

In the Path of the Bible
12 days/10 nights**Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Acre, Tiberias, Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi, Nazareth, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea, Negev Desert, Red Sea, Eilat, Ramon Crater, Beer Sheba****Faith, History, Archaeology, Relaxation****Day 1 – Sat: USA, Tel Aviv**

Depart USA on overnight flight to Athens. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

Day 2- Sun: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival into Ben Gurion International Airport, you are met by our representative at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3 – Mon: Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Acre

Following a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast (which you will enjoy each morning prior to departing for your day of touring), depart Tel Aviv. Drive north along the coastal plain to Caesarea (Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48), capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo (1 Kings 4.28, 9, 15, 2 Kings 23, 29 & Revel. 16.16), identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo, including the well-preserved water supply system. Drive to the beautiful port city of Haifa, nestled on the Mediterranean Sea, for a panoramic view of the Bahai gardens and Haifa Bay. From Haifa continue to Acre (Micah 1.10), capital of the Crusaders for more than a century. Visit the ancient city and harbour before continuing eastwards across the plains of the Galilee to Kibbutz hotel Lavi, not far from the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

**Day 4 – Tue: Acre, Tiberias, Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi**

After a short tour of the Kibbutz grounds we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54). Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha (Matt. 13, Mark .33-45, & John 21), the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to the Mount of the Beatitudes (Matt. 5, 6, 7, 8), where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Caesarea Philippi Spring and Waterfall (Matt. 16.13 and Mark 8.27), where Jesus was recognized as The Messiah by His Disciples. Tour the Golan Heights, with its valleys, grazing land and snowcapped mountains. Return to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 5– Wed: Caesarea Phillipi ,Nazareth, Beit Shean, Jerusalem

Begin the day with a drive to Nazareth (Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23) via Cana of Galilee (John 2.1-11). In Nazareth, we shall visit the Church of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's well. Next on our program is the Jordan River and the Baptismal site Yardenit. Continue to Beit Shean, one of the ancient Decapolis cities (Mark 5.20, 7.31), and visit the Roman theatre. This is the city where Saul and his son Jonathan were nailed to the walls (1st Samuel 31.10). Judges 1.27 also mentions Beit Shean.

Continue south along the shores of the River of Jordan. Passing Jericho, we proceed westward and climb to the Golden City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 6 – Thu: Jerusalem (Old City)

Today we visit the Old City of Jerusalem. Our appreciation of this Golden City begins with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, overlooking the walls of the old city and the ancient Jewish cemetery. Visit the Church of All Nations. Proceed to Mount Zion to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last Supper (Mark 14:13, Luke 22: 10-38, Matt 26 17-29, Acts 1:13 and Acts 2 the Pentecost). Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. Walk through the Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. View the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried His Cross. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27: 33-57, 28:10). No visit to Jerusalem is complete without a walk through the colorful Arab bazaar (a chance to test your negotiating skills). Visit the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 7 – Fri: Jerusalem (New City and Bethlehem)

Today's program is dedicated to the new city of Jerusalem. Visit the model of ancient Jerusalem Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Enter the site by walking along the Street of the Righteous Gentiles, dedicated to the non-Jews that risked their lives in order to save their Jewish neighbours. Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptists (Luke 1:39-80). This Spanish style church and Mary's well is where Mother Mary met her cousin Elizabeth. Proceed to Bethlehem * to visit the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 8 – Sat: Jerusalem (Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea)

Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Massada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Massada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Time and weather permitting we will have an opportunity to float on the Dead Sea waters. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 9– Sun: Jerusalem, Negev Desert, Red Sea, Eilat

Travel south through the Negev desert. Visit Timna and see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations. Continue to Eilat and stop to visit the Underwater Observatory, one of the largest sea aquariums in the world, built into a coral reef. Overnight in Eilat. [B/D]

Day 10 – Mon: Eilat (Petra, Jordan)

Free day in Eilat or optional tour. Overnight in Eilat. [B/D]

Option: Day-tour to Petra, Jordan

After assistance with visa to the Jordanian border, drive straight away to Petra through desert highways, your ultimate destination is the astonishing rose-red city of Petra which was built by the Nabateans (An early Arab tribe). Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the south of Jordan more than 2000 years ago. The visit begins with the possibility of a short horseback-riding for about 700 m. until the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) to get inside Petra and back to the gate outside. Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the Treasury, Royal Tombs, the Court, Roman theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El-Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments which fascinate the visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. After the visit, time for lunch in a nice restaurant. After lunch drive back to border. On the way, a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility to stop and take a walk around. Transfer to the border at around 18:00 p.m. and crossing back to Eilat.

Day 11 – Tue: Eilat, Ramon Crater, Beer Sheba, Tel Aviv

Depart Eilat via Mitzpe Ramon. Stop to gaze into the Ramon crater, a geological wonder. Proceed to Sde Boker and see Ben Gurion's hut and grave overlooking the magnificent Zin valley. Stop for a camel riding experience and a visit to an authentic Bedouin tent, learn about the Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch. Continue to Hatzerim and visit Israel's Air Force museum to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force. Drive back to Tel-Aviv. Overnight in Tel Aviv. [B/L/D]

Day 12 – Wed: Tel Aviv, USA

Transfer from hotel to airport for your departure flight. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Airfare between USA and Israel
- Private transfers:
 - Ben Gurion Airport to Hotel in Tel Aviv
 - Hotel in Jerusalem to Airport.
- Meeting and assistance
- 10 nights' accommodation:
 - Tel Aviv - 2 night
 - Galilee - 2 nights
 - Jerusalem- 4 nights
 - Eilat - 2 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - Bedouin hospitality and lunch.

- 10 dinners
- 8 full-day touring with A/C
- English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Local English-speaking guide in Jerusalem
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

Tour does not include:

- Airport taxes
- Optional day tour to Petra
- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Tips to driver, guide or hotel staff
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Tourist Class		
Tel Aviv	Prima City	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	Prima Park	4
Eilat	C Hotel	4
First Class		
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	4
Eilat	Neptune Eilat	4.5
Deluxe		
Tel Aviv	Casa Nova	5
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	King David	5
Eilat	Dan Panorama Eilat	4.5

MEAL PLAN: Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

Group Prices:

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.

Inclusion of tour conductors must be considered at time of request.

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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Other Options

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.