



ISRAEL IN DEPTH

8 DAY / 7 NIGHT PACKAGE

SIGHTS, SOUNDS & TASTES OF ISRAEL

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

TRAVEX
— ISRAEL TRAVEL EXPERTS —



Day 1

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Arrival on your designated flight.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the end of the jetway and escort you through the terminal, to passport control. Fast track service through passport control. Baggage claim procedures and escorting through customs to connect with your private transfer.

Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv.

Remainder of the day at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 2

ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

Meet your expert tour guide for a full day of exploration along the coast.

Depart Tel Aviv and travel north along the Mediterranean Sea shore.

Walk through the excavations of the port city of Caesarea, featuring the ancient Roman theater, hippodrome and aqueduct, as well as ruins from the Byzantine and Crusader periods. Panoramic overview of Haifa from the top of Mount Carmel. See the splendid Bahai Gardens and the imposing Haifa Bay.

Private traditional lunch in the home of a Druze family.

The Druze are a unique religious and ethnic minority among Arab citizens of Israel. The Druze are very secretive about their traditions and we invite you meet them in person and hear their story, while enjoying some of their traditional foods.

The waves of the Mediterranean Sea crash against the walls of the old city of Akko. The walls, fortresses and strongholds that have survived for centuries bear the marks of many nations that conquered the city. Explore the subterranean city and bazaars.

Afternoon return to Tel Aviv.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Day 3

THE GALILEE

Depart Tel Aviv by a helicopter heading to the Galilee in northern Israel. Immediately after the takeoff you will enjoy skyline of the city of Tel Aviv, following the blue of the sea and the sites along the way. Once we have landed, board your jeep for an off-road adventure along Israel's northern Border. Our local specialist will share perspectives about life in the Golan Heights and discuss the significance of the region.

Ascend to the Golan Heights for an overview of the region from the top of Mount Bental. Travel along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. The Church of the Beatitudes, is an elegant octagonal building with colonnaded cloisters, and surrounded by lavish gardens overlooking the lake. Continue to Nazareth the childhood home of Jesus, visit the old town and the Basilica of the Annunciation, the largest Christian sanctuary in the Middle East.

Enjoy a leisurely drive crossing the Judean Hills up to Jerusalem.

Evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 4

HOLY CITY TO THREE FAITHS

Today, enjoy a full day in Jerusalem to discover some of the most sacred sites of the Holy Land. A top of Mount of Olives where you will be treated to a special "Welcome to Jerusalem Ceremony" with a breathtaking view of the Old City, the Temple Mount, the Golden Gates, and the many churches, synagogues and mosques located within the walled city. Traveling around the Old City, pass by the picturesque Garden of Gethsemane – the home of the impressive Church of All Nations.

Making your way to the Old City, your walking tour begins as you enter the Jaffa Gate, strolling past some of the sacred sites in religious history. Your route takes you past the colorful bazaar and the Jewish Quarter with its Cardo – Jerusalem's main thoroughfare during the Roman and Byzantine eras. Descending into the lower city, you'll view the Temple Mount and the golden-topped Dome of the Rock and the El-Aqsa Mosque. With its stunning blue and gold ceramic tiles, this amazing shrine built in the late 7th century is considered the third holiest site in Islam. Continue to the Western Wall, the holiest site in the Jewish world because it is believed to have been closest to where the Holy Ark once stood.

Walk along part of the Via Dolorosa believed by many to be the route Jesus followed as he carried his cross to Calvary. One of Jerusalem's incredible sites is next to visit, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - the holiest Christian shrine is situated on the Hill of Golgotha (skull hill), where used to be an execution location outside the city walls.

This evening we invite you to be our guests at the Night Spectacular sound & light show at the Tower of David Museum at Jaffa Gate.
Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 5

THE LOWEST PLACE ON EARTH

Journey through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Ride the cable car to discover King Herod's mountain-top fortress at Masada, the last stronghold and stand of the Zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Judean Desert. Enjoy the therapeutic qualities of the Dead Sea, believed to have wondrous healing powers. Float on the salty waters, relax and enjoy the facilities and lunch on site. Afternoon return to Jerusalem. This evening we invite you to be our guests at the Night Spectacular sound & light show at the Tower of David Fortress at Jaffa Gate. Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6

LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

Drive through the New City of Jerusalem, past the Knesset (Israel's parliament), and Israel's Supreme Court. View the giant Menorah depicting Israel's history through the ages. Private Curator Tour of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, housing the world famous Dead Sea Scrolls. We invite you to explore this exhibit with its curator and learn about the restoration of these historic treasures. Private culinary tour in Jerusalem's Machaneh Yehuda Market with our local culinary expert. Experience Jerusalem's colorful open-air market. Sample a variety of local specialties, meet the vendors and hear their stories, and learn about the cultural food mosaic that is Israeli cuisine. Purchases in hand, the Israeli cuisine adventure continues in the kitchen as you learn to prepare local dishes and enjoy them together – with a nice glass of Israeli wine! Afternoon visit to the Museum of Islamic Art, devoted to the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects and archaeological artifacts that represent Islamic art across the ages, through conquests and regime changes, Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 7

FREE DAY

Full day at leisure in Jerusalem.
Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 8

FAREWELL

Private transfer from your hotel to Ben Gurion Airport.
VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.
Our VIP representative will meet you at the car. Fast track service through security check, flight check-in, hand baggage security and passport control. Escort to your gate.
Departure on your designated flight.