

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as you follow His life from birth to the Crucifixion. Jewish and Islamic sites, as well as some contemporary visits, balance the tour.



Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem

Israel Discovery

TOUR PACE

As Israel is quite a small country, it is often surprising how much sightseeing can be achieved in a day. The touring days are not too long, with plenty of visits along the way. And with two nights in Tel Aviv and three nights in Jerusalem, you will not have to pack and unpack every night.

HOTELS

Sheraton is one of the most revered hotel brands in the world, known for their superior quality and service. The two Leonardo hotels in Jerusalem and Tiberias are both modern, elegant and superbly located, whereas the magnificent Hod Hamidbar hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea, offers you serenity, relaxation and the perfect pampering experience in their modern spa.

DAY 1 – TEL AVIV AT LEISURE. Welcome to Israel. You are met at Ben Gurion airport and transferred to your hotel. Hotel: Sheraton Tel Aviv & Towers.

DAY 2 – TEL AVIV SIGHTSEEING. A sightseeing tour of this lively city reveals all the highlights: the *Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square* and the *Carmel market*. At the ancient port of *Jaffa* visit the *flea market* and explore the *artists' galleries*. Visit *Mini Israel, a miniature park featuring 330 replica models which showcase Israel's cultural, historic and religious diversity*. Tonight enjoy a *Shabbat dinner at your hotel*. (BB,HD)

DAY 3 – TEL AVIV – GALILEE. Drive along the coastal road to explore the *Roman and Crusader ruins at Caesarea*. Travel via *Haifa*, Israel's northern port to *Acre*. See the *fortress, the old harbour area and Crusader crypt* before continuing to *Nazareth*. Visit the *Church of the Annunciation*, on the site where the angel is said to have appeared to Mary. *The day concludes with a visit to a Kibbutz for a brief introduction to this communal way of life*.

Hotel: Leonardo Plaza Tiberias. (BB,D)

DAY 4 – GALILEE – DEAD SEA. Start the day with a morning boat ride on the *Sea of Galilee*. Visit the *ancient wooden boat, dating back to the time of Jesus*. Visit *Capernaum* where Jesus is said to have entered the *Synagogue* and taught, and then head to the *Mount of Beatitudes*, where He preached the *Sermon on the Mount*. Now journey along the *Jordan valley to take a dip in the therapeutic and mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea*.

Hotel: Hod Hotel & Spa/Le Meridien. (BB,D)

DAY 5 – DEAD SEA – JERUSALEM. In the cool of the morning, take a thrilling cable-car ride up to the awe-inspiring hill top fortress of *Masada*. Later, pass the caves of *Qumran*, where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* were discovered, before driving through the *Judean hills* to *Jerusalem*. Begin your sightseeing with a breathtaking view over this most hallowed of cities from *Mount Scopus*. Visit *King David's Tomb on Mount Zion*, the *Room of the Last Supper* and the *Western Wall*, Judaism's most sacred site. Hotel: Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem. (BB)

DAY 6 – JERUSALEM SIGHTSEEING. Tour *Yad-Vashem*, the museum commemorating those killed during the Holocaust. Continue to the *Shrine of the Book*, housed in the *Israel Museum* which also contains the *Dead Sea Scrolls*. Later, you have the opportunity of joining an optional excursion to visit *Manger Square* and the *Church of the Nativity* in *Bethlehem*. For dinner tonight, sample dishes typical of the region at a local restaurant. (BB,HD)

DAY 7 – JERUSALEM SIGHTSEEING. Wander through the tranquil *Garden of Gethsemane* at the *Church of All Nations* before entering *Jerusalem's Old City* to view the *Temple Mount*, one of Islam's holiest sites. Continue in the footsteps of Jesus along the *Via Dolorosa* and the *Stations of the Cross*. See the *Ecce Homo Arch, Pool of Bethesda* and finish at the *Church of the Holy Sepulchre*, built on the site of the *Crucifixion*. (BB)

DAY 8 – DEPART JERUSALEM. The tour ends after breakfast with transfers to Ben Gurion airport. (BB)



Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth



Visit the ancient port of Jaffa

Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS

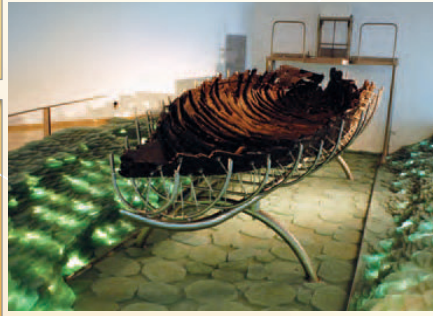
Enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner at your hotel

Visit Mini Israel



Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and see the 2000 year old vessel recovered from its waters

An introduction to life on a Kibbutz



Enjoy a dip in the mineral rich waters



Relax and soak up the atmosphere of your highlight dinner at a local restaurant

A thrilling cable car ride to the summit of this ancient stronghold with spectacular views over the Dead Sea

- Included Premium Highlights**
- Visit Mini Israel in Tel Aviv
 - Sea of Galilee boat ride
 - Swim in the Dead Sea
 - Take a thrilling cable-car ride up to the fortress of Masada
- Included Personal Insights**
- An insight into the history and contemporary life on a Kibbutz
- Included Other Excursions & Sights**
- See Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel market in Tel Aviv
 - Visit the ancient port of Jaffa
 - Visit the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth
 - Visit Capernaum & Mount of the Beatitudes in Galilee
 - See where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
 - In Jerusalem walk the Stations of the Cross and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Garden of Gethsemane, Room of the Last Supper, Pool of Bethesda, Ecce Homo Arch
 - See the Temple Mount
 - Visit the Jewish sites of King David's Tomb, Western Wall, Holocaust Museum and Shrine of the Book
- Included First Class Services**
- Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director to escort you
 - Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
 - Travel by air-conditioned coach or minibus
 - Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
 - Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book and information pack
 - Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotel
- Included Quality Dining**
- Friday night Shabbat dinner at the hotel (HD)
 - Mediterranean style dinner at a Jerusalem restaurant (HD)
 - 7 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 2 special-menu Dinners, or Buffets (D)
 - Departures on tour for New Year's Eve, enjoy a festive celebration dinner

TOUR CODE: I944W

Low prices and great quality

Starts Tel Aviv	Ends Jerusalem	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction	Starts Tel Aviv	Ends Jerusalem	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction
Thu 03 Nov	- Thu 10 Nov	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 19 Jan	- Thu 26 Jan	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 10 Nov	- Thu 17 Nov	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 26 Jan	- Thu 02 Feb	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 17 Nov	- Thu 24 Nov	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 02 Feb	- Thu 09 Feb	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 24 Nov	- Thu 01 Dec	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 09 Feb	- Thu 16 Feb	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 01 Dec	- Thu 08 Dec	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 16 Feb	- Thu 23 Feb	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 08 Dec	- Thu 15 Dec	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 23 Feb	- Thu 01 Mar	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 15 Dec	- Thu 22 Dec	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 01 Mar	- Thu 08 Mar	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 22 Dec	- Thu 29 Dec	\$2350	\$935	\$70	Thu 08 Mar	- Thu 15 Mar	\$2175	\$820	\$70
◆ Thu 29 Dec	- Thu 05 Jan	\$2450	\$935	\$70	Thu 15 Mar	- Thu 22 Mar	\$2175	\$820	\$70
2012:					Thu 22 Mar	- Thu 29 Mar	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 05 Jan	- Thu 12 Jan	\$2175	\$820	\$70	Thu 29 Mar	- Thu 05 Apr	\$2175	\$820	\$70
Thu 12 Jan	- Thu 19 Jan	\$2175	\$820	\$70					

Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Sheraton Tel Aviv & Towers			
19 Dec '11 - 07 Jan '12	\$268	\$456	\$221
All other times	\$205	\$338	\$179
Leonardo Plaza, Jerusalem			
19 Dec '11 - 07 Jan '12	\$260	\$401	\$223
All other times	\$213	\$346	\$187

Festive Highlights

- ◆ New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included

Additional Visa Requirements: Check with your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

Notes

All prices are in US dollars.
 Smaller coaches without toilet facilities may be used on this tour.
 The order of sightseeing may change at short notice.
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