



AN EXPLORATION OF ISRAEL

JULY 04-12, 2008

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Massada
Jerusalem Old City including Western
Wall
Mt. of Olives
Sea of Galilee
Experience Kibbutz life
Nazareth
Community Volunteer project

Haifa
Golan Heights
Jaffa
Tel Aviv
Zip Lining or Rappelling at Manara
Cliffs
Kayaking down the Jordan River
Spa Treatment at the Dead Sea



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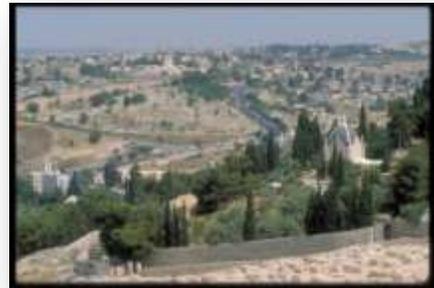
Born of Biblical tales, this modern metropolis draws you in to feast on tales of old.

They don't come any holier than this. Jews, Muslims, Christians: all three hold Jerusalem sacred. Of course, most people come to Jerusalem to immerse themselves in the people and places of its holy history, but try to remember that Jerusalem is also a modern city, full of living, breathing people.

The city is divided into three parts: the walled Old City, where most of the sights are; the predominantly Arab East Jerusalem; and the rapidly expanding new city, known as West Jerusalem. The Old City is also divided, into Armenian, Christian, Jewish and Muslim quarters.

Day 1 (D) Arrive Jerusalem

- Evening arrival in Jerusalem!
- Transfer to hotel and dinner
- Orientation briefing on your exciting journey



Day 2 (B, L) Jerusalem

- **Mt. of Olives** with views of the Old City, Temple Mount, the Golden Gates, the Church of the Ascension
- **Old City** walking tour starting at **Jaffa Gate**
- Walk the Christian quarter along famous **Via Dolorosa** (believed to be the route Jesus followed as he carried his cross to Calvary)



Day3 (B, D) Jerusalem

- **Visit Yad Veshem** (dedicated to documenting the history of the Jewish people during the holocaust period, emphasizing each victim's experience)
- Visit with a local family
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher perched on the hill known as **Golgotha** (marking site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection)
- **Dome of the Rock** with its stunning blue-gold ceramic tiles (considered the third holiest site in Islam)
- **Western Wall** (the holiest site in the Jewish world)

DEAD SEA & MASSADA

The **Dead Sea** "Sea of Salt"; is a salt lake between the West Bank and Israel to the west, and Jordan to the east. At 1,378 ft below sea level, its shores are the lowest point on the surface of the Earth that on dry land. At 1,083 ft deep, the Dead Sea is the deepest hypersaline lake in the world. The Dead Sea has attracted visitors from around the Mediterranean basin for thousands of years. Biblically, it was a place of refuge for King David. It was one of the world's first health resorts (for Herod the Great), and it has been the supplier of a wide variety of products, from balms for Egyptian mummification to potash for fertilizers.

Masada is the name for a site of ancient palaces and fortifications in the South District of Israel on top of an isolated rock plateau, or large mesa, on the eastern edge of the Judean desert overlooking the Dead Sea. Masada became famous after the first Jewish-Roman war (also known as the great Jewish revolt) when a siege of the fortress by troops of the Roman Empire led to a mass suicide of the site's Jewish Sicarii fugitives when defeat became imminent.

Day 4 (B, L, D) Jerusalem – Dead Sea

- **Masada Fortress** world famous UNESCO site of magnificent ruins (chosen by King Herod as a place of refuge) Explore the ruins, the synagogue, the baths, the defending walls & the water cisterns that are an engineering feat still today.
- **Qumran caves** where a Bedouin shepherd boy discovered the famous **Dead Sea Scrolls**.



DAY 5 (B, D) THE DEAD SEA

- Enjoy floating in the pale still water of the **Dead Sea**: the opportunity of a lifetime: experience the exquisite sensation of floating effortlessly upon the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea.



GALILEE

Day 6 (B, L) Dead Sea - Galilee

- Jericho, the oldest city in the world.
- Jordan valley, as you pass by Beit Shean, the ancient city that boasts 29 layers of civilization before arriving to Tiberias
- Capernaum, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and considered the center of Jesus' ministry while he was in The Galilee
- Tabgha, where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes and the Mount of Beatitudes where he preached the Sermon on the Mount.



Day 7 (B, D) Acre-Haifa-Safed

- **Acre** (Akko) as you explore a city whose history dates back almost 4,000 years and which once played a pivotal role during the crusaders
- Headquarters of the **Knights of St. John**
- **Haifa** and stop on **Mt. Carmel** for a breathtaking view over Haifa bay
- **Safed**. The city of Safed was first mentioned in the scripts of Josephus Flavius, conquered by the crusaders on 1140 and thrived under Turkish rule during the 13th century, when it became the center for many Jewish scholars-who founded the Zohar and Kabala theories still studied today.
- **Golan Heights**, a plateau on the border of Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria



Day 8 (B, D) Nazareth - Ra'anana - Jaffa & Tel Aviv

- **Nazareth**, where Jesus spent the hidden years of his childhood. Explore the basilica of the annunciation, one of Christendom's most revered shrines and the largest church in the Middle East
- Church of Joseph built over the chambers that housed his carpentry shop.
- View **Jaffa's** picturesque harbor, from where Jaffa oranges were once exported, and visit the city's old section which has been restored as a charming artists' colony and cultural center. Walk along the winding cobblestone lanes past art studios and galleries. See the clock tower, where old Jaffa begins, mosques and churches. Then, have your camera ready for a photo stop at Jaffa's observation point, overlooking the "white city" of Tel Aviv.



Day 9 (B, L) Tel Aviv - USA

- **Tel Aviv**, this thriving metropolis with its skyscrapers and shops, nightlife and cafes, is the country's financial and business center as well as its cultural and entertainment capital. Last minute shopping time.
- **Transfer to your flight home!**
- Bon Voyage!



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2. First Class Motor Coach Transportation
3. English speaking guide services
4. Meals and tickets to the scenic spots as well as special event specified in the program.