmel to cityscape and port in Haifa, Israel.

Jaffa skyline viewed from Tel Aviv

Dramatic sunset over the Mediterranean sea, Ashkelon, Israel

Day 08 — Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Viadolorosa & Bethlehem Farewell Lunch

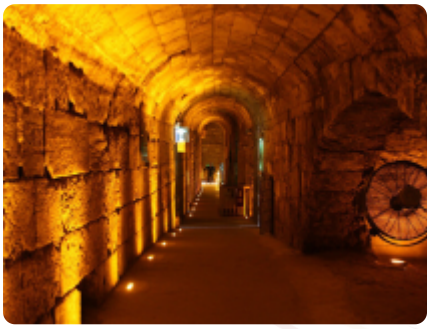
Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Dome of The Rock.
- Western Wall complex.
- Western wall Tunnels - proximity tour to the Holy of Holies.
- Old City of Jerusalem. Via Dolorosa, Calvary, Holy Sepulcher (No entry to the tomb).
- Transfer to Bethlehem.
- Farewell lunch.
- Shopping time for souvenirs.
- Transfer to Hotel. (45 minutes)

Dome of the Rock and the Old City of Jerusalem view from an Olive grove from Mount Olives - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

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

Western wall tunnels, Old city of Jerusalem, Israel



Day 09 — Departure from Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Relaxed forenoon.
- Transfer to the airport (30 minutes).

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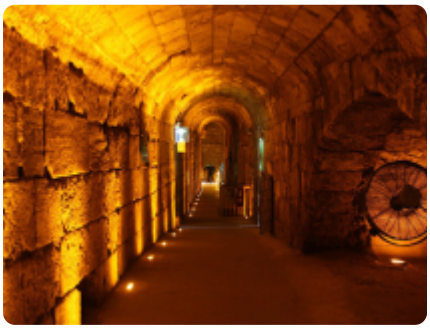
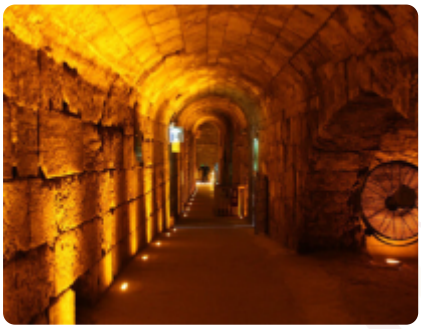


Tour Highlights

High value tours, activities & attractions



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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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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Additional information

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. Refer 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 paremeters; 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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