

Holy Land Tour & Petra Experience 11 Day Group Tour – Sunday Arrival

Day 1 Sunday

WELCOME TO HOLY ISRAEL! (Arrival Welcome & Transfer to Your Hotel)

Airport Assist & Transfer

After clearing passport control a Shalom Israel Tours representative will be waiting to welcome you, assist with your luggage, and escort you to your waiting chauffeur for transfer. Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel's first "modern" city to relax and get ready to begin your journey!

Dinner & Overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel Options

Day 2 Monday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

ISRAEL'S COAST – ANCIENT PORTS

Caesarea Ruins **8am - 8:30am hotel pickup, let's go touring!**

The ruins of Roman and Crusader structures in Caesarea tell the story of this once Christian port town. Highlights include the ruins of a Hippodrome, Roman theater, shop-lined Byzantine street, Greek mosaic inscription, and Crusader cathedral dedicated to St. Paul.

Megiddo National Park

Learn about the history of the biblical period and visit Armageddon. An impressive water system commissioned by King Solomon and expanded by King Ahab is tall enough to walk through. Other finds at the site include a Late Bronze Age gate, palace and ancient stables.

Acco Fortified Walls & Market

One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world- Acco, dating back to the time of the Pharaoh Thutmose III (1504-1450 BCE). A walk along the land wall and along the sea wall is a unique experience, which illustrates the military strength of the protected city.

Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Northern Israel

Day 3 Tuesday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

THE SEA OF GALILEE – HOLY WATERS

Cruise on the Sea of Galilee

In Tiberias, enjoy a boat ride along the crystal blue waters of Israel's largest freshwater lake. The Sea of Galilee, also known as the Kinneret, sits 209 m below sea level. It is the main source of water for drinking in modern Israel and is known as "holy" since ancient times.

Capernaum National Park

This is the town where Jesus settled after leaving Nazareth and where he chose his disciples. Archaeological excavations have revealed a gathering place for the early Christian community and modern day church that stands where the house of Peter once stood.

Tabgha Holy Sites

The site of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes as well as the fourth resurrection of Jesus, Tabgha is home to several holy sites. These include the Church of Loaves and Fishes, the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter and a Benedictine monastery.

Mount of Beattitudes

Visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount and the church commemorating it. The church is designed in an octagon to represent the eight beatitudes, with floor mosaics symbolizing the seven virtues. Look down at the Plain of Gennesaret, where Jesus healed the multitudes.

The Famous Banias Spring

Paneas (Banias) was first settled in the Hellenistic period following Alexander the Great's conquest of the east. Later King Herod built a temple here; the ancient remains still stand in front of the cave. After Herod's death, his son Philip founded his capital near the Banias.

Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Northern Israel

Day 4 Wednesday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

NAZARETH & THE JORDAN VALLEY

Nazareth Holy Sites

Visit the churches that commemorate the Annunciation, when Mary was informed of Jesus' impending birth. Visit Mary's Well and a cave that may have held Joseph's workshop.

Yardenit

Follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Touch the "Wall of New Life," where the baptismal verse is written in various languages.

Beit Shean Ruins

The fully excavated theater and town of Beit Shean tell the story of daily life in the time of Jesus. See the remains of the town, with its colonnaded streets and elaborate bathhouses. Learn about the history of the city, inhabited over the years by pagans, Jews and Christians.

Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options

Day 5 Thursday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY – THE HOLY CAPITAL

The Mount of Olives

Associated with so many major events in the life of Jesus, including his arrest, the Mount of Olives serves as a rich area for Christian worship and pilgrimage. Today, camels, monasteries, and ancient tombstones dot these scenic slopes overlooking the Kidron Valley.

Church of All Nations

Visit this beautiful Mount of Olives church, which stands on the spot where Jesus issued his last prayer before his arrest and crucifixion. The building is decorated with mosaics paying homage to the many nations that contributed to the most recent phase of its construction.

King David's Tomb

Possibly the tomb of the great Israelite King David, this site has been visited by pilgrims Jewish and Christian for centuries. It also served as a substitute prayer site when Jews were denied access to the Wailing Wall (1948 to 1967) while Jordan controlled the Old City.

Last Supper Room

Visit the site of the Last Supper, where Jesus dined with his disciples on the night before his arrest. Situated above the Tomb of King David, this long hall is a perfect place for group or individual worship. The rooftop here offers a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The Temple Mount (security permitting)

Atop the Temple Mount stands one of the most magnificent Islamic structures. Particularly interesting to Christians is the founding inscription mentioning Jesus and Mary and the Foundation Stone, marking the site of the Holy of Holies and spot of the Sacrifice of Isaac.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

The last stop on the Via Dolorosa, this church, a prime example of medieval architecture, is the site of Jesus' tomb as well as his crucifixion. Here you can worship at the Rock of Cavalry and the Stone of the Anointing and in the Catholic and Greek Orthodox chapels.

Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options

Day 6 Friday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

JERUSALEM'S NEW CITY & BETHLEHEM

Ein Kerem Village & Church of the Visitation

Commissioned by St. Helene, this holy site commemorates the visit by the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. This is where Mary recited the song of praise known as the Magnificat. The architecture is Italian and contains frescoes depicting the Visitation.

Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum

Tour Jerusalem's international center for the documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust. Highlights include the Hall of Names, a memorial to individual victims, and "The World that Was" which documents pre-war European Jewry.

Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls

Tour Israel's foremost museum, home to impressive collections of art and archaeology from ancient and modern Israel and the Jewish Diaspora. View some of the original Dead Sea Scrolls, which shed light on the milieu in which Jesus and John the Baptist lived and taught.

Bethlehem & Rachel's Tomb (pending security)

Next we will travel to Bethlehem, the place of the birth of Jesus in the Grotto of the Nativity. Also in Bethlehem is the tomb of Rachel, a symbol of hope for the Jewish people, as she was childless for many years, but ultimately became the Matriarch of the Jewish people.

Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options

Day 7 Saturday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

THE JUDEAN DESERT – KING HEROD'S FORTRESS

Masada Mountain & Cable Car

Learn about the end of Jewish independence at the time when Christianity was just getting started. View a short film which tells the story of the site, and hike or take a cable car up the mountain to view the ruins of Herod's palace overlooking the Dead Sea & Judean Desert.

Dead Sea Float

Travel below sea level to the lowest point on earth and float in the Dead Sea, whose high concentration of salts and minerals contains unique healing properties, which, combined with the nutrient-filled mud found on its shores, creates one luxurious and healthy day.

The Qumran Caves

See the archaeological site where a Judean sect lived in relative isolation, copying and composing texts to be uncovered 2,000 years later. Hear the story of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their significance for the study of both Judaism and Christianity.

Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options

Day 8 Sunday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

TIMNA & EILAT - SEA LIFE AND GEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Timna National Park **8am - 8:30am hotel pickup, let's head south!**

Travel back in time when you venture into this geological wonderland! See the ancient copper mines, King Solomon's Pillars and the huge multi-colored rock formations. A man-made lake in the middle of the desert offers shaded areas to enjoy the panoramic view.

The Underwater Observation Marine Park

Enter the amazing world of the Red Sea, one of the most scenic seas in the world. The Park maintains an extensive exhibition of fish and other living creatures native to the Red Sea, including aquariums, a Shark Tank, Turtle & Stingray Pool and underwater observatories.

Dinner & Overnight: Eilat Hotel Options

Day 9 Monday (Optional Day Tour to Jordan)

DAY AT LEISURE OR OPTIONAL TOUR TO PETRA

Petra – The Red Sandstone City – **Optional Day Tour**

Counted amongst the wonders of the ancient world, Petra is an archeological, anthropological and geological phenomenon. Your guide will explain the history, legends, myths and truths of this city carved 2,000 years ago from the red Sandstone Mountains.

Overnight: Eilat Hotel Options

SHALOM HOLY TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND

Day 10 Tuesday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

THE NEGEV – ISRAEL'S FLOURISHING DESERT

Mitzpeh Ramon Crater

Enjoy spectacular views of the desert and witness this unique geological phenomenon. Israel's largest national park, the crater is located at the peak of Mount Negev. At first sight the crater appears as if it was formed by a meteor impact but in truth is a natural formation.

Camel Rides and Bedouin Village Experience

Next we'll stop for camel rides & refreshments at a Bedouin settlement in the Negev!

Ben Gurion Hut

Get an insider's look at how the first Prime Minister of Israel lived after retirement with a visit to his preserved home at Sde Boker. This hut is a monument to the first leader of Israel, his life as a politician and kibbutznik, and his extraordinary belief in Israel's Negev region.

Air Force Museum

Learn the history of Israel's superior Air Force. View actual fighter aircraft and aerospace displays. Audio-visual presentations include one on the war of 1948, one on Air Force commander heroes, and one on the survival of the Israeli Air Force over the generations.

Overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel Options

Day 11 Wednesday (Farewell Transfer)

FAREWELL FOR NOW...WE'LL MISS YOU!

Farewell Transfer...We'll Miss you!

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure flight from the Holy Land...bye for now!

GROUP TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

10 NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

2 nights hotel in Tel Aviv, The Modern City
2 nights Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Northern Israel
4 nights hotel in the Holy City of Jerusalem
2 nights hotel in Eilat & the Red Sea

TOUR SERVICES INCLUDED

Welcome Assist at Ben Gurion Airport
Arrival & Departure Airport/Hotel Transfers
8 Days Touring in an Air-Conditioned Coach
All Touring with a Professional Licensed Guide
Israel Tours Hats/Israel Maps/ Bottle Carriers
All Group Touring & Sites as per Tour Program

MEALS INCLUDED

Daily Breakfast Buffet at each Hotel
Nightly Dinner Buffet at each Hotel (except Eilat)
Light Lunch at Bedouin Tents

11 DAY HOLY LAND GROUP TOUR PACKAGE PRICING

		3 Star Class		3 Star Superior		4 Star Class	
Tel Aviv Hotels:		Gilgal Hotel		Grand Beach		Tal Tel Aviv	
Northern Hotels:		Kibbutz Lavi		Kibbutz Lavi		Kibbutz Lavi	
Jerusalem Hotels:		Prima Jerusalem		Grand Court		Ramada Jerusalem	
Eilat Hotels:		Prima Music		Prima Music		Prima Music	
Tour Starts	Tour Ends	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
7-Jan-2018	17-Jan-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
14-Jan-2018	24-Jan-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
21-Jan-2018	31-Jan-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
28-Jan-2018	7-Feb-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
4-Feb-2018	14-Feb-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
11-Feb-2018	21-Feb-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
18-Feb-2018	28-Feb-2018	\$2,075	\$2,803	\$2,154	\$2,840	\$2,582	\$3,478
25-Feb-2018	7-Mar-2018	\$2,159	\$2,954	\$2,226	\$2,959	\$2,721	\$3,751
4-Mar-2018	14-Mar-2018	\$2,341	\$3,198	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,425	\$3,411
11-Mar-2018	21-Mar-2018	\$2,341	\$3,198	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,425	\$3,411
18-Mar-2018	28-Mar-2018	\$2,341	\$3,198	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,425	\$3,411
25-Mar-2018	4-Apr-2018	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover
1-Apr-2018	11-Apr-2018	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover
8-Apr-2018	18-Apr-2018	\$2,369	\$3,248	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
15-Apr-2018	25-Apr-2018	\$2,369	\$3,248	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
22-Apr-2018	2-May-2018	\$2,383	\$3,276	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,439	\$3,439
29-Apr-2018	9-May-2018	\$2,383	\$3,276	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,439	\$3,439
6-May-2018	16-May-2018	\$2,397	\$3,304	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,439	\$3,439
13-May-2018	23-May-2018	Shavuot	Shavuot	Shavuot	Shavuot	Shavuot	Shavuot
20-May-2018	30-May-2018	\$2,397	\$3,304	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,439	\$3,439
27-May-2018	6-Jun-2018	\$2,369	\$3,251	\$2,354	\$3,134	\$2,439	\$3,439
3-Jun-2018	13-Jun-2018	\$2,341	\$3,198	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,439	\$3,439
10-Jun-2018	20-Jun-2018	\$2,341	\$3,198	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,439	\$3,439
17-Jun-2018	27-Jun-2018	\$2,341	\$3,198	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,439	\$3,439
24-Jun-2018	4-Jul-2018	\$2,411	\$3,268	\$2,417	\$3,190	\$2,502	\$3,495
1-Jul-2018	11-Jul-2018	\$2,411	\$3,268	\$2,389	\$3,134	\$2,495	\$3,481
8-Jul-2018	18-Jul-2018	\$2,411	\$3,268	\$2,389	\$3,134	\$2,495	\$3,481
15-Jul-2018	25-Jul-2018	\$2,411	\$3,268	\$2,389	\$3,134	\$2,495	\$3,481
22-Jul-2018	1-Aug-2018	\$2,445	\$3,302	\$2,422	\$3,167	\$2,529	\$3,514
29-Jul-2018	8-Aug-2018	\$2,492	\$3,363	\$2,463	\$3,215	\$2,562	\$3,548
5-Aug-2018	15-Aug-2018	\$2,506	\$3,391	\$2,470	\$3,229	\$2,562	\$3,548
12-Aug-2018	22-Aug-2018	\$2,506	\$3,391	\$2,470	\$3,229	\$2,562	\$3,548

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EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND

19-Aug-2018	29-Aug-2018	\$2,506	\$3,391	\$2,470	\$3,229	\$2,562	\$3,548
26-Aug-2018	5-Sep-2018	\$2,422	\$3,293	\$2,393	\$3,145	\$2,492	\$3,478
2-Sep-2018	12-Sep-2018	Rosh	HaShana	Rosh	HaShana	Rosh	HaShana
9-Sep-2018	19-Sep-2018	Yom	Kippur	Yom	Kippur	Yom	Kippur
16-Sep-2018	26-Sep-2018	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot
23-Sep-2018	3-Oct-2018	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot
30-Sep-2018	10-Oct-2018	\$2,487	\$3,394	\$2,443	\$3,223	\$2,560	\$3,590
7-Oct-2018	17-Oct-2018	\$2,397	\$3,304	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
14-Oct-2018	24-Oct-2018	\$2,397	\$3,304	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
21-Oct-2018	31-Oct-2018	\$2,397	\$3,304	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
28-Oct-2018	7-Nov-2018	\$2,383	\$3,276	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
4-Nov-2018	14-Nov-2018	\$2,369	\$3,248	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
11-Nov-2018	21-Nov-2018	\$2,362	\$3,236	\$2,361	\$3,148	\$2,484	\$3,528
18-Nov-2018	28-Nov-2018	\$2,320	\$3,156	\$2,347	\$3,120	\$2,484	\$3,528
25-Nov-2018	5-Dec-2018	\$2,268	\$3,058	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,330	\$3,223
2-Dec-2018	12-Dec-2018	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
9-Dec-2018	19-Dec-2018	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
16-Dec-2018	26-Dec-2018	\$2,340	\$3,096	\$2,330	\$3,047	\$2,365	\$3,251
23-Dec-2018	2-Jan-2019	\$2,364	\$3,120	\$2,330	\$3,047	\$2,450	\$3,422
30-Dec-2018	9-Jan-2019	\$2,322	\$3,078	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,343	\$3,248
6-Jan-2019	16-Jan-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
13-Jan-2019	23-Jan-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
20-Jan-2019	30-Jan-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
27-Jan-2019	6-Feb-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
3-Feb-2019	13-Feb-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
10-Feb-2019	20-Feb-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
17-Feb-2019	27-Feb-2019	\$2,226	\$2,982	\$2,288	\$3,005	\$2,316	\$3,195
24-Feb-2019	6-Mar-2019	\$2,312	\$3,138	\$2,346	\$3,108	\$2,401	\$3,357

RESERVATION: A \$500 per person deposit is requested at time of registration.

FINAL BALANCE: Final balance is due 45 days prior to the clients' arrival in Israel.

PETRA: The optional Petra tour is \$269/ person touring + \$125 Jordanian border tax.