



## **Jerusalem & the Surroundings**

### **Program**

#### **DAY 1 - TEL AVIV**

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv Airport you will be welcomed by one of our representatives immediately after the passport control. Our representative will help you with the luggage pick up, accompany you through the customs control and will introduce you to your driver, who will take you to the hotel. The evening we will spend in Tel Aviv, exploring the city, leisure activities and the night life the white city has to offer. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

#### **DAY 2 – TEL AVIV / BEERSHEBA / MASADA & DEAD SEA**

You will meet your dedicated tour guide for the trip in the morning and embark on the journey from Tel Aviv, driving South, passing cities of Ashdod and Ashkelon, arriving at Beersheba, 'The capital of the Negev desert, for a short visit. Then you will continue via the city of Arad to Masada, an ancient fortress, which is a part of the national archeological park nowadays. Ascend via cable-car for a thorough visit that gives insight to the rituals, politics and culture of the people who inhabited this desert fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod's palaces, the synagogue, bathhouse and cisterns, and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Descend to the lowest place on earth – the Dead Sea, to experience the mineral-rich black mud and to float in its salty waters. Passing by the oasis of Ein Gedi, proceed through the Judean Desert to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

#### **DAY 3 – JERUSALEM**

Start the day at the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Enjoy Ein Karem; a picturesque village in the south western outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great significance in Christianity, since it is believed to be John the Baptist's place of birth. Visit Yad Vashem the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, established in 1953, located at the foot of Mt. Hertzl. Visit Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus at the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Return to your Jerusalem hotel.

#### **DAY 4 – JERUSALEM**

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem where you will see the Western Wall and the actual site of the Second Temple, the Temple Mount. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, housing both the traditional site of Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection. To the southwest, just outside the Old City, is Mount Zion, with the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem – the holy city for the world's three religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam, from atop the Mount of Olives. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas betrayed Jesus. In the heart of a neighborhood in downtown Jerusalem, visit Mahane Yehuda to experience the flavors, aromas, colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds, at the largest open market in Israel.

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## DAY 5 – DEPARTURE

Our representative will help you to check out from your hotel and we will drive you back to the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv.

Please do not hesitate to contact us any time if you have any further questions; our itineraries and programs can be modified to suit with the traveler's needs.

Best regards,

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