

Tastes & Flavors of the Holy Land

09 Days - 08 Nights



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DAY 1 | ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV

DAY 2 | SITES IN TEL AVIV – CARMEL MARKET – FALAFEL LUNCH – TOUR OF JAFFA TEL AVIV

After breakfast, we start our day with a visit to the White City we will explore down-town Tel Aviv neighborhoods and boulevards, next we'll enjoy a walking tour of Neve Tzedek, Tel Aviv's new hip neighborhood. *We will continue our visit at the Carmel Market, a colorful middle –eastern open market and enjoy a Falafel Lunch, the Holy Land's Famous Fast Food.* In the afternoon, we enjoy a tour of Jaffa (Joppa). Evening is free to explore on your own in Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv Overnight

DAY 3 | CAESAREA – HAIFA – DRUZE VILLAGE LUNCH – AKKO

Visit the ancient Roman town of Caesarea. Originally, Caesarea is an ancient Herodian port city located on Israel's Mediterranean Coast about halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. The site has recently been restored to create one of Israel's most attractive and fascinating archaeological sites. Then we drive to Haifa, Israel's third largest city, beautifully set on the slopes of Mount Carmel facing the Mediterranean Sea. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Bahai gardens also known as the Hanging Gardens of Haifa. Thereafter we drive to *Daliyat el Carmel (Vine of the Carmel), Israel's largest Druze village, here we enjoy the hospitality and lunch.* Finally, in the evening we enjoy a walking tour of Akko. Haifa Overnight

DAY 4 | NAZARETH – ANCIENT SPICE SHOP – LUNCH – CANA – TIBERIAS

Drive to Nazareth for a brief tour of the Annunciation Church, considered the most impressive and spectacular site in the city and is considered to be one of the most holy churches for Christianity. The church, an outstanding building in the center of town, is built where it's believed the house the Virgin Mary was. We enjoy a tour of the Ancient Spice Shop where spices are ground on-site in the Galilee Mill, a historic 250-year-old building. Shawarma Lunch. *Shawarma is a dish in Middle Eastern cuisine consisting of meat cut into thin slices, stacked in a cone-like shape, and roasted on a slowly-turning vertical rotisserie.* Upon our return to Tiberias we pass by Cana, associated with the New Testament village of Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. Tiberias Overnight

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DAY 5 | SITES AROUND THE LAKE – ST. PETERS FISH LUNCH – WINE TASTING – TIBERIAS

Early in the morning we enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, later we drive along the lake's eastern shore to visit Capernaum, the Biblical fishermen's village known to be the village where Jesus lived and preached. Here we tour the ruins of the village and its outstanding ancient synagogue. Proceed to tour Magdala an ancient city on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. For lunch we will taste the *Traditional meal of St Peters Fish (Tilapia)*. In the afternoon we enjoy a *Wine Tasting tour* with splendid view of the Golan Heights Tiberias Overnight

DAY 6 | JORDAN VALLEY – NABLUS – ANCIENT SOAP PRODUCTION – KUNAFEH ORIENTAL SWEET SHOP – JERUSALEM

Drive through the Jordan Valley to the Old City of Nablus, learning about the ancient soap production and Nablus famous sweet: a cheesy, obscenely sweet pastry known as knafeh. *Knafeh* is the Middle East's favorite dessert! For Lunch we enjoy (*Muskhan*) a Palestinian Arab cuisine dish, composed of roasted chicken baked with onions, sumac, allspice, saffron, and fried pine nuts served over taboon bread. Finally, we drive to Jerusalem, Jerusalem Overnight

DAY 7 | VIA DOLOROSA – CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER – OLD CITY ALLEYS AND BAZARS – KABAB LUNCH IN THE OLD CITY – JERUSALEM'S FAMOUS 144-YEAR-OLD TAHINI FACTORY

We begin this morning to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, ending at Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site where Jesus was crucified and where he was buried. We explore the Old City Alleys and colorful Bazars. We enjoy *Kabab Lunch in the Old City* (small cubes of meat cooked on a skewer) In the afternoon, we will visit a traditional tahini factory that has been grinding tahini for the entire Old City for 150 years. Jerusalem Overnight



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DAY 8 | WESTERN WALL – MACHANE YEHUDA MARKET – FREE TIME – FESTIVE DINNER ALONG WITH DABKE

We visit the Western Wall, also called the Wailing Wall, in the Old City of Jerusalem, a place of prayer and pilgrimage sacred to the Jewish people. We stop at Machane Yehuda Market: the largest market in Jerusalem with over 250 vendors selling everything from fruit and vegetables to specialty foods. The market is the main traditional marketplace of Jerusalem and is an experience that must be part of any visit to Jerusalem, filled with fascinating sounds, sights, and smells. We enjoy Lunch here and some Free time to explore. For dinner we enjoy our final meal: *Maqluba*, a dish served throughout the Levant. It consists of meat, rice, and fried vegetables placed in a pot which is flipped upside down when served, hence the name maqluba, which translates literally as "upside-down. We Enjoy this meal along with the Traditional Folklore show. Jerusalem Overnight

DAY 9 | Departure

We depart to ben Gurion airport Farwell and bon appétit!