

Protestant Holyland Tour Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Israel

At the end of a long tiring journey to Ben-Gurion Airport, leave all your travel worry for now to your personal Tabar Tours guide who will take you to your hotel for an overnight stay at Tel Aviv.

Day 2 - Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Casaria, Galilee

You start our tour in the old city of Jaffa. This was the gateway to the Holy Land in ancient times. Christianity started to spread around the world from Jaffa. Here will get to see the house of Simon, the tanner who had the "Vision of the Flesh". St. Peter lived here too. The streets and alleyways serve as galleried to many artists. The next stop is Caesarea Maritima. This fabulous port-city was built by King Herod the Great. You will go to see the theater in Caesarea which houses a very well preserved inscription by Pontius Pilate the procurator. A long relaxing drive along the Mediterranean Sea brings us to the new port-city of Haifa. Haifa sits on the slopes of the evergreen Mt. Carmel which is famed for its scenic views from atop the mountain. you drive into the Land of Galilee and begin the short 2-day stay at Tiberias

Day 3 - Galilee, Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, Korazin, Tiberias

Your tour in Galilee starts with a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee. These are old looking boats just like the boats used by Jesus and his disciples. You will see the boat used by Jesus that is 2000 years old. The next stop is at Capernaum, at Peter's House and the famous Synagogue. You will visit Tabgha where legend says the Bread and Fish miracle took place. The "Sermon on the Mount" was on Mount Beatitudes which has breathtaking views. After lunch, you will pass the Korazin. This is one of the three cities that was warned by Jesus. Kursi is set along the eastern shore of the lake. The Swine's Miracle took place here. The Baptismal Site on the Holy River Jordan in Tiberias is a good place to end your long day and relax overnight.

Day 4 - Galilee, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem

After breakfast, you go to Cana. Jesus is said to have performed his first miracle by turning water into wine at a wedding. From here you go to Nazareth, the city where Jesus lived most of his younger life. Live the moment with Jesus in the "Mount of Precipitation". In Mt. Tabor, you go to the scenic Church of the Transfiguration. At the foothills of the mountains, you move from the bus

into taxis that will traverse the winding steep road to the top. Coming down from the mountains the bus will drive us to the Jordan Valley and drive up to the Holy City of Jerusalem. As you get off the bus you will be received with a welcoming Ceremony to Jerusalem on Mount Scopus. You can view the Holy City from here as you settle down for the night in Jerusalem.

Day 5 - Jerusalem, Cana

Like a religious investigator, find out where it all began in the Old City of Jerusalem and the City of David. Explore the latest archaeological findings from the era of kings. David, Solomon, and Hezekiah ruled this glorious period. Marvel at the intricate water systems and security measures employed by the early settlers in Jerusalem. you will try to fit in a quick visit to the Temple Mount. The excavation of the beautiful Temple during the time of Jesus can be viewed at the Davidson Center. You can live the intensely spiritual experience with the audio-visual presentation watching the Jewish pilgrims ascend the Holy Temple just like Jesus did thrice a year. You will be spiritually charged to see the Wailing Wall and connect with its history. Visiting the Wailing Wall is, even today, considered a highly spiritual part of the pilgrimage by Jews from all over the world. You will then go to Yad Vashem. This is Israel's Memorial for the Holocaust victims, after which you spend will spend your second night in Jerusalem.

Day 6 - Jerusalem

In the morning, you will be taken to the top of the Mount of Olives and then you will descend to the Garden of Gethsemane. You will go to the Temple Mount that looks over the Dominus Flevit Church. Following the footsteps of Jesus you will go to the Stations of the Via Dolorosa, Jesus' Way of Suffering, right up to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher the spot of the crucifixion and the burial. On this route, you will also see the Old City's quintessential bazaar or Suq. you can spend the rest of the day browsing through the oriental wares and rest at the Jewish Quarter. Sleep peacefully in the caring arms of this city.

Day 7 - Jerusalem

Before you move to the next monument, you will go to Ein Karem, where John the Baptist was born. You will next drop by at the Israel Museum. Housed here is the Model of Jerusalem 1:50, as it was during the Second Temple Period i.e. during the life of Jesus. The Shrine of the Book stands where the Dead Sea Scrolls are placed on exhibit. Just outside the Knesset Building or the Parliament house of Israel you will visit the Menorah Candelabra. Your last stop in Jerusalem will be at the Garden Tomb. After receiving communion here you will retire for the night.

Day 8 - Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada

You have seen the beautiful highs of Jerusalem and now you will reach for the depths in the Dead Sea which is also the lowest point on Earth. The drive along the shore of the Dead Sea will take us to Qumran. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found here. The intriguing way of life of the Jews during the period of Jesus and John the Baptist can be seen here. The cable car will take us from here to the Cliff Fortress of Masada. Herod the Great had got a palace built in the middle of the desert. In those days Masad was a fortress built by followers of Jewish resistance to the pagan Roman Empire. They had fought many battles with scarce resources and people. They laid the foundation for today's State of Israel. From Masada, you go to the Dead Sea where you will get to spend time in the unique and healing waters. you will drive back to Jerusalem for the night.

Day 9 - Fly Back Home

You will bid adieu to lovely Israel at the Ben Gurion International Airport.