



9 Day Israel Tour

a journey for the believer

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Special Features

- Visit the ruins of Caesarea Maritima, where the Pilate Stone was discovered, the only archaeological item that mentions Pontius Pilate
- Ascend Mt. Carmel and enjoy panoramic views of the Jezreel Valley
- Sail past the towns of Ginosar, Capernaum and Tabgha on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his confession of faith in Christ
- Garden of Gethsemane, at the foot of the Mount of Olives
- Visit the Garden Tomb, unearthed in 1867, & considered to be the site of the burial of Jesus
- At Israel Museum, view some of the Dead Sea Scrolls



Tour Price based on double occupancy \$2989 per person.

Limited single rooms on request.

**Delta Airlines airfare from St. Louis and local bus to airport
\$1599 per person for economy/main cabin seats.**

Flights are available from other cities. Please ask for a quote.

This program, with an emphasis on Christian heritage, is moderately active and done at an easy pace. Expect extensive walking during sightseeing in Jerusalem. Time spent on buses ranges from one to four hours. Please note there is a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee on day 4. The Masada & Dead Sea tour includes a cable car journey to the top of the mesa.

This trip is limited to 42 travelers.

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Salem Travel 9 Day Israel Tour

DAY 1, Friday - Depart for Israel

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DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to your hotel. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by a light dinner.

Overnight: Tel Aviv Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Sunday - Caesarea, Galilee

Begin your pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a drive northwards along the Plain of Sharon, the Mediterranean and old coastal road. The first stop will be the ruins of Caesarea Maritima, built by Herod and where Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, based his seat of government. This is also where Cornelius lived and was baptized (Acts 10); where Paul embarked to Tarsus (Acts 9.30) and where Phillip preached (Acts 8.40). Then, travel north and ascend Mt. Carmel to view the Carmelite Monastery, the "Place of Sacrifice"

where the Prophet Elijah had an encounter with the Priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:17-40). Admire panoramic views of the Jezreel Valley to the town of Nazareth, the hill country of Galilee where Jesus grew to manhood (Matt. 2:23). Here, visit the Church of the Annunciation, before proceeding to your hotel for overnight.

Overnight: Galilee Region Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, Monday - Day in the Galilee Region

This morning, visit Banias the site of ancient Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his confession of faith in Christ (Matt.16.16). Continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached His famous "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt 5). From here, travel to

Capernaum, the town where Jesus chose His first disciples among the humble local fisherman. View the remains of Peter's house and the synagogue site where Jesus taught and worshiped (Mark 1:21, Luke 4.31). The day continues with a lunch stop at St. Peter's Restaurant before you venture towards Tabgha, the sight of the multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes (John 6). At Ginosar, stop to see "Jesus Boat", an archaeological treasure recovered from the waters of the Galilee, dating back to the first century. You will have the opportunity to take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, before driving back to your hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Galilee Region Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Tuesday - Yardenit Baptismal Site, Beit She'an, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Garden Tomb

Begin at the headwaters of the Jordan River, the Yardenit, where Christian visitors come to renew their faith with a traditional Baptism. Continue southward to the ruins of Beit She'an, where the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and his sons on the walls of

Beit She'an (1 Sam 31:10-12). Proceed south toward Judea, through the lush Jordan Valley passing by the ancient city of Jericho. Arrive at the Holy City of Jerusalem for observation of the city from the Mount of Olives with its panoramic view of the entire Old

City. Tracing the footsteps of Jesus, view part of the Palm Sunday route on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. End the day just outside the city walls with a visit to the Garden Tomb. A rock formation resembles a skull (Golgotha) and the site accords with the biblical data of the area where Jesus was buried. Arrive at the hotel in time for dinner.

Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Wednesday - Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jewish Quarter, Bethlehem

This morning, visit the Western Wall Tunnels, which stretch along the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. Visit the Pool of Bethesda and the Crusader Church of Saint Anne and walk under Ecce Homo Arch. Then, retrace the steps of Jesus with a walk along the Via Dolorosa before reaching the final station of the Cross at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Enter the Jewish Quarter and the Cardo of the Old City. This afternoon, take a short drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave of Christ's birth, as well as Shepherd's Field and the plains of Boaz. Finally, visit one of the famous Bethlehem gift shops before returning to the hotel.

Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Thursday - Israel Museum, Yad Vashem

Begin the day with a drive by the Knesset and the Big Menorah, symbols of the State of Israel. Next visit the Shrine of the Book at Israel Museum, where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. See the Model City, a 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. Continue to Yad Vashem, a museum built in memory of the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis during World War II. This afternoon, continue to Mt. Zion to visit the House of Caiaphas the high priest, where Jesus was interrogated the night of His betrayal (Mark 14:53-65). You will also visit the King David Tomb and the Upper Room, the traditional location of the Last Supper.

Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Friday - Full day excursion to Masada & Dead Sea

The full day tour to Masada and the Dead Sea begins with a drive through the Judean Desert and along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ascend the towering desert mesa via cable car to visit the excavations of the fortress of King Herod and last stronghold of the Zealots against the Romans. Here you'll see many of the original structures such as the synagogue and storehouses that have been painstakingly restored by archaeologists. At the base, visit the Museum of Masada that combines archaeological artifacts with a narrated guided tour of the Story of Masada. Then, journey via Ein Gedi to the Dead Sea for an "unsinkable" swim in the buoyant, salty waters. Approximate tour duration is 9 hours. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a hotel

Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Saturday - Depart Israel

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

*Due to local events, holidays and site openings, the order of sightseeing may be changed.
Details to be provided locally by Tour Manager.*

Your hosts are available to help you enjoy all the facets of the trip. A local expert guide licensed by the Israeli government will accompany the group while in Israel.

The Salem Travel/Gate 1 Travel Package Includes:

- Modern motor-coach from Salem/Centralia to airport and return & Salem Travel escort
- Flights from St. Louis to Tel-Aviv and return, Group arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights accommodations
 - 1 night in Tel Aviv at Tal by the Beach
 - 2 nights in Tiberias at Kiar Galilee Hotel
 - 4 nights in Jerusalem at Dan Panorama Jerusalem
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges, hotel portage
- One group transfer on arrival and on departure
- 15 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners including a glass of wine or beer
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
- Gratuities to Tour Guide, Coach Driver, and hotel dinners

Not Included: Meals unless specified, optional tours and anything not mentioned in the package includes section

What you need to know...

Additional Information: Upon arrival in Israel at Passport Control, you will receive an Israel Border Control / B2 Stay Permit called an "Electronic Gate Pass". Issuance of the pass replaces the need to stamp your passport. The Electronic Gate Pass is your official form of identification in Israel and must be kept in your possession at all times, and will be relinquished once you depart the country. Escorted tour group guests should bring this pass to the Welcome Meeting as your Tour Manager must record information from it to facilitate express hotel check-in during your tour. Failure to provide this pass at check-in will result in mandatory tax.

Entry Requirements: Passengers traveling abroad require a passport valid for six months beyond their travel dates. All travelers are responsible to check if a visa is required for all countries on their itinerary. For visa information, check our Visas page.

Cancellation: Cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received and based on the dates prior to departure. Prior to 180 days before to departure: cancellation fee of \$100 per person, 179 days to final payment various fees apply and are compounded if air tickets have been issued. After final payment the trip is non-refundable.

Deposit to Confirm: \$500 per person due to confirm the tour, \$100 per person is non-refundable. A \$500 per person deposit is due to confirm the air, \$100 per person is non-refundable.

Payments: The final Payment is due October 1, 2023.

Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance is sold by Salem Travel. Cost is based on age of the traveler and the cost of the trip. Insurance will be quoted with tour confirmation.

Vaccines and Health Safety Update: Covid vaccinations are not required at this time. Health and safety protocols are subject to change and are at the discretion of the tour operator and governments.

Travelers with Disabilities: Tour participants requiring any form of assistance are required to notify the agency in writing at the time of making reservation and must be accompanied by an individual responsible for providing those services. Tour managers, guides, drivers, escorts and/or hotels are not able to provide such assistance. Escorted tours are fast-paced, often requiring lengthy walks over uneven terrain. Due to physical constraints and space limitations, wheelchairs, walkers and motorized scooters may not be taken aboard motor-coaches, nor are these devices suitable for touring. Clients with special needs will be better served independently; the agency can suggest touring options based on your needs.

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