



ISRAEL DISCOVERY

Explore the ancient and the modern in Israel, visit holy sites and participate in a traditional Shabbat dinner.



Falafel Lunch

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Isfiya: Feast on local specialties in a private Druze home and hear about life in the village from one of its residents.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by cable car to the fortress of Masada • Swim in the Dead Sea • Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Visit Roman and Crusader ruins of Caesarea • Church of Annunciation in Nazareth • Capernaum Synagogue • Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem • Yad Vashem Museum • Israel Museum.

City tours of Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem, all with Local Experts.

See the Habimah National Theatre and Rabin Square in Tel Aviv • the fortress, old harbour area and Crusader crypt in Caesarea • Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Friday Shabbat Highlight Dinner in Tel Aviv.

TRIP PLANNER - 8 DAYS

TRIP CODE: I944

STARTS	ENDS	TWIN	STARTS	ENDS	TWIN
Thu 22 Apr	Thu 30 Apr	\$4750	Thu 23 Jul	Thu 30 Jul	\$4750
Thu 07 May	Thu 14 May	\$4750	Thu 06 Aug	Thu 13 Aug	\$5025
Thu 21 May	Thu 28 May	\$4750	Thu 20 Aug	Thu 27 Aug	\$5025
Thu 04 Jun	Thu 11 Jun	\$4750	Thu 03 Sep	Thu 10 Sep	\$4750
Thu 18 Jun	Thu 25 Jun	\$4750	Thu 10 Sep	Thu 17 Sep	\$4750
Thu 09 Jul	Thu 16 Jul	\$4750			

AUTUMN, WINTER & SPRING DEPARTURES: W944

Thu 15 Oct	Thu 22 Oct	\$4750	Thu 14 Jan	Thu 21 Jan	\$4750
Thu 22 Oct	Thu 29 Oct	\$4750	Thu 28 Jan	Thu 04 Feb	\$4750
Thu 05 Nov	Thu 12 Nov	\$4750	Thu 11 Feb	Thu 18 Feb	\$4750
Thu 19 Nov	Thu 26 Nov	\$4750	Thu 25 Feb	Thu 04 Mar	\$4750
Thu 03 Dec	Thu 10 Dec	\$4750	Thu 11 Mar	Thu 18 Mar	\$4750
Thu 17 Dec	Thu 24 Dec	\$4750	Thu 18 Mar	Thu 25 Mar	\$4750
Thu 24 Dec	Thu 31 Dec	\$5025			
* Thu 31 Dec	Thu 07 Jan	\$5025	Thu 08 Apr	Thu 15 Apr	\$4750

NOTES: Twin prices are per person. Smaller coaches without washroom and 40 seats may be used. Due to religious festivals some departures will operate in reverse and/or a modified itinerary. The order of sightseeing may change at short notice. Visas: Some passports may require Visas, please speak to your Travel Agent at time of booking to assess your requirements. [†] Festive Highlight Dinners: This departure will spend New Year's Eve in Tel Aviv.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Triple Room Reduction \$80

ROOMING OPTIONS: Roommate Matching not available on this trip. Single Supplement \$1920 p.p.

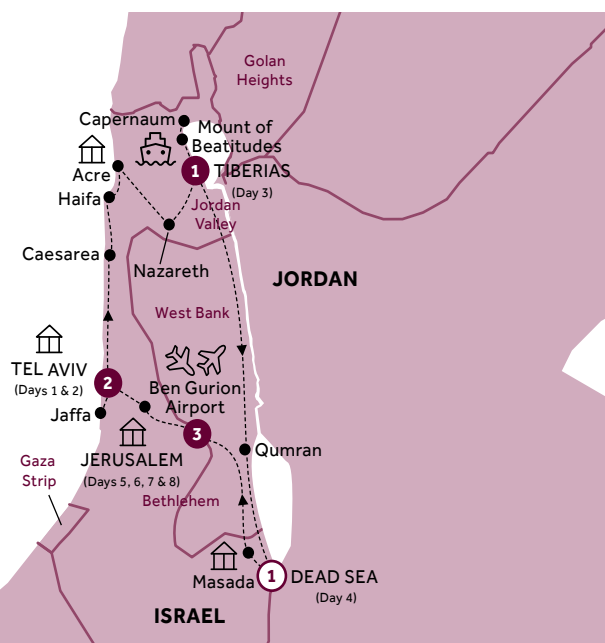
EXTRA NIGHT HOTELS PER PERSON - SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS MAY

APPLY: Tel Aviv: Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel Twin \$449 | Single \$762
Jerusalem: Leonardo Plaza Hotel Jerusalem Twin \$471 | Single \$806

THIS TRIP COMBINES WITH
JORDAN EXPERIENCE TO FORM
ISRAEL AND JORDAN WITH THE
DEAD SEA, AND WITH JORDAN
EXPERIENCE AND SPLENDOURS
OF EGYPT TO FORM LAND OF THE
PROPHETS.

Key:

- ✈ Join/Leave Options
- 🏛 UNESCO Heritage Site
- ① Central Hotels + Nights
- ② Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



FROM \$594 PER DAY

SMALLER GROUPS

YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 7 BREAKFASTS | 3 LUNCHES | 4 DINNERS | 13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



DAY 1

WELCOME TO TEL AVIV.

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport and driven to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

At 19:30 meet your travel companions for a Welcome Reception and a short introduction to your Israeli adventures.

Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel.

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DAY 2 • RELAXED START

EXPLORING VIBRANT TEL AVIV.

- ☆ Morning sightseeing showcases the highlights of this vibrant city including the Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel Market. This bustling outdoor market is popular with locals, offering everything they need to don their house and table and fill the plates for Shabbat.

Savour a falafel lunch at the local market.

Venture along the seashore to the ancient city of Jaffa to see the famous clock tower and the old harbour. Visit the artists quarter and step back in time while making your way through the maze of narrow streets filled with boutiques, a flea market and many eateries.

In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner. (B) (L) (DW)

DAY 3

CAESAREA, ACRE, NAZARETH AND GALILEE.

Travel from Tel Aviv, along the coastal road to Caesarea, to visit the archeological park. The ancient city built by king Herod was once a major port and hub of activity in the Judea province.

- ☆ Explore the ancient Roman and Crusader ruins, including the huge amphitheatre. Travel via Haifa to Acre, fought over for centuries and captured in turn by Saracens and Crusaders, including Richard the Lionheart. See the fortress, the old harbour area and Crusader crypt.

Visit a Druze village and learn about this small community over a traditional Dine-at-Home lunch. Spend time with the local residents who tell you about their way of life and traditions.

- ☆ In Nazareth, visit one of Christianity's most sacred places, the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where the angel Gabriel is said to have appeared to Mary.

Soon, ochre villages and seaside towns are replaced by green hills, rich crops and colourful groves, as you approach Tiberias, your home for the night.

- ☆ The day concludes with a brief introduction to life on a Kibbutz. (B) (L) (D)

Leonardo Plaza Hotel Tiberias.

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DAY 4

TO THE DEAD SEA.

Stop on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee to visit the Yigal Allon Museum. It hosts the remains of a 1st century fishing boat that was found embedded at the bottom of Lake Kinneret.

- ☆ Visit Capernaum, where Jesus is said to have entered the Synagogue to teach, before heading to the Mount of Beatitudes, where he preached the Sermon on the Mount. Journey through ever-changing landscapes along the Jordan Valley, past ancient Jericho, to take a dip in the buoyant salt waters of the Dead Sea. (B) (D)

Hod Hamidbar Resort and Spa Hotel, Dead Sea.

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DAY 5

MASADA AND THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM.

- ☆ Take a cable car ride up to the fortress of Masada, where Jewish Zealots held out for three years against Herod's armies. Pass the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found at Qumran.

Travel through the Judean Hills to Mount Scopus for breathtaking views of Jerusalem.

- ☆ Visit King David's Tomb on Mount Zion, and the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the Old City and follow the winding cobbled alleyways to the magnificent Wailing Wall, the most sacred monument in Judaism. (B)

Leonardo Plaza Hotel Jerusalem.

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DAY 6

EXPLORING JERUSALEM.

Today is dedicated to exploring the multiple facets of Jerusalem.

- ☆ Visit Yad Vashem, a memorial for those who perished in the Holocaust. Continue to the Israel Museum and retrace the history of the city. Visit the Shrine of the Book, home to ancient Dead Sea scrolls, and look out for the most ancient one, the Isaiah scroll, dating from the third century B.C. (B)

DAY 7 • RELAXED START

OPTIONAL BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE.

Enjoy a relaxed morning or alternatively choose to meet your Local Expert at the West Bank border and continue to the Holy city of Bethlehem. The Optional Experience includes visiting the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world. In the afternoon, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and walk through the Old City to see the Temple Mount, one of Islam's holiest sites. Continue along the Via Dolorosa past the Stations of the Cross, Ecce Homo Arch, and the Pool of Bethesda, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

At night, toast your adventures over a hearty Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (DW)

DAY 8

DEPART JERUSALEM.

Your journey comes to an end with transfers to the airport. (B)

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$435