



Itinerary

Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Oct 17, 2019 - Oct 24, 2019

Pre Night: Kfar Maccabiah Hotel



Kfar Maccabiah Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Israel close to the airport, making it very accessible to travelers. Ramat Gan National Park and Safari Park are close by, which include cafes, playgrounds, cycling paths and the Safari Zoological Center.

Day 1: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins



Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world. Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Kfar Maccabiah Hotel
Tel Aviv

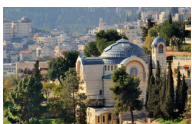
Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 37°
Low 10°
Rain 1"

Day 2: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias



Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan, Centurion Cornelius, to become a Christian, and where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, at a wedding feast where you can renew your marriage vows. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay.

Hotel

Leonardo Hotel Tiberias
Tiberias

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 26°
Low 16°

Day 3: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias



This morning enjoy a special treat when you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum,

visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a kibbutz. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site.

Hotel

Leonardo Hotel Tiberias
Tiberias

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 26°
Low 16°

Day 4: Tiberias - Mount Tabor - Bethlehem - Jerusalem



Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem.

Hotel

Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel
Jerusalem

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 25°
Low 14°

Day 5: Jerusalem, the Old City



Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Next, visit the Mount of Olives and the site where Our Lord wept over the city, now known as Dominus Flevit. Afterwards, visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to Caiaphas' Palace – known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu – where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace, and celebrate Mass.

Hotel

Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel
Jerusalem

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 25°
Low 14°

Day 6: Jerusalem



Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; stop at AHAVA Visitors Center; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Later today, gather with your fellow travellers to celebrate Mass.

Hotel

Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel
Jerusalem

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Low 14°

Day 7: Jerusalem - Western Wall



Enter the old city through St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish quarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady's Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience.

Hotel

Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel
Jerusalem

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 25°
Low 14°

Day 8: Jerusalem - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories.

