

Scopus Travel • Itinerary

8 Nights ~ 9 Days in Israel [A1-USA] [A/P]

Arriving to Tel Aviv, the group moves to Galilee for the first 3 nights, touring all major Biblical sites in Galilee and the surrounding areas. Moving south via the Jordan Valley the tour will spend the next 2 nights at Jericho visiting Biblical sites in and around the Salt Valley with a visit to the Dead Sea. On to Jerusalem for the final section of the tour in Israel, visiting numerous Holy sites and shrines in Jerusalem, Bethlehem parts of Samaria 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 "The Biblical experience in Israel" starts in the Galilee, then travels south to Dead Sea and culminates in Jerusalem.
- In the Galilee area the tour covers Megiddo, Carmel hills, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor and Churches around the Sea of the Galilee. [3 nights]
- From the Galilee the tour moves to the Jordan valley traveling down to Ein Bokek at the southern shores of Dead Sea. [2 nights]
- 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 [3 nights].
- The final leg of the tour is the most intensive experience for the believer; It covers Judea, parts of Samaria and all of Jerusalem.
- In this section, the tour visits Beit El, Tel Shiloh, All of Jerusalem, City of David, Garden Tomb, Bethlehem & Jaffa.

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

A fascinating journey though biblical Israel

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

Day 01 — Arrival in Tel Aviv

Accommodation: Galilee | Meals Included: Dinner

- Afternoon arrival in Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to the hotel in Galilee (2 hours).



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



Terminal of Tel Aviv airport (TLV) in Israel.



View of the Jezreel valley, Galilee, Israel





Descending below the sea level mark to the Sea of the Galilee at Tiberias. Galilee, Israel

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Day 02 — Muhrakha, Megiddo, Nazareth & Cana

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

- Transfer to the Carmel Hills (1 hour).
- 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.
- Transfer to Megiddo National Park (30 minutes) - site of the prophecy of Armageddon.
- 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).



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



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



Stone statue of Elijah



Tel Megiddo national park, Also known in Greek as Armageddon, the prophesied site of the battle during the end times. Megiddo, Israel



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

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

Accommodation: Galilee | 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).
- 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.
- Slow, short boat ride in the Galilee on a replica of ancient Galilean boats.
- Transfer to Hotel.



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



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

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Day 04 — Mt Tabor, Beit Shean, Qasr Al Yahud & Jericho

Accommodation: Jericho | 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 Beit Shean National Park (40 minutes).
- En-route Beit Shean view Mt Gilboa and pass by Gideon springs.
- Beit Shean - the site of the martyrdom of Saul and his sons.

- Traverse the Jordan valley southwards to arrive to Qasr Al Yahud(1 hour, 15 minutes).
- Qasr Al Yahud is 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.
- 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 Hotel.



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



Ascending Mount Temptation by cable car, Jericho, West Bank



View on Gilboa mountains



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

Day 05 — Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran & Dead Sea

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

- Transfer to Ein Bokek (1 hour). 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 (25 minutes) – Site of David’s Hideaway from Saul.
- Transfer to Qumran (30 minutes). Tour Qumran Caves - The site of the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls.

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



Dead Sea, Salt valley, Israel



Girl relaxing in the water of Dead Sea



Sunrise at Masada, ancient Jewish fortress, Masada, Israel



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Waterfall and pool in the desert. Ein Gedi, Israel

Day 06 — Tel Shiloh, Bet El, Jerusalem - Mt Zion & City of David

Accommodation: Jerusalem | 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.
- Transfer to Jerusalem. (45 Minutes)
- Lunch.
- 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.



Ancient water at Tel Shiloh National Park, Samaria



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

Day 07 — Garden Tomb, Mt Of Olives, Gethsemane & Bethlehem

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

- 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).



Olive tree with view of Jerusalem



Frontal view of the Gethsemane Basilica from Kidron Valley, Jerusalem, Israel



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



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



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

Day 08 — Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Viadolorosa & Jaffa

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 Jaffa (1 hour).
- 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)



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



Jaffa fishing harbour at sunset, Jaffa, Israel



Jaffa skyline viewed from Tel Aviv

Day 09 — Departure from Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast

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



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Jaffa skyline viewed from Tel Aviv

Tour Highlights

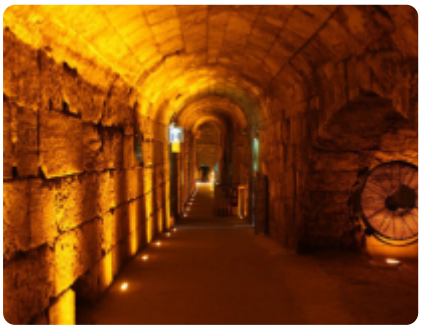
High value tours, activities & attractions



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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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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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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Magdala

"As archaeologists continued to dig, they discovered an entire first century Jewish town lying just below the surface. With only 10% of the archaeology uncovered, the hometown of Mary Magdalene already provides pilgrims an authentic location to walk where Jesus taught and to connect with the first century life of Jesus' followers. Magdala is a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught."

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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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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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