

Glovim Israel Tour

8 Days / 6 Nights Escorted Tour of Holy Land



DESCRIPTION

A week long comprehensive affordable tour of Israel; starting off on the Mediterranean coast, visit the historical city of Caesarea on the way to Haifa, where a brief stop at Mount Carmel is made to enjoy the panoramic view of Haifa and the eastern Mediterranean. A 2-night stay at a kibbutz will offer an insight to communal life in Israel, as well as being near various sights of biblical importance, including Nazareth. Finally in Jerusalem, important historical sites like the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Jewish Quarter, the Wailing Wall, are just some of the sites visited.

Day 1 - Saturday, Depart US

Depart for Tel Aviv, Israel on Star Alliance. Enjoy superior in-flight service with free personal entertainment, meals, and beverages.

Meals: Onboard

Day 2 - Sunday, Arrive in Tel Aviv

Upon arrival to airport meet our representative and transfer to hotel in Netanya for an overnight.

Meals: Dinner

Day 3 - Monday, Caesarea, Haifa, Acre

After breakfast drive north to Caesarea built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman rule. View the excavated Roman Theater, with its acoustic and theatrical sound, which was used for many performances throughout the centuries. A new audio-visual presentation brings to life the times of the Romans who controlled these shores 2,000 years ago. Today, it draws major venue attractions, for concerts and festivals. We will walk through the excavated fortress and view the aqueduct, once used for conveying water. Then we'll arrive in Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay and View the Baha'i hanging gardens and the Baha'i Temple to learn more about this religion and its mantra. End the day at the World Heritage site of Acre. Acre is an exceptional historic walled port-city with continuous settlement from the Phoenician period. The present city is characteristic of a fortified town dating from the Ottoman 18th and 19th centuries. Acre preserves substantial remains of its medieval Crusader buildings beneath the existing Moslem fortified town dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. The remains of the Crusader town of Acre, both above and below the present-day street level, provide an exceptional picture of the layout and structures of the capital of the medieval Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem. Present-day Acre is an important example of an Ottoman walled town, with typical urban components such as the citadel, mosques, khans, and baths well preserved, partly built on top of the underlying Crusader structures. Visit the Crusaders Halls.

Drive to Kibbutz hotel for overnight Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 4 - Tuesday, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Nazareth

After breakfast we begin the day at the Yigal Allon Museum (2000 year old ancient boat Museum) and see the preserved display of an ancient, wooden fishing boat, discovered buried along the muddy lakeshores that has been dated to the exact time of Jesus. Stop at Capernaum known as the first point on the "Evangelical Triangle" that encompasses the area where most of Jesus' ministry took place. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the Fish & Bread took place. Drive to Mount of

Beatitudes; North of the Sea of Galilee, atop the Beatitudes Mount, lies a beautiful church with an octagonal dome that represents the 8 “Beatitudes” of the sermon that Jesus Christ blessed his disciples with 2000 years ago. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Drive via Cana (where Jesus performed His first miracle by turning water into wine) to Nazareth (Church of Annunciation) where Jesus spent his childhood, and the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where archaeologists believe the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary.

Drive to Kibbutz hotel for overnight Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 5 - Wednesday, Beit Shean, Yardenit, Bethlehem, Jerusalem

After breakfast check out of the hotel and drive south to view among Israel’s most impressive ruins are those found in Beit She’an. Excavators have discovered 18 successive towns featuring black and white stones, marble columns, mosaics, and a 6,000 seat Byzantine amphitheater. Continue to Yardenit, where Jesus was baptized. Via Jordan Valley proceed to Bethlehem the birthplace of Jesus. Enter Jerusalem and check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Dinner & overnight in Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 6 - Thursday, Jerusalem Old City

After breakfast ascend Mt. of Olives for a view point on Jerusalem: Overlooking the Old City, The mount is covered partly in olive trees, cemeteries and churches. On to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. Enter the Garden of Gethsemane, with the ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ. Continue to the Via Dolorosa and we will follow this path to the Church of Holy Sepulcher Stroll along the Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo, the main street in the Byzantine period of Jerusalem. On to the Western Wall, the holiest place for Jews, to put a note in the wall. We proceed to Mt. Zion on the south side of Jerusalem, King David’s city. We visit the Upper Room to view the traditional tomb of King David, Last Supper Room and Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 7 - Friday, Jerusalem

Day at leisure in Jerusalem or an optional tour to Masada & Dead Sea.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 - Saturday, Return Home

Your tour ends after breakfast and transfer to the airport for departure.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- International airfare
- Fuel surcharges
- 6 Nights accommodations (1 Netanya, 2 Tiberias, 3 Jerusalem)
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Professional English Speaking Guide Throughout
- All Airport Transfers
- All Sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary

TOUR MAP

