

# Ayelet Tours, Ltd.

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## ISRAEL HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

### 8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS

### THURSDAY ARRIVAL

#### DAY 1, WEDNESDAY: DEPARTURE

Depart the United States on overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

#### DAY 2, THURSDAY: ARRIVAL

Upon arrival to airport meet our representative and transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv... Overnight Tel Aviv.

#### DAY 3, FRIDAY: CAESAREA – MEGIDDO – TIBERIAS

Breakfast... Our guide will pick us up from our hotel and we will begin our journey north along the coast to the archaeological ruins of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great... Continue to Megiddo, the great battle grounds known as “Armageddon” – this city was inhabited continuously for more than 5,000 years... Travel to the Sea of Galilee, arriving in Tiberias to check in to our hotel... Overnight Tiberias.

#### DAY 4, SATURDAY: TIBERIAS – GOLAN HEIGHTS

Breakfast... Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum... Visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue and continue to Tabgha, just north of Tiberias, to view the mosaics at the Church of Multiplication... Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the sea... Ascend to the Golan Heights to take in the panoramic views from atop the peaks of Mt. Hermon and the rugged plateau of the Golan Heights, looking out over the Hula Valley... Return to Tiberias for overnight.

#### DAY 5, SUNDAY: NAZARETH AND THE JORDAN VALLEY

Breakfast... Travel to Cana to view the Wedding Church before proceeding to Nazareth, where we see the Church of Annunciation, Mary’s Well and Joseph’s Church... Continue through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean with its recently excavated amphitheater... Visit the excavations of this beautifully preserved Roman City which was destroyed in an earthquake... Proceed to Jerusalem, where we check in to our hotel for overnight.

#### DAY 6, MONDAY: THE DEAD SEA AND MASADA

Breakfast... Depart Jerusalem and travel to Masada, declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001... Ascend by cable car to the fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans... Visit the excavations, Herod’s palaces, the synagogue, and bathhouse... Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea... Pass the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered... Enjoy an “unsinkable swim” in the in the salty water of the Dead Sea... Return to Jerusalem for overnight.

#### DAY 7, TUESDAY: JERUSALEM - SIGHTSEEING OF THE OLD CITY

Breakfast... Drive to Mt. Scopus for a panoramic view of Jerusalem, the holy city for each of the world’s three major religions – Christianity, Judaism, and Islam... Visit the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of the Agony... Walk through the Old City’s Jewish Quarter, including a stop for personal reflection at the Western Wall, a visit to the site the Second Temple, the Temple Mount, and a walk along the Christian

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Quarter's Via Dolorosa, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre... Continue Southwest to Mt. Zion, where we visit the sites of the tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper... Overnight Jerusalem.

**DAY 8, WEDNESDAY - JERUSALEM – THE NEW CITY**

Breakfast... Begin our day at Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, where we view the many moving exhibitions including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations... Tour Ein Kerem, a picturesque village on the outskirts of Jerusalem, before stopping for a visit at the Israel Museum to view the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book and the model of Jerusalem during the time of the Second Temple... Drive by the Knesset and the Hebrew University campus... If time and situation permits we will visit Bethlehem to view Rachel's Tomb and the Church of the Nativity... Overnight Jerusalem.

**DAY 9, THURSDAY: DEPARTURE**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for flight home to the United States.

**THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER**

Itinerary subject to change

