

Ayelet TOURS

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AYELET PLATINUM

BIBLICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HOLYLAND

Private Car Tour

8 Days / 5 Nights

*Israel is a land of ancient wonders and miracles.
Experience it and you'll never be the same.*





DAY 1: MONDAY

DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flight to Israel.

DAY 2: TUESDAY

WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive in Israel and are met and greeted by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We transfer to our hotel for check-in.
- This evening, you may choose to take a stroll through the ancient port city of **Old Jaffa** (on own), to see Andromeda's Rock and the house of Simon the Tanner. Explore the cobblestone alleyways and art galleries and take in the beautiful views of the sea, and perhaps, stay to enjoy dinner (on own) in one of the many restaurants!

Overnight in Netanya



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY

FROM BIRTH TO ARMAGEDDON

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We meet our guide and travel along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea Maritima**, where we see the ancient Roman theater, the palace, the inscription of Pontius Pilate and the hippodrome, where Peter baptized Cornelius and Paul was later imprisoned.
- We make a stop for a breathtaking view of the **Valley of Armageddon** and see the **Statue of Elijah** at **Muchraka**.
- Next, we explore **Tel Meggido**, site of the Biblical Armageddon, where we see the many excavations, dating back over 6,000 years!
- We continue to the **Mount of Temptations** to take in the view of **Nazareth** including a visit to the **Church of the Annunciation**, which some believe marks the site of Mary's childhood home.
- Our last stop is at **Kfar Cana** to see the site of the wedding where Jesus performed his first miracle; the miracle of the wine.
- We continue to the **Galilee** to check into our private accommodation at our kibbutz guest house and refresh before **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee



DAY 4: THURSDAY

EXPLORING THE GALILEE

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- *(optional/additional cost)* We awake early for sunrise worship upon the Sea of Galilee aboard a wooden boat.
- Today, our first stop is **Capernaum**, where Jesus spent most of his years teaching. We see the ruins of the synagogue and the octagonal **Church of St. Peter**.
- Our next stop is **Tabgha**, site of the **Church of the Multiplication**, where the mosaic floor depicts a basket with loaves and two fishes, a symbolic reference to the miracle where Jesus was able to feed the multitudes.
- We continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered the "Sermon on the Mount." We view this majestic garden overlooking the Sea of Galilee.
- This afternoon, we travel to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Jesus gave Peter the keys to his kingdom.
- We drive to the **Golan Heights** for an overview into Syria and receive an update on the current geopolitical situation from our guide.
- We join together for dinner at our kibbutz this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 5: FRIDAY

JORDAN VALLEY, MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- We depart early this morning and travel south to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Along the way, we view **Jericho** and the **Mount of Temptations** and stop at **Qaser El Yahud**, the Baptismal location on the Jordan River.
- We ascend the imposing mountain of **Masada** to view the remains of King Herod's fortress, including the synagogue, walls and bathhouse, as we learn about the Jewish Zealots' fateful last stand against the Roman forces.
- We descend the mountain and head to Mineral Beach for an unsinkable swim in the luxuriating, salty and mineral-rich waters of the **Dead Sea**. Here, we can cover ourselves in silky, healing mud and float at the lowest place on Earth.
- We ascend to Jerusalem, the holiest of cities.
- Along the way, we stop to view **Qumran**, known for a sect that was home to **John the Baptist**. We see the caves where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered by a local shephard.
- Upon arrival in Jerusalem, we check into our hotel and refresh.
- Evening at leisure and dinner together at our hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 6: SATURDAY

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin today atop the **Mount of Olives** for a glorious overview of **Jerusalem** and an introduction to the city from the spot where Jesus viewed Jerusalem for the first time and ascended to heaven.
- Next, we walk down the Mount of Olives along "**The Way of Sorrows**". Along the way, we stop at the **Church of the Pater Noster**, where Jesus wept for the destruction of Jerusalem. We descend to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the adjacent **Church of all Nations**, said to enshrine a part of the bedrock where Jesus prayed before his arrest. We continue down to the **Kidron Valley**.
- This afternoon, we enter the Old City via **St. Stephens Gate** and walk to the **Pools of Bethesda**.
- We visit **St. Anne's Church**, located at the starting point of the **Via Dolorosa**. We note the **Stations of the Cross** as we walk through the colorful winding streets, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.
- We continue through the **Muslim Quarter**, where we will walk through the **Arab "shuk"** (market).
- We continue to the **Garden Tomb**, believed by many Christians to be the site of Jesus' burial and resurrection.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 7: SUNDAY

JERUSALEM TODAY

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Free time this morning to attend one of the many Sunday worship services in the Old City.
- Today, we tour **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**. Younger children may visit the nearby **Biblical Zoo**.
- At **Mount Herzl**, Israel's national cemetery, we hear stories about Israel's foundation and pay our respects at the grave sites of some of Israel's most prominent leaders, including Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. We also learn about the many lesser-known heroes of Israel's wars who are buried here.
- Next, we stop at the **Machane Yehuda open-air market** and enjoy lunch on own. This colorful market features a mix of vendors selling spices, produce and wares. The market is also home to trendy cafes and restaurants.
- We continue to **Mt. Zion**. Here, we visit the **tomb of King David** and then proceed to the **Upper Room**, believed to be the site of the **Last Supper**.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.
- We transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.

DAY 8: MONDAY

WELCOME HOME

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.

The memories last forever!

**itinerary subject to change*

***Contact Ayelet Tours for
custom extension options***



MAKE IT YOURS! Enhance/customize your tour based on your family's interests. A few suggestions:

- Participate in a **baptism** in the mighty Jordan River!
- Add a **Bible study** seminar with a local scholar.
- Visit **Ein Kerem**, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist.
- Book an extension to include **Bethlehem**, the biblical birthplace of Jesus, where you'll visit the **Church of the Nativity, Manger Square** and **Shepherd's Field**.
- Connect with nature and the desert with a **Bedouin experience** and enjoy a star filled overnight in **Neot Kedumim**
- See Tel Aviv on two wheels with a **guided bicycle tour**.
- Learn about Jewish tradition through the **Shabbat of a Lifetime** program, where you join an Israeli family for Shabbat dinner in their private home.
- Other enhancements include: winery and culinary visits (cheese, olives, etc) , off-road adventures, archaeological digs, and so much more...

Contact Ayelet Tours for pricing and to start custom planning with an Israel travel expert today!

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