

Classic Tour Itinerary

Sunday

Caesarea/ Megiddo/ Druze village/ Haifa

Drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region; See the excavations of the Crusaders city, the Roman port, aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Proceed to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system. Continue to Daliat-el-Carmel, a Druze village, and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed via Mount Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa bay and the Golden dome Bahai Shrine and gardens. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse.

Monday

Safed/ Katzrin/ Golan winery/ Golan Heights

Drive to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism; Visit the ancient synagogue and the Artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, and enjoy the view over the Syrian border to the city of Quneitra. Drive to the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at the Golan Winery for a tour and wine tasting; Proceed to Golan Magic for a multimedia presentation of the area and its history . Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse.

Tuesday

Sea of Galilee/ Nazareth/ Beit Alpha or Beit Shean (seasonal)

Start the day with a visit to Nazareth; Visit the Church of Annunciation; Continue to Tiberias; Visit Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and octagonal Church (house) of St. Peter; Visit Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the sermon on the mount (depends on the time). Drive via Beit Shean to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Wednesday

Mt. of Olives/ Old City/ Bethlehem

Start the day with a magnificent panoramic view from Mount of Olives or scopus. Drive to the Old City; Visit the Tomb of King David and the Room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the old city and walk through the Ancient Jewish quarter, which was restored in 1967. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Bethlehem and proceed to visit the Church of Nativity . Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Thursday

Israel museum/ Knesset/ Mt. Herzl/ Yad Vashem/ Night show

Drive to the Israel Museum; Visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period; Proceed for a tour at the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. Continue to visit Mount Herzl cemetery and Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial museum. In the evening enjoy a middle eastern dinner and a spectacular light show at the Tower of David Museum.

Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Friday

Qumeran/ Masada /Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumeran to visit the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in 73 AD. Descend by cable car. Continue to the Dead Sea; Cover yourself with the mineral rich mud and experience a swim in the Dead Sea that many believe has therapeutic effects.