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Holy Land Itinerary

Holy Land / Jordan / Sinai - 15 Days / 14 Nights

Day 1: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

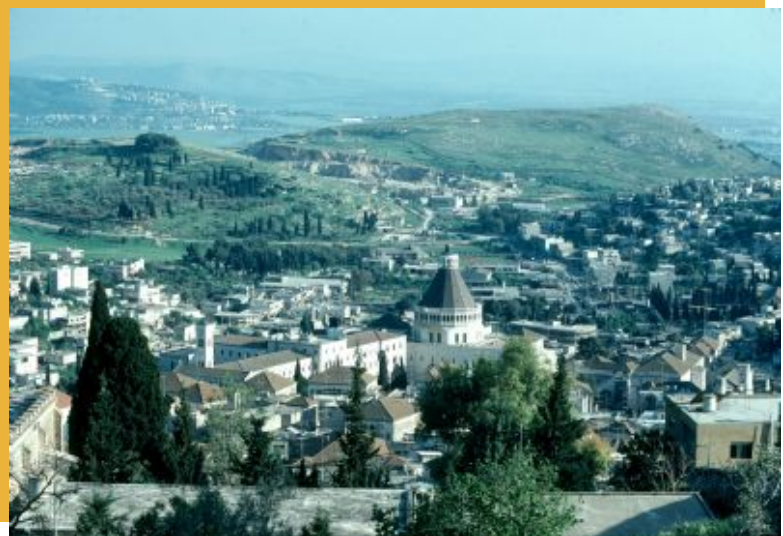
Meeting and assistance at Ben Gurion airport. Transfer to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 2: Nazareth / Haifa / Acre

AM: Drive to Cana to visit the place of Jesus' first public miracle, changing water into wine. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of annunciation, the excavations under the Basilica, Franciscan Museum, St. Joseph's Workshop, Mary's Well and Synagogue.

PM: Drive to Haifa, ascend Mt. Carmel and visit Stella Maris Monastery, see Elijah's cave, and enjoy a panoramic view of the city. Further to Akko and visit the ancient city that was once the Crusader Capital after having lost Jerusalem in the 12th century.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tiberias.



Day 3: Tiberias / Banias

AM: Start the day with a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum and see St. Peter's Memorial, St. Peter's House and the VI century Synagogue. On to Mt. Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his most famous address; the Sermon on the Mount. Further to Tabgha, the site of multiplication of the fish and loaves.

PM: Drive to Banias, a source of the Jordan River and Caesarea Philippi.



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Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tiberias.

Day 4: Mt. Tabor / Jerash / Amman

AM: Drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of Transfiguration. Continue drive through Jezreel Valley and visit Beth Alpha Synagogue and admire its beautiful mosaic floor. Proceed to Beth Shean, one of the oldest cities in the Holy Land. See the theatre, amphitheatre, and wide streets adorned by ancient columns.

PM: Cross into Jordan through Sheikh Hussein border. Once in Jordan, drive to Jerash, the beautiful city founded in 300 BC by the soldiers of Alexander the Great. See the ruins of the Triumphal Arch, the Forum, the Theatre, and the Cardo which makes this one of the best preserved Roman cities in the world.



Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Amman.

Day 5: Amman / Mt. Nebo / Petra

AM: Visit Amman, see the Citadel from which a splendid panorama of Amman can be seen. Visit the Lower City and see the ancient Roman Theatre and Forum. Further to Madaba to visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George which contains a geographic map of Palestine.

PM: Drive to Mt. Nebo which Yahweh told Moses to climb to see the promised land before dying. Besides the breathtaking view of the Jordan Valley that extends to the Dead Sea, you will also visit the Church and Monastery. Continue to Kerak and visit the spectacular fort located at an altitude of 1,000 meters. Finally continue drive to Petra. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Petra.





Day 6: Petra / Aqaba / Sinai

AM: Full day visit of the beautiful rose red city of Petra. Start the visit by taking a horse ride across the Siq into the city. This Nabatean city is one of the ancient wonders of the world. See the Treasury, Amphitheatre, Necropolis, the Court and the Prison.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Petra.

PM: Drive to Aqaba on the Red Sea. Cross into Sinai from Nweibeh.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Eilat.

Day 7: Sinai / Eilat

Very early morning ascend of Mt. Moses, before sunrise. You must take 3,000 steps up. After visit, descend and return to hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, Proceed and visit St. Catherine's Monastery with its beautiful icons.

PM: Cross to Eilat via Nweibeh.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Eilat.

Day 8: Eilat

AM: Visit the city with its underwater aquarium.

PM: Free with possibility of swimming in the Red Sea.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Eilat.

Day 9: Eilat / Beersheva / Tel Aviv

AM: First stop along the way to Tel Aviv will be a visit of Mitzpe Ramon where you can see one of the most beautiful landscapes of the desert. Continue towards Advat. Visit the ancient Nabatean city and see the remains of two grand Byzantine Churches and a Monastery.





PM: Visit both Beersheva and Ashqelon before arriving in Tel Aviv.

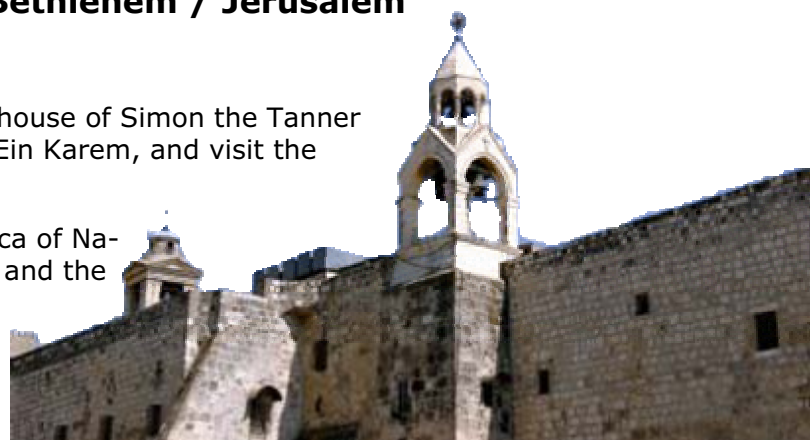
Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tel Aviv.

Day 10: Tel Aviv / Ein Karem / Bethlehem / Jerusalem

AM: Visit Jaffa and its old city and see the house of Simon the Tanner and St. Peter's Church. Continue drive to Ein Karem, and visit the Church of St. John and the visitation site.

PM: Drive to Bethlehem and visit the Basilica of Nativity, Manger of the Chapel of St. Jerome, and the Crusader Cluster. Continue to Shepherds Fields.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.



Day 11: Jericho / Qumran / Dead Sea / Masada

AM: Visit the Sanctuaries Bethpage and Bethany; known as the place where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11). Continue drive to the Ancient city of Jericho and see Elisha's Spring, Sycamore Tree, New City and view of Mt. Temptation. Further to Qumran and visit the excavations of the Essean Monastery and the Cave of the Scrolls.

PM: Continue to Masada and see the famous Herod's fortress. Stop and have a swim in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem via the Old Roman road.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 12: Jerusalem

AM: Walking tour of the Old City. Visit the Temple Area: Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Al Aksa Mosque and St. Anne Church.





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PM: Via Dolorosa, Church of Flagellation, Ecce Homo Arch, and Church of Resurrection (Calvary and Holy Sepulchre).

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 13: Jerusalem

AM: Drive to Mt. of Olives and visit: Ascension Place Church of Paternoster where Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer, the "Pater Noster". Also visit Dominus Flevit, Virgin Tomb, Grotto of Jesus' Arrest Garden and Church of Gethsemane also known as the Church of all Nations.

PM: Mount Zion to include: St. Peter in Gallicantu, the Cenacle and the Dormition Abbey.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.



Day 14: Jerusalem

AM: Drive to Samaria via Taybeh, a Christian village, and visit the Old Taybeh House. Continue drive to Sebastia. On to Nablus and visit Jacob's Well.

Back to Jerusalem for free afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 15: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

Transfer to airport for departure.



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