



2021 ISRAEL TOUR

DEPART FEB. 22, 2021 -
RETURN MARCH 5, 2021

TOUR COST: \$3,990* PER PERSON

Based upon double-occupancy; single supplement \$950

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - SECURE YOUR
RESERVATION TODAY WITH \$1,000 DEPOSIT**

(Deposit deadline on or before 3/1/2020)

**\$4,150 with credit card (4% surcharge); please note that if there are less than 35 passengers in the group, the cost per person will increase to \$4,100 with check or wire and \$4,265 with credit card (4% surcharge).*

INCLUDED:

- Group land tour and Economy Class airfare
- Group motor coach transfer from SAC to SFO
- Meet and assist at airport upon arrival and upon departure by tour representative
- Round-trip guide escorted airport transfers at arrival and departure in Israel
- Nine nights lodging including full buffet breakfasts and dinners
- Eight days touring in modern air-conditioned motor coach with WIFI and professional English-speaking tour guide
- Ninth day of tour is "open" for participants to do as they wish
- All touring and entrance fees as listed on itinerary
- Porter fees at airport and hotels
- Tips for guide, driver, and hotels
- Whisper headsets
- Farewell departure dinner on the way to the airport

NOT INCLUDED:

- Lunches
- Travel Insurance



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February 22, 2021 to March 5, 2021 | 9 Night, 9 Tour Days, 1 Open Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 | DEPARTURE TO ISRAEL

Depart from SMF to SFO via motor coach: SFO to TLV - Economy Class

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 | ARRIVAL & DRIVE TO NETANYA/HADERA

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport late afternoon where you will be met by your guide and driver. Transfer to the Ramada Hotel in Netanya/Hadera for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 | GALILEE

The day begins with a short drive along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea Maritima**, Herod's magnificent harbor city, to view the Roman ruins there. We continue to **Mount Carmel** where Elijah fought the prophets of Baal, and **Megiddo**, the ancient Tel in the Jezreel Valley where we will see the many layers of Biblical history. Continue to the Sea of Galilee where we will enjoy sailing for an hour in a **wooden boat** modeled after an ancient fishing boat (*depending on weather conditions*). Arrive at our kibbutz, El Mul Golan, Shaar Hagolan for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 | GALILEE

Begin the day at **Tel Dan** and walk through the nature reserve to the **headwaters of the Jordan**. Visit the ruins, including the high place built by Jeroboam, son of Nebat. Drive to **Banias Nature Reserve (Caesarea Philippi)**, located at the southwestern base of Mount Hermon. This Roman city is known for its shrine to the Greek god Pan. It was in this area that Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" and Peter was the one to confess Jesus as Messiah. Then, we drive to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Next, visit **Tabgha** and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy, which commemorates Peter's commission by Christ to "feed My sheep." Continue to **Capernaum**, the town Jesus made His home base during His time in Galilee. Finish the day at **Yigal Alon Museum** to see the remains of a fishing boat from Jesus' day. Return to our kibbutz, El Mul Golan, Shaar Hagolan for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 | GALILEE

Drive to **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene, where an early Jewish synagogue has been found containing beautifully colored frescoes. Continue to **Arbel Cliff**, with its nature caves that provided hiding places for the Jewish rebellions against Herod and Rome. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Galilee region. Next, travel to **Sepphoris**, the largest city of the region during the time of Christ which likely provided employment for Nazareth villages. Arrive in Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciations, **Mary's Spring**, and the **Nazareth Village** - a recreation of the town of Nazareth during the time of Jesus. Late afternoon, we will stop at the **Mount of Precipice** overlooking Nazareth and then return for dinner and overnight at El Mul Golan, Shaar Hagolan as the Sabbath begins.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 | DEAD SEA

This morning, we will travel south through the Jordan River Valley. Our first stop is the ruins of **Beth Shean**, an ancient Roman city of the Decapolis near Mount Gilboa where the victorious Philistines nailed the bodies of Saul and his sons to the city walls. Continue south past Jericho to the site of **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We will check into Hod Hamidbar Hotel Dead Sea before enjoying the hotel spa and swim in the medicinal, salty waters of the **Dead Sea** - the lowest place on the face of the earth.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | DEAD SEA TO JERUSALEM

This morning, you will have a short time to enjoy the **Dead Sea** hotel and spa. Mid-morning, we will ascend to **Masada**, a Herodian fortress and last hold out for the Jewish rebels against Rome in the years 73 and 74 AD. We continue to the oasis of **Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cut off part of his robe in a cave. Here some may choose to hike over the rocks to the waterfall at Ein Gedi Nature Reserve or relax in the park and watch the hyraxes and ibex before traveling through the Judean wilderness past the **Good Samaritan Inn**. Continue to view the City of Gold from **Mount Scopus** before checking into the Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 | JERUSALEM

Today begins with an orientation to Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**. Then, we will follow the Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevit (*"the Lord weeps"*). After viewing the Golden Gate, walk downhill to **Gethsemane**. Drive to **Mount Zion** to the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu** for the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. The Assumptionist Father propose that this is the location of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and was where Jesus was interrogated. Visit the Shrine of the Book to view the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and the **Model of Jerusalem** as it appeared about 70 AD. Spend time at the Machane Yehuda open market. Dinner and overnight at the Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 | BETHLEHEM

Depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and the **Shepherds' Fields**. Visit the **Church of the Nativity** and see the **Wall of the West Bank**. Walk through the Jaffa Gate and visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Then have some free time for shopping for souvenirs of olive wood. Afternoon visit to **Yad Vashem**, a memorial to the victims of the Holocaust and return to the Gloria Hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021 | JERUSALEM

Today begins in the area of the Temple Mount. Climb the steps and ascend to the **Temple Mount** to see the **Muslim Dome of the Rock**. Continue to the **Pools of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the man with infirmities and also visit **St. Anne's Church** with its wonderful acoustics. Continue to the **Western Wall**, Judaism's holiest site. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel. Explore the **Jewish Quarter** beginning with the **Burnt House**. Walk the **Cardo** on stones that were the city streets of Jesus' day. Finish the day with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**. Dinner and overnight at the Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 | JERUSALEM (FREE DAY)

The past 8 days have been full of adventures in the land of the Bible. Today is yours for rest and relaxation, exploring Jerusalem on your own, or preparing for the trip home. We will end the day with dinner and a time to share your memories and experiences at **Abu Ghosh** while transferring to the TLV airport for the flight home and a very early morning departure.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 | DEPARTURE TO US

Arrive SFO. Motor coach from SFO to SMF.

Airline flights scheduled times subject to change by airlines. | Itinerary details subject to change by tour operator.