

Ayelet TOURS

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Israel: Exploring the **HOLY LAND**

10 Nights/12 Days



Israel: Exploring the Holy Land

10 NIGHTS * 12 DAYS * 9 TOURING DAYS
SATURDAY DEPARTURE/SUNDAY ARRIVAL
1 NIGHT TEL AVIV * 2 NIGHTS GALILEE *
4 NIGHTS JERUSALEM * 2 NIGHTS EILAT *
1 ADDITIONAL NIGHT TEL AVIV
(WITH OPTIONAL DAY TOUR TO) **PETRA, JORDAN**

DAY 1 SATURDAY BEGIN THE JOURNEY

- Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Israel. (Contact Ayelet Tours for assistance booking flights).

DAY 2 SUNDAY ARRIVAL

- Shalom and welcome to Israel! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport you will be greeted and assisted by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- Transfer to your hotel and check in and refresh.
- Enjoy **dinner** on own at your hotel this evening (included).

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 3 MONDAY THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we check out of our hotel and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea**, where we view the amazing Roman ruins, including the Roman theater and the aqueduct.
- We proceed to **Muhraka**, the site of confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. We enjoy the spectacular view of the Jezreel Valley and the lower Galilee.
- We continue to **Megiddo**, the site of biblical Armageddon whose 20 layers of civilization were featured in James Michener's *The Source*.
- Our final stop is in **Akko** where we explore the ancient city and harbor.
- We continue to the **Galilee** to check into our kibbutz and enjoy **dinner** together.

Overnight in the Galilee

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DAY 4 TUESDAY THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- We begin our day with a visit to **Tiberias**, one of four holy cities in Judaism.
- Next, we visit the **Yigal Alon** museum where the “**Jesus boat**” is displayed.
- We enjoy a **boat ride** on the **Sea of Galilee**, taking in the beautiful scenery.
- We continue to **Capernaum** where Jesus began his ministry and site of numerous miracles. We see the ruins of several synagogues and the octagonal **Church of St. Peter**.
- Our next stop is **Tabgha**, site of the **Church of Multiplication**, where the mosaic floor depicts a basket with loaves and two fishes, symbolic reference to the miracle where Jesus was able to feed the multitudes.
- Our next stop is at the **Mount of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered the “Sermon on the Mount”.
- We continue to the **Banias Nature Reserve** for a short hike to the **Banias Springs**.
- Later this afternoon, we tour the **Golan Heights**, passing former Syrian bunkers along the way to the top of **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria.
- We return to our kibbutz later this evening for **dinner** together.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY NAZARETH, YARDENIT AND BEIT SHEAN

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- This morning, we drive to **Cana** to visit the **Wedding Church**, where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine.
- We begin our day in **Nazareth** to visit the **Church of the Annunciation**, which many believe marks the site of Mary’s childhood home and the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel, St. Joseph’s workshop and Mary’s well.
- We continue to **Yardenit**, the baptismal site on the Jordan River.
- Next, we drive to **Beit Shean**, where we stop to see the ancient Roman ruins.
- We continue our journey with a drive south through the Jordan River Valley to **Jerusalem**. Upon our arrival, we check into our hotel and refresh for **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 6 THURSDAY ANCIENT JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin the day by ascending the **Mt. of Olives** for a magnificent panoramic view of the **City of Gold**.
- We visit the **Church of All Nations** before we continue to **Mt. Zion**. There, we visit the **tomb of King David** and then proceed to the **Upper Room**, believed to be the site of the **Last Supper**.
- We enter the walled **Old City** and walk through the restored **Jewish quarter**, including the **Roman Cardo** marketplace.
- Next, we walk the **Stations of the Cross** along the **Via Dolorosa**, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.
- We visit the **Arab “shuk” marketplace**, bustling with vendors selling their wares.
- Our last stop takes us to the **Garden Tomb**, considered by many to be the site of Jesus’ burial and resurrection.
- We enjoy **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 7 FRIDAY MODERN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today’s touring begins at **Ein Kerem** to see the **Church of Visitation**.
- We continue to **Yad Vashem**, Israel’s memorial to the Holocaust, where we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
- Next, we visit the newly renovated **Israel Museum** to see the **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, then view the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period, among other fascinating exhibits.
- We continue to **Bethlehem** (*security permitting*) to see **Shepherds’ field**, walk through **Manger Square** and visit the **Church of the Nativity**.
- We enjoy a relaxing evening and **dinner** together as the calm comes over Israel for the Sabbath.

Overnight in Jerusalem





DAY 8

SATURDAY

MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we depart Jerusalem and drive south through the Judean desert to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Our first stop is the **Qumran Caves**, where we learn about this site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.
- We ascend **Masada** by cable car to view the remains of King Herod's palace and fortifications, and hear the story of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the approaching Roman armies.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach to enjoy the mud baths and an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth.
- We return to Jerusalem for **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 9

SUNDAY

THE SOUTH

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we depart Jerusalem and travel south through the **Negev Desert**.
- We stop at **Timna** to see the ancient copper mine and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored natural rock formations.
- We continue to **Eilat**, where we visit the **Underwater Observatory and Marine Park**, one of the largest sea aquariums in the world, which is built directly into a Red Sea coral reef.
- We check into our hotel and relax before **dinner** together tonight.

Overnight in Eilat

DAY 10

MONDAY

EILAT OR PETRA

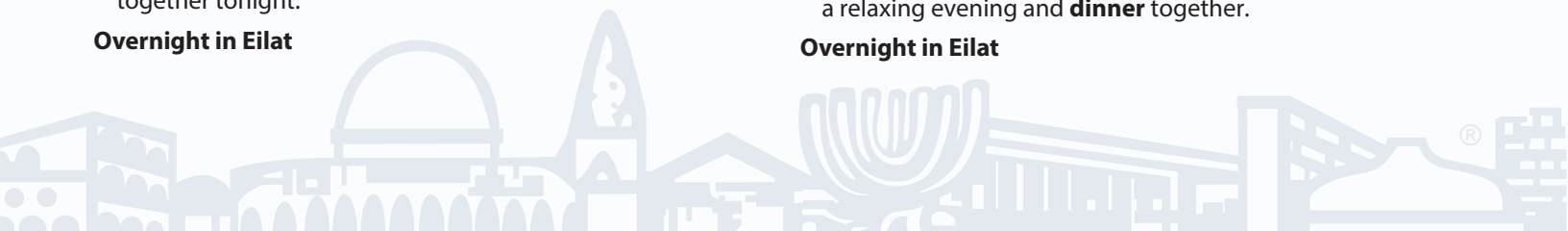
- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a day of leisure relaxing or enjoying some of the many water sports on the shores of the Red Sea **OR** opt for an exciting day tour to **Petra, Jordan***.

OPTIONAL DAY TOUR TO PETRA

*(additional cost applies)

- We transfer to the Jordanian border for crossing formalities.
- After assistance with visa processing, we continue across the border into **Jordan**, and board our bus to begin our touring experience.
- We drive along the desert highways to our ultimate destination, the astonishing rose-red city of **Petra**, renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans (an early Arab tribe), who settled in the South of Jordan more than two thousand years ago.
- The visit begins with the possibility of a short ride by horseback (optional) to the entrance of the **Siq** (about a mile's walk).
- Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the **Treasury, Royal Tombs, the Court, Roman theater, Roman Street, Qassier El-Bint** (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments, which fascinate visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the eighth wonder of the world.
- Late **lunch** is included.
- We arrive at the **Jordan/Israel border** around 6:00 PM to conclude crossing formalities.
- We cross the border back into Israel and return to Eilat for a relaxing evening and **dinner** together.

Overnight in Eilat



DAY 11

TUESDAY THE MAGNIFICENT RAMON CRATER

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we drive to **Mitzpe Ramon**. We stop to gaze into the magnificent natural **Ramon Crater**, the largest of its type in the world and a true geological wonder.
- We travel to **Sde Boker**, where we visit the gravesite and original hut of David Ben Gurion, and hear about his dream to make the desert bloom.
- We continue to a **Bedouin camp** to see an authentic tent, **ride a camel** and enjoy **Bedouin hospitality** with a **light lunch**.
- Our next stop is **Hatzerim**, Israel's Air Force museum, where we see the planes and equipment and hear the story of this brave fighting force.
- We continue north to **Tel Aviv**, checking into our hotel upon arrival.
- We enjoy a **farewell dinner** together this evening, recalling all that we have experienced on our journey through the holy land.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 12

WEDNESDAY DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport on your own for your flight back to the United States, arriving later today.



* Itinerary subject to change

* Visit subject to availability

The above program can be extended and customized for groups or private family tours.

A PUBLIC GROUP DAY TOUR TO PETRA may be added for \$300 per person, not including visa fee or border taxes. Listed tour cost and Jordanian visa fee/processing charge of \$69 are payable in advance and are **non-refundable**.

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HOLY LAND TOUR

10 NIGHTS/12 DAYS (9 TOURING DAYS)

Land only packages - SUNDAY ARRIVAL*

Rates are per person, per room in US Dollars, based on bed & breakfast and dinner daily. Prices can be paid by check or credit card. Transfers are not included.

BEST VALUE dates are highlighted in the chart.

Hotel Plans	Level D		Level C		Level B		Level A	
Tel Aviv - 1+1 Nights	Prima City Tel Aviv		Sea-Net Tel Aviv		Grand Beach Tel Aviv		Tal Tel Aviv	
Galilee - 2 Nights	Kibbutz Lavi Eden Wing		Kibbutz Lavi Eden Wing		Kibbutz Lavi Eden Wing		Kibbutz Lavi Eden Wing	
Jerusalem - 4 Nights	Prima Park Jerusalem		Prima Kings/Royale Jerusalem		Grand Court Jerusalem		Ramada Jerusalem	
Eilat - 2 Nights	Prima Music Eilat		Prima Music Eilat		Prima Music Eilat		Prima Music Eilat	
Arrival date in Israel (Sunday)	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
3/5/2023	\$2,625	\$3,599	\$2,770	\$3,789	\$2,879	\$4,359	\$4,879	\$4,045
3/12/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,264
3/19/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,264
3/26/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
4/2/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
4/9/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
4/16/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,264
4/23/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,264
4/30/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,281
5/7/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
5/14/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
5/21/2023	SHAVUOT - NO TOUR							
5/28/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,106
6/4/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,106
6/11/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,106
6/18/2023	\$2,625	\$3,599	\$2,770	\$3,789	\$2,879	\$4,359	\$4,879	\$4,045
6/25/2023	\$2,764	\$3,750	\$2,894	\$3,895	\$2,977	\$4,410	\$4,940	\$3,980
7/2/2023	\$2,764	\$3,750	\$2,878	\$3,866	\$2,929	\$4,320	\$4,839	\$3,854
7/9/2023	\$2,764	\$3,750	\$2,878	\$3,866	\$2,929	\$4,320	\$4,839	\$3,774
7/16/2023	\$2,764	\$3,750	\$2,878	\$3,866	\$2,929	\$4,320	\$4,839	\$3,774
7/23/2023	\$2,764	\$3,750	\$2,878	\$3,866	\$2,937	\$4,314	\$4,832	\$3,774
7/30/2023	\$2,764	\$3,750	\$2,878	\$3,866	\$2,937	\$4,314	\$4,832	\$3,774
8/6/2023	\$2,846	\$3,832	\$2,960	\$3,948	\$3,026	\$4,402	\$4,930	\$3,857
8/13/2023	\$2,846	\$3,832	\$2,960	\$3,948	\$3,026	\$4,402	\$4,930	\$3,857
8/20/2023	\$2,846	\$3,832	\$2,960	\$3,948	\$3,026	\$4,402	\$4,930	\$3,857
8/27/2023	\$2,768	\$3,753	\$2,881	\$3,870	\$3,000	\$4,462	\$4,997	\$4,047
9/3/2023	\$2,625	\$3,599	\$2,770	\$3,789	\$2,879	\$4,359	\$4,879	\$3,997

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9/10/2023	ROSH HAHANAH - NO TOUR							
9/17/2023	ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR - NO TOUR							
9/24/2023	YOM KIPPUR & SUKKOT - NO TOUR							
10/1/2023	SUKKOT - NO TOUR							
10/8/2023	NO TOUR							
10/15/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
10/22/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
10/29/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
11/5/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,830	\$3,844	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
11/12/2023	\$2,685	\$3,670	\$2,807	\$3,801	\$2,948	\$4,412	\$4,941	\$4,296
11/19/2023	\$2,682	\$3,668	\$2,796	\$3,784	\$2,944	\$4,408	\$4,937	\$4,293
11/26/2023	\$2,633	\$3,581	\$2,714	\$3,636	\$2,834	\$4,167	\$4,667	\$3,823
12/3/2023	\$2,610	\$3,538	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,616
12/10/2023	\$2,610	\$3,538	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,616
12/17/2023	\$2,657	\$3,585	\$2,849	\$3,755	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,696
12/24/2023	\$2,657	\$3,585	\$2,849	\$3,755	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,727
12/31/2023	\$2,657	\$3,585	\$2,849	\$3,755	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,727
1/7/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,616
1/14/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,616
1/21/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,815	\$4,101	\$4,593	\$3,616
1/28/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,616
2/4/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,790	\$4,072	\$4,560	\$3,616
2/11/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,852	\$4,216	\$4,722	\$3,616
2/18/2024	\$2,610	\$3,580	\$2,695	\$3,601	\$2,872	\$4,264	\$4,775	\$3,616
2/25/2024	\$2,698	\$3,697	\$2,629	\$3,519	\$2,962	\$4,437	\$4,969	\$4,262

Please contact us for triple occupancy rates.

- * Most flights from the US are overnight and require departure from the US on the day BEFORE the date listed here.
- * Ayelet Tours Ltd. is a full service agency. Contact us for competitive rates on domestic and international flights.
- * Due to current fluctuations in exchange rates, prices listed are subject to final confirmation upon booking.
- * Program subject to change. All tours include large walking portions and do not suit passengers with walking difficulties.
- * Airport transfers are NOT included, but can be purchased. Please ask your agent for pricing information.

NOTE: Tours are operated in partnership with Rent-A-Guide Israel. No credit/refund for any unused service.

All pricing is based on standard rooms. Hotel availability for each departure is subject to change and may be Sold Out.

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INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

10 nights hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, assistance upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, all touring and sightseeing in an air-conditioned vehicle with a professional English-speaking guide, entrance fees per itinerary and portage.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

Roundtrip airfare, departure taxes and fuel surcharges, transfers upon arrival and departure, border taxes and visa fees, tips to driver, guide, waitstaff, porters, housekeepers, etc. (budget \$15-\$20 per person, per day), meals not listed above, items of a personal nature or travel insurance (highly recommended; find options at <http://www.ayelet.com/travelinsurance.htm>)

For the most up to date information on hotel category availability for your tour dates, please visit: <http://ayelet.com/holy-land-tours> or contact an agent for assistance.

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