

ITINERARY



The itinerary outlined in this brochure is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. The tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions or other circumstances.

Sunday, March 3: Depart

Depart from the Newark Airport on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

Monday, March 4: Tel Aviv

Arrive into Tel Aviv this morning, boarding our motorcoach and enjoying lunch and a short walking tour of Joppa. We will then drive a short way to our seaside hotel in Tel Aviv where we will have dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, March 5: Desert Area

After breakfast, travel to Bet Guvrin (Maresha), land of a thousand caves. Drive through the Valley of Elah, where David encountered Goliath. Drive by Beth Shemesh, the site where the Ark was returned to Israel after it had been captured by the Philistines and brought disaster to the cities of Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron. Continue onto Tel Beersheva archaeological site and visit nearby Tel Arad, a Canaanite city with an early Israel fortress containing a Holy of Holies, fashioned after the temple in Jerusalem. Proceed to our Dead Sea Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, March 6: Dead Sea Area

After breakfast, drive to the nature reserve at En Gedi, the region where David fled from King Saul and cut off a part of his robe in a cave. Continue with a drive along the Dead Sea to Masada. Take the cable car to the top, visiting Herod's mountain palace and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome (68-73 AD). Return to the hotel with free time to float in the Dead Sea, have a spa treatment, walk or rest. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.





Thursday, March 7: Jordan River Valley

This morning travel to Qumran for a view of the caves which contained the Dead Sea scrolls. After a stop in Jericho, visit Beth Shean (the Greek city of Scythopolis) to view the setting for the death of Saul. Survey the magnificent Roman and Byzantine ruins, the theater, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas, and colonnaded streets. Continue onto our hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Friday, March 8: Galilee (Around the Lake)

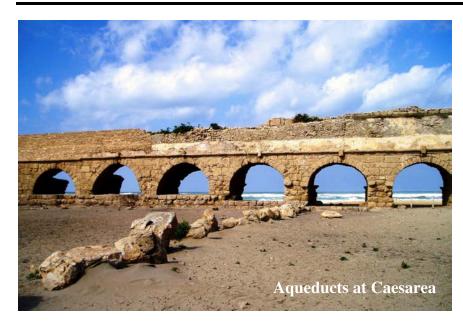
We'll begin our day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Disembark at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar to view the "Jesus Boat," found buried under an exposed section of the lake bed during a drought in 1986. Visit the ancient synagogue recently unearthed in Magdala, believed to be the town of Mary Magdalene. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Then stop at the Church of St. Peter's Restoration at Tabgha. Continue to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee. Visit the synagogue and the place where early Christians remembered Peter's house. Drive to Bethsaida, one of the three cities cursed by Jesus for failing to repent. Stop at the Kursi overlook for a photo opportunity of Tiberias and the entire Sea of Galilee. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, March 9: Galilee (Northern Border area)

Begin the day at Chorazin, one of the towns cursed by Jesus for refusing to repent. Drive on an ancient trade route to Hazor, the center of the coalition of kings that opposed Joshua and was subsequently destroyed by the Israelites in the conquest of the land. Continue north to Dan Nature Reserve, the center of cultic calf worship set up by Jeroboam I. Stop at nearby Caesarea Philippi (Banias), where Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Drive through the Golan Heights on the way to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, March 10 : Nazareth - Galilee

Drive south of Nazareth in the cliffs of Mt. Kedumim to Mt. Precipice, and view the Jezreel Valley from here. Continue to Megiddo, the city that dominated this strategic trade route from Egypt to Mesopotamia. Explore the extensive excavations including Ahab's stables, a grain silo, and an ancient underground water system. Next, ascend Mount Carmel, site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Continue to Yardenit, a baptismal site on the Jordan River, where opportunity for baptisms will be offered and then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.





Monday, March 11: Coastal Plains - Jerusalem

Travel eastward to the Mediterranean Coast for a visit to Caesarea Maritima. Here visit the famous Roman theater, harbor and aqueduct. We'll then make our way up to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives for an orientation to the city. Walk downhill on Palm Sunday Road, stopping at the Chapel of Dominus Flevit and continuing onto the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Check into our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, March 12 : Jerusalem

Begin the day exploring excavations at the City of David, including the Pool of Siloam and Hezekiah's Tunnel. Explore the ruins near the south side of the Temple complex, including steps where we can be certain that Jesus and the disciples walked. Drive to Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. Visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and view a model of Jerusalem, representing how the city looked on the eve of the Jewish revolt, 36 years after the Passion of Jesus. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, March 13: Jerusalem

Enter the Old City through the Dung Gate. Ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam, located on the traditional site of the ancient Temple Mount. Walk through the Jewish Quarter to see the Roman Cardo, with stones that were street level during the time of Christ. See part of the excavated Broad Wall built by King Hezekiah and a replica of a Byzantine mosaic map of the Old City. Walk through the excavations of the Rabbi's Tunnel, near the Western Wall, to examine the length of the outer Herodian Temple wall, including two stone blocks weighing about 600 tons each. Visit the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem, this afternoon. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, March 14: Jerusalem

This morning we will visit the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, perfectly preserved from the Crusader period, with remarkable acoustics. Next see Antonia Fortress, built by King Herod to protect the Temple Mount. End the tour at Gordon's Calvary with a celebration of Communion at the Garden Tomb. Enjoy some free time for packing, last-minute shopping and explorations. After an early dinner, transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

Friday, March 15: USA

Arrive home this morning with fond memories of our time in the Holy Land.

TOUR PRICE:

\$5,990 per person

(based on two people sharing a room)

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,825 per person

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- \$500 deposit per person due upon registration
- \$1500 per person due 10/15/2018
- Final payment due 1/5/2019

Note: Deposits received after 10/15/18 might incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. Any individual deviation (including upgrades) made to the group air reservation after this date will be charged a change fee of \$100.

GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE:

- \$472 per person (non-refundable) Covers up to \$6,000 cancellation fee
- \$550 per person (non-refundable) Covers up to \$7,000 cancellation fee

Travel insurance is OPTIONAL; If the insurance is desired, payment is due at time of registration for immediate cancellation coverage. The insurance is available to purchase up until time of final payment, but coverage does not begin until payment for insurance is received.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE: HTTP://WWW.CVENT.COM/D/DGQ0YS



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TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round trip air fare from Newark Liberty International Airport*
- · Accommodations in five-star deluxe hotels
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Services of an English-speaking, licensed tour guide
- Driver and transportation in air-conditioned motorcoach with bottled water (3 bottles per day)
- · Sightseeing and entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes
- · Gratuity for all service providers during the tour

NOT INCLUDED:

- Domestic airfare to/from Newark Liberty International Airport*
- · Beverages with lunches and dinners
- Rental of baptismal robe & towel (about \$12)
- Passport fees
- · Optional Group Travel Protection
- · Items of a personal nature

*Raptim would be pleased to assist you with connecting flights to Newark International Airport, If you would like our assistance, please note your city of origin at registration. A suggested air schedule and special add-on fares will be emailed to you for your approval.

TOUR FEATURES & CONDITIONS







Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully.

Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

Air Transportation: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be issued 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

Seat Assignments and Frequent Flyer Info: Raptim submits all frequent flyer information and seat assignment requests to the airline at the time of ticketing. The airline under contract makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Seat changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering. We advise that you take your frequent flyer card with you to show to the airline agent at check in. Always retain your boarding passes until you check your mileage account after you travel.

Disabilities: Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire prior to registration about whether their needs can be accommodated.

Accommodations and Meals: Pricing is based on two people sharing a room in deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge. In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. During the tour, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided daily.

Transfers and Baggage: Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not to exceed 62 dimensional inches (length + width + height) or weigh more than 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. Any carry-on luggage must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

Entrance Fees, Tips and Taxes: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary. Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included.

Not Included: Specialty beverages with dinners, passport fees, travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, domestic air travel and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

Rates & Fare Information: Rates are based on a minimum of 40 people traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

TOUR FEATURES & CONDITIONS CONTINUED

Raptim Cancellation Conditions: The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by Raptim a minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any available refund.

Prior to 10/15/2018 there is a penalty of 50% of deposit [\$250 penalty] **From 10/15/18 to 1/4/2019** there is a penalty of 50% of deposit +\$500 [\$750 penalty] **After 1/5/2019** there is no refund

Protect Your Investment: Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (primary coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation or interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the travel Insurance tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

Traveler Safety: In the ever-changing world situation, Raptim recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit http://www.state.gov/travel/.

Passport, Visa & Health Requirements: A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. For more information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at http://travel.state.gov. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until 9/11/2019. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for their recommendation.

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