



## Israel in Depth Tour Itinerary

Day 1	Israel Arrival	Meals (None)
Location:	Tel Aviv, Israel	
Meeting Time:		
Meeting Location:	Gen Gurion Airport	
Description:	Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by a Diesenhaus Unitours representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv	
Day 2	Tel Aviv at leisure	Meals (B )
Location:	Tel Aviv, Israel	
Description:	Due to today being the Sabbath, you will be able to spend the day resting and recovering from your long flights from home. Overnight in Tel Aviv at your select hotel	
Day 3	Caesarea - Megiddo - Druze Villages	Meals (B D )
Location:	Caesarea, Israel Megiddo, Israel Israel, Israel	
Description:	Drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. See the excavations of the Crusader city, Roman port, aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Proceed to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; visit the archaeological excavations including the well preserved water supply system. Continue to Daliat El Carmel, a Druze village and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed via Mount Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa Bay and Golden domed Bahai shrine and Gardens. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse	
Day 4	Safed - Golan Heights - Vineyard Tour	Meals (B D )
Location:	Safed, Israel Golan Heights, Israel	
Description:	Drive to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism, where you will visit the ancient synagogues and artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at the Golan Winery for a tour and wine tasting; Proceed to Kessum Hagolan, a multimedia presentation of the area and its history. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse	
Day 5	Sea of Galilee - Nazareth - Jerusalem	Meals (B )
Location:	Nazareth, Israel Capernaum, Israel	
Description:	Start the day with a visit to Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation. Continue onto Tiberias; visit Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and octagonal Orthodox Church of St. Peter. Visit Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive via Beit Shean to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac. Afternoon arrival and overnight in Jerusalem	
Day 6	Jerusalem Old City Sightseeing	Meals (B )
Location:	Old City, Israel	
Description:	After breakfast you will start the day with a magnificent panoramic view from Mount of Olives. Drive to the Old City; Visit the tomb of King David and the room of the Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Bethlehem; view Rachel's Tomb and proceed to visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger's Square. Afternoon return to your hotel for your overnight in Jerusalem	
Day 7	Jerusalem New City Sightseeing	Meals (B D )

**Description:** Drive to the Israel Museum; Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the view the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period; Proceed for a tour at the Knesset, Israel's house of parliament. Continue to visit Mount Hertzel cemetery and Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust. Visit Mea Shearim , the ultra orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem and learn about their unique lifestyle. In the evening enjoy a middle eastern dinner followed by the "sound& light" show at the Tower of David museum (weather conditions permitting) Overnight in Jerusalem

**Day 8** **Qumran - Massada - Dead Sea** **Meals (B )**

Location: Qumran, Israel  
Massada, Israel  
Dead Sea, Israel

**Description:** After breakfast today you will drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300 feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Massada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in 73 A.D. Descend by cable car. Continue to the Dead Sea; Cover yourself with the mineral rich mud and experience a swim in the Dead Sea that many believe has therapeutic effects. Afternoon return to Jerusalem for your overnight

**Day 9** **Jerusalem at Your Leisure** **Meals (B )**

Location: Jerusalem, Israel

**Description:** As today is the sabbath, you will have today to spend at your leisure. Overnight in Jerusalem at your select hotel

**Day 10** **Timna - Underwater Observatory - Eilat** **Meals (B )**

Location: Timna, Israel  
Eilat, Israel

**Description:** Travel south through the Negev desert to visit Timna, home of the ancient copper mines and King Solomon's pillars. Along the way you will marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations of the desert. Continue to Eilat and stop along the way to visit the underwater observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world, which happens to be built into a coral reef. Overnight in Eilat

**Day 11** **Eilat at Leisure or Optional Full Day Excursion to Petra, Jordan** **Meals (B )**

**Description:** After assistance with visa to the Jordanian border, drive straight away to Petra through desert highways, your ultimate destination is the astonishing rose-red city of Petra which was built by the Nabateans (An early Arab tribe). Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the south of Jordan more than 2000 years ago. The visit begins with the possibility of a short horseback-riding for about 700 m. until the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) to get inside Petra and back to the gate outside.Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the Treasury, Royal Tombs, the Court, Roman theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments which fascinate the visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. After the visit, time for lunch in a nice Restaurant. After lunch drive back to border. On the way, a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility to stop and take a walk around. Transfer to the border at around 18:00 p.m and crossing back to Eilat. Overnight in Eilat

**Day 12** **Eilat - Mitzpe Ramon - Sde Boker - Tel Aviv** **Meals (B )**

Location: Mitzpe Ramon, Israel  
Sde Boker, Israel  
Tel Aviv, Israel

**Description:** Depart Eilat via Mitzpe Ramon; stop to gaze into the Ramon crater, a geological wonder; Proceed to Sde Boker and see Ben Gurion's hut and grave overlooking the magnificent Zin valley. Stop for a camel ride and a visit to an authentic Bedouin tent; learn about the Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch. Continue to Hatzerim and visit Air Force Museum to experience Israel's aeronautical history. Continue to Tel Aviv for your overnight

**Day 13** **Israel Departure** **Meals (B )**

Location: Tel Aviv, Israel

**Description:** After breakfast transfer to Ben Gurion Airport where you will board your departure flight from Israel. End of services