

Rome and the Holy Land**11 days: 9 nights****Rome, Vatican, Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Druze Village, Haifa, Safed, Golan Heights, Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea
Faith, Art, History, Culture, Fun****Day 1: USA, Rome**

Board your overnight international flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

Day 2: Rome

Welcome to the Eternal City! Upon arrival, meet with your escort and transfer to your hotel for check in. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Overnight in Rome. [D]

Day 3: Rome*

Visit the Religious Rome starting with the Vatican Museums and its unique treasures: the Candelabras, the Tapestries and the Geographic Maps Galleries, the Raphael Rooms and Michelangelo's magnificent masterpiece: the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church building in Christianity and visit the burial place of St. Peter and Pope John Paul II. Proceed to visit the three major Basilicas: St. Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, a shrine containing a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus; St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the Popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377; St. Paul Outside the Wall, which houses the remains of St. Paul under its main altar. [BD]

Day 4: Rome*

Tour of Rome including: the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure: time for last minute shopping. (B/D)

**IF SUNDAY: attend the Sunday mass in St. Peter's Square and the Blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis;*

IF WEDNESDAY: attend the weekly Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square and the Blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis.

Day 5: Rome, Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Druze Village, Haifa

Drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. See the excavations of the Crusader city and the Roman port, aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Proceed to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Continue to Daliat El Carmel, a Druze village and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed via Mount Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa bay and the Golden domed Bahai Shrine and gardens. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Haifa, Safed, Golan Heights, Winery, Galilee

Drive to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism, where you will visit the ancient synagogues and the



artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at the Golan winery for a tour and wine tasting. Proceed to "Kessem Hagolan", a multimedia presentation of the area and its history. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse. [B/D]

Day 7: Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem

Start the day with a visit to Nazareth and visit the church of Annunciation; Continue to Tiberias; Visit Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and octagonal church of St. Peter; Visit Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive via Beit Shean to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B]

Day 8: Jerusalem (Old City)

Start the day with a magnificent panoramic view from Mount of Olives. Drive to the Old City. Visit the Tomb of King David and the room of The Last Supper on Mount Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Bethlehem*. View Rachel's tomb and proceed to visit the Church of Nativity and mangers square. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B]

Day 9: Jerusalem (New City & Bethlehem)

Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of Visitation; proceed to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust; Visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 10: Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300 feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in 73 AD. Descend by cable car. Continue to the Dead Sea. Cover yourself with the mineral rich mud and experience a swim in the Dead Sea ** that many believe has its therapeutic effects. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 11: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, USA

After breakfast at your hotel be ready to be picked-up and transferred to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back home. [B]

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

Tour Includes:

- Airfare USA/Rome and Tel Aviv/USA
 - Arrival and departure transfers
 - 9 nights' accommodation in select hotels:
 - Rome: 3 nights
 - Galilee: 2 nights
 - Jerusalem – 4 nights
 - Meals
- Breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
 - Lunch at a Druze Village
 - Dinner in a Middle Eastern Restaurant
- Sound & Light show at Tower of David
 - Visits as described in the Itinerary

- Entrance fees for visited monuments
- English speaking guide
- All local taxes and service fees

Tour does not include

- Airfare fees and taxes
- Airfare difference between New York and another USA gateway
- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of personal nature
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips to guides or drivers
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Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Tourist Class		
Rome	Albergo del Senato	5
Jerusalem	Prima Park	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
First Class		
Rome	Martis Palace Hotel	5
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Deluxe		
Rome	Elizabeth Unique Hotel	5
Jerusalem	King David	5
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	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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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.

Hotels in your Tour:

CATEGORY: The hotels provided may be 3, 4 or 5-star hotels, except during the 5-night walk where accommodation will be in rural hostels

LOCATION: The location will normally be in the center of main cities

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