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ISRAEL: THE ANCIENT LAND

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY
9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS TEL AVIV, TIBERIAS & JERUSALEM

One of the most fascinating countries in the world, Israel's history goes back thousands of years, with the rise and fall of numerous empires and cultures. On this journey, you'll travel through the Holy Land and experience its wonders in comfort and style. From cosmopolitan Tel Aviv and ancient Jerusalem to the stark Judean Desert and the Dead Sea, explore Roman ruins, crusader strongholds, spectacular landscapes and sacred sanctuaries that have stood the test of time.



Departure Date:	Price From: *Two People	Price From: **Four People
Apr 2017–Mar 2018		
Elite	\$6,995	\$6,295
Preferred	\$6,325	\$4,945

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy

Day 1: Arrive Tel Aviv

Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. *Dan Hotel Tel Aviv (Elite) / Dan Panorama Hotel (Preferred) – 2 nights*

Day 2: Tel Aviv

Visit Independence Hall, which highlights the role the city played in establishing the modern state of Israel. Drive through Tel Aviv, admiring the striking Bauhaus architecture on Rothschild Boulevard. In the afternoon, explore Jaffa, perhaps the world's oldest city. (B)

Day 3: To Tiberias

Travel to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the Holy Land. View the remains of the Roman and Crusader eras and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken prisoner. Continue to Haifa and ascend to the summit of Mount Carmel for spectacular views. After a stop to see the Persian Gardens at the Bahai Shrine, immerse yourself in the medieval world in historic Acre, headquarters of the Knights of St. John. *Scots Hotel Tiberias – 2 nights (B)*

Day 4: Tiberias

Trace the rise of early Christianity today beginning with a cruise on the Sea of Galilee. View the church at Tabgha, which was built to commemorate the feeding of the 5,000, and the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the famed Sermon on the Mount. In Capernaum, see the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught. This afternoon, continue to the Golan Heights and Tel Dan, the ancient Biblical city. (B)

Day 5: To Jerusalem

Start with a visit to the ruins of Sepphoris, once the center of Jewish spiritual life. Then, travel to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, the biggest church in the Middle East. Stop at Beit Alpha to see the Byzantine-era synagogue. Afterward, drive along the rim of the Jordan Rift Valley to the holy city of Jerusalem. *King David Hotel Jerusalem (Elite) / Inbal Jerusalem Hotel (Preferred) – 4 nights (B)*

Day 6: Jerusalem

Begin at the Garden of Gethsemane where

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Wander the ancient streets of one of the world's oldest cities

Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes, overlooking the Sea of Galilee

Walk along the Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem and tour the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus

Ride a cable car up to the mountaintop fortress of Masada

Visit the cave where a Bedouin shepherd boy found the Dead Sea Scrolls

Take a dip in the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth

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Visit ground-breaking archaeological sites not yet open to the public with researchers

Explore the Golan Height's battlefields, Crusader Castles and villages in a 4x4 with a local resident

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Dead Sea

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Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Enter the city via the Zion Gate and proceed to the Jewish quarter. See the ancient Roman road at the heart of the city and the restored Sephardic synagogues. Continue to the Western Wall and observe worshippers in prayer. After viewing the Dome of the Rock, walk along the Way of the Cross through the markets of the Christian and Muslim quarters. The Via Dolorosa ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb of Christ. **(B)**

Day 7: Jerusalem

Visit the Jewish memorial to the six million lives lost to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem. The Dead Sea Scrolls await you in the Israel Museum, where you can also examine a fascinating model of ancient Jerusalem. This afternoon, explore the fabled city of Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. **(B)**

Day 8: Jerusalem

Start the day with sweeping views of Jerusalem's walled Old City from the Mount of Olives before visiting Qumran where a Bedouin shepherd boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls. Then, ascend by cable car to the imposing mountaintop fortress of Masada, from which you can see the pale, blue waters of the Dead Sea. **(B)**

Day 9: Depart Tel Aviv

Return to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. *Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. **Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50