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# 4 Nights ~ 5 Days in Israel: Jordan river - Taba [A/C/O/P]

This is a popular Biblical Israel program, which is part of a larger tour of Jordan, Israel & Egypt. The tour arrives from Jordan to Israel via Jordan river border crossing and exits to Egypt via Taba border crossing.

| PRICING | TOTAL TOUR DAYS | ARRIVAL PORT | DEPARTURE PORT |
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Countries Covered: **Israel**

**Tour Overview**

## Israel Basic

Pilgrimage | Church Groups

- 4 Nights & 5 Days from Galilee to Sinai.
- Accommodation plan: 1N Galilee & 3N Bethlehem.
- This s the most basic journey covering the Biblical essentials in Israel.
- From Jordan the tour enters Israel through Jordan river crossing and travels to Sinai via Taba border crossing.
- The tour will cover Biblical sites around the Sea of the Galilee, Nazareth, Cana and Tabor in 2 days in the Galilee area. [1 night]
- Traveling to Judah, the tour will cover all the important pilgrimage sites and shrines in Bethlehem, Old city of Jerusalem, Mt Olives, Mt Zion, Jericho and also visit the Dead Sea. [3 nights]
- Traversing Judea and parts of Edom, the journey enters to Sinai via the Tab border corossing.

# Essential Israel

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

## Day 01 — Jordan River border crossing, Nazareth & Cana

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner

- Enter Israel via Jordan River border crossing.
- Transfer to Nazareth. (1 Hour 30 minutes)
- Visit Nazareth Basilica of annunciation.  St Joseph's church & Jesus' synagogue.
- Lunch (Traditional)
- Transfer to Cana. [30 minutes]
- Church of the wedding miracle at Cana.
- Transfer to the hotel in the Tiberias.

*Nazareth Basilica of Annunciation at night - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

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

*Saint Josephs Cathedral - Annunciation complex - Nazareth - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

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

*Interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee Israel*

*Church of the wedding miracle, Cana, Galilee, Israel*

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## Day 02 — Churches around the Sea of the Galilee, Boat Ride & Mt Tabor

Accommodation: Bethlehem | 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]
- Mount Tabor.  Basilica of Transfiguration.
- Transfer to Bethlehem. (2 Hours, 30 minutes)

*Mount Beatitudes chapel interior moasic floor - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

*White Synagogue Capernaum northern shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

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

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

*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*

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## Day 03 — Ein Karem, Mt Olives, Mt Zion & Bethlehem

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

- Transfer to Ein Karem. (25 minutes, requires check point crossing)
- Church of John the Baptist.
- 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.
- Mt Zion- Upper room & David’s Tomb.
- St Peter  Gallicantu site of Peters denial of Jesus.
- Transfer to Bethlehem (30 minutes).
- Lunch. [Traditional Palestinian Barbecue]
- Shepherds’ field.
- Basilica of Nativity & Manger Square.

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

*Gethsemane Basilica Church of All Nations interior - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

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

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

*Basilica of Nativity, interior; Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

*Grotto of Nativity inside the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

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## Day 04 — Old City of Jerusalem, Jericho & Dead Sea

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

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (30 minutes, requires check point crossing)
- 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.
- Dome of the Rock.
- Transfer to Jericho. (30 minutes)
- Tour of Jericho - 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)

*Vi Dolorosa Fifth Station Old City of Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

*Via Dolorosa Eighth station - Old city of Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB*

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

*Girl relaxing in the water of Dead Sea*

*Salt deposits, Dead Sea Israel*

*The interior of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Christian quarter in the old city of Jerusalem, Israel*

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## Day 05 — Transfer to Sinai

- Transfer to Taba border with Egypt. (4 hours 30 minutes)
- Enter Sinai, Egypt.

*Mar Morto*

*The Sinai Peninsula, Asia*

*Shores of the Dead Sea Jordan side, view from the road to Petra, Jordan*

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

*Driving along the Negev mountains, near Eilat, Israel*

# Popular Queries

Know more about the 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.  Please 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?**

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

**Are credit cards accepted in Israel?**

- Yes, most 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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