

Israel & Jordan Tour

Day-to-Day Itinerary

14-28 February, 2020

DAY 1: Friday, 14th February

Flights to Tel Aviv on Air Canada

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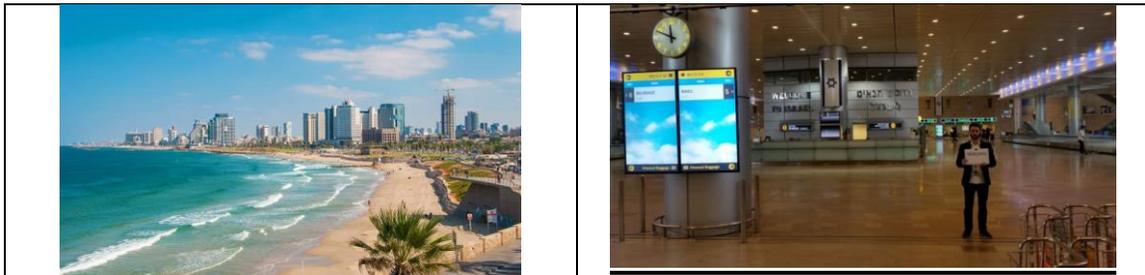
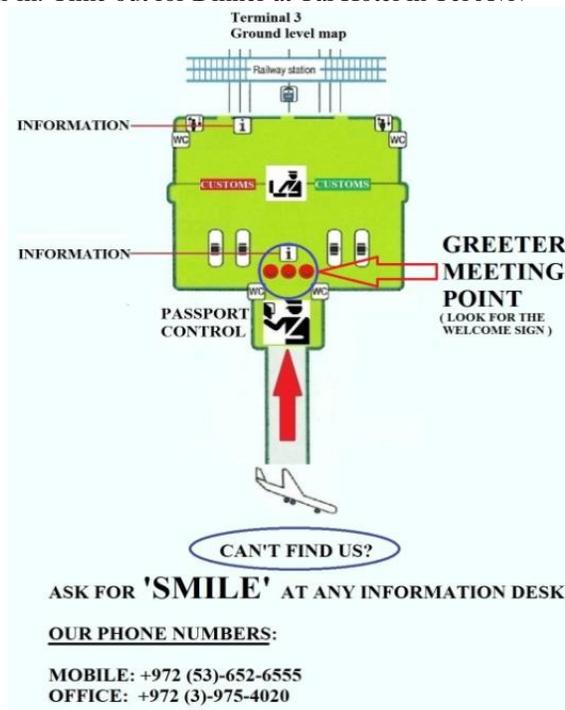
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DAY 2: Saturday, 15th February Arrive Tel Aviv (-/-/D)

Arrival at Ben-Gurion International Airport. Meeting & assistance by SMILY airport rep. Transfer from airport to your hotel for check-in. Time out for Dinner at Tal Hotel in Tel Aviv



Overnight: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY 3: Sunday, 16th February Tel Aviv (B/-/-)



After breakfast at the hotel, a Tel Aviv tour guide will take the group to visit Jaffa, one of the oldest towns in Israel and considered one of the oldest ports in the world. Cedars of Lebanon sent by King Hiram of Tyre and destined for Solomon's Temple were unloaded at Jaffa. It is here that Peter brought Tabitha back from the dead and, when in the home of Simon the Tanner, he prophesied the vision of the pure and un-pure animals. Enjoy a visit to an art gallery situated in the private home of the acclaimed artist Ilana Goor. Ilana Goor, well known for her unusual designs of tableware and furniture, has renovated a beautiful old building in the Artists Quarter of Jaffa. It has been converted into a special museum and private residence. On display is a wide collection of her unusual sculptures and artwork along with other exhibits.

Walk along the well-known Rothschild Boulevard, where you can see excellent examples of Bauhaus Architecture from the 1930's, some of which have been recently beautifully restored. Pass by Independence Hall, located in the house of Meir Dizengoff, the first mayor of Tel Aviv. Here David Ben Gurion, the First Prime Minister, announced the Declaration of Independence on May 14th, 1948.

The Saron Market complex was established to be the heartbeat of Israeli culinary art. On an area of 8,700 square meters and with 91 shops of all categories, stalls and restaurants, Saron Market is Israel's largest indoor culinary market and operates seven days a week.

Overnight: [Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv](#)

DAY 4: Monday, 17th February Tel Aviv (B/-/-)



After breakfast at the hotel, this morning, begin the day with a visit to the Tel Aviv Museum of Modern Art (curator visit is OPTIONAL at additional cost). The museum displays many famous Israeli painters' works, as well as worldwide renowned paintings.

The Tel Aviv Port has recently been restored and is now one of the hottest places in town. During the day, the cafes and stores at Namal Tel Aviv (the Tel Aviv Port) host some of the city's richest and trendiest, whilst at night, Namal Tel Aviv transforms into one of Tel Aviv's most popular nightlife venues. Oh, and by the way, you won't see any big ships here, maybe just a few yachts.

Free time at leisure in the afternoon to spend some time at Tel Aviv beach [Overnight: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv](#)

DAY 5: Tuesday, 18th February Tel Aviv – Haifa (B/-/D)



After breakfast at the hotel, this morning meet the tour guide and bus to accompany the group for the rest of the duration of the tour in Israel.

Leave your hotel in Tel Aviv and visit Caesarea. The ancient Roman seaport capital of Israel, where Pontius Pilate made his base. Here we will tour the Roman aqueduct, restored theater and crusader city.

Druze Village

The Israeli Druze have official recognition as a separate religious community with their own religious court system. Individual prayer, as in Islam, does not exist. Smoking, alcohol, and the eating of pork are banned. The Druze are not allowed to intermarry with Muslims, Jews, or members of any other religions. However, these rules are often disregarded in modern day societies.

Further along the coastline, visit the ancient city of Akko (Acre), once the Crusader capital of the North and now a city of mixed Arab and Jewish populations. Walk on the city walls to the harbor, and through the colorful markets, to visit the huge underground Crusader Halls. These Halls were once part of the hostels established by the Crusaders as accommodations for their pilgrims and used as a hospital for their injured warriors.

Continue north and view the classical sights of Haifa including the Bahai Shrine. The golden dome of this center of the Bahai faith serves as a significant landmark of the city and is set amid beautiful gardens.

Time out for Dinner at a Restaurant in Haifa

Overnight: [Bay Club Hotel, Haifa](#)

DAY 6: Wednesday, 19th February Haifa – Tiberias (B/-/-)



After breakfast at the hotel, this morning depart from your hotel in Haifa and visit Nazareth. Here is where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Nazareth is also the site of The Annunciation and where the Nazarenes attempted to throw Jesus over the cliff.

Now a suburb of Nazareth, Cana, is the site where Jesus performed his first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding.

Capernaum -The center of Jesus' Galilee! Jesus lived here for a substantial period, healing the sick, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles. The Greek Orthodox Church, Franciscan monastery and Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter make for an interesting kaleidoscope of varying architecture.

The Mount of Beatitudes - Sit on the hill where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Looking directly south at the Sea of Galilee, the flower filled gardens offer peace and tranquility.

Tabgha - Located at the foot of the Mt. of Beatitudes, this is the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes.

Overnight: [Golan hotel Tiberias](#)

DAY 7: Thursday, 20th February Tiberias -Jerusalem (B/-/-)



After breakfast at the hotel, depart the Galilee and travel along the Jordan Rift Valley to the remains of Beit She'an - one of the oldest settled sites in the country. This is where, in Biblical times, the bodies of Saul and his sons were nailed to the city walls by the Philistines. In Roman times, this city was known as Scythopolis and was part of the great Decapolis. Amongst the ruins, you will see a theater, which was the main cultural and entertainment center during that period and accommodated over 6,000 people. There is also a complete neighborhood, a bathhouse covering one and a half acres of floor-space, the Cardo - heart of the city and the Roman Shrine.

Your next stop will be at Beit Alpha to view an audio/visual presentation that explains the process of making the mosaic floor of a 6th century synagogue. During the presentation see the beautifully preserved mosaic floor that depicts the sacrifice of Isaac as well as zodiac signs and Jewish motifs, such as a shofar and menorah.

We drive southwards along the Jordan River, to view Jericho (situated within the new Palestinian Authority).

The first city taken by the tribes of Israel, Jericho is set in a broad and spacious valley and beyond the Dead Sea and the Mountains of Moab can be seen.

Ascend the Judean hills to Jerusalem.

[Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem -Deluxe rooms](#)

DAY 8: Friday, 21st February Jerusalem (B/-/-)



Yad Vashem - Israel's national monument, memorial and museum, to the Holocaust.

Visit the Israel Museum and Shrine of the Book Museum. Here we can see many original fragments of the Dead Sea scrolls plus a replica of the great Isaiah scroll.

Visit Mahane Yehuda Market (Shuk), Jerusalem's open market providing vegetables, fruit, spices and other foods. This market is vibrant with color, redolent with scents and alive with vendors crying out the value of their products.

Shook & Cook is a tasting and shopping tour in Mahane Yehuda Market, combined with an Israeli food cooking workshop. Suitable for vegans!

[Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem Deluxe rooms](#)

DAY 9: Saturday, 22nd February Jerusalem (B/-/D)



After breakfast at the hotel, visit the sites in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Mount of Olives- We begin our day, by viewing Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Photo opportunities abound at this time with the Golden Dome of the Rock prominent.

From here we shall walk down to The Garden of Gethsemane along the same path as that Jesus took when entering the city on Palm Sunday Mount Zion-Assumed by the Byzantine pilgrims as the original City of David this piece of land would have existed outside the original city walls.

In the Christian Quarter, we will walk along the Via Dolorosa. Following the Stations of the Cross arrive to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the place of the crucifixion and the Tomb of Christ.

Time out for dinner at a Restaurant in Jerusalem

[Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem Deluxe rooms](#)

DAY 10: Sunday, 23rd February Jerusalem - Mizpe Ramon (B/L/-)



After checkout from the hotel, head out of Jerusalem towards the Judean Desert to visit Masada - This UNESCO World Heritage site was once Herod's mountain top palace and fortress. Here we ascend to the site by cable car and learn about the last Jewish stand against the Romans and the mass suicide of the 960 Jewish defenders

Continue along the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, and arrive at a lovely hotel, located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Have lunch and enjoy a swim in the hotel's swimming pool or go down to their private beach to experience a therapeutic dip in the Dead Sea. Let the buoyant waters support you as you relax on your back.

*the hotel offer lunch at 13:30 hrs. that might be late, they suggest that will use their buffet breakfast if we could not wait for lunch.

Proceed through the Negev desert and arrive to the gigantic Ramon Crater.

[Overnight: Isrotel, Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon](#)

DAY 11: Monday, 24th February Mitzpe Ramon – Wadi Rum (B/-/D)



Wake up to view the Ramon Crater - an exceptional geological formation, which has yielded rare fossils and remains of various marine reptiles, dating back to the Triassic period, about 180-190 million years ago. This crater is the largest of three natural craters, which are among the most striking of the Negev's features.

After breakfast at your hotel, in the town of Mitzpe Ramon see an interesting audio-visual production in the Visitors' Center which is perched on the top overlooking the Crater.

Drive via the crater, heading south to the Nature Reserve of Timna, which in ancient times was the source of copper. See the special systems implemented to extract and produce this metal. Then pass through the Visitors Center located next to the man-made lake "Lake Timna".

Tour the town of Eilat and see the Underwater Sea Observatory and Aquarium (not included) offering an upfront view of sea life in the area. There is a Marine Museum on the premises where every type of sea creature in the area can be seen. The latest addition to this complex is the Oceanarium, which is of world class.

Arrive at the Arava border to cross over into Jordan. You will be assisted with passport control and border procedures. After crossing over into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, your Jordanian guide and vehicle will await you.

After a panoramic Tour of Aqaba, arrive to your Bedouin Camp.

[Dinner and Overnight: Wadi rum – Captain camp – In/ Out 24/25 Feb. 2020 – 20 tents confirmed.](#)

DAY 12: Tuesday, 25th February Wadi Rum – Petra (B/L/D)



After breakfast, we begin our visit of Petra.

Petra was chosen as the capital of the Nabateans because it was located in a valley surrounded by sandstone mountains. The main entrance to Petra is called the Siq, with sides as high as 200m. It was here that Christians escaped from the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in the 1st century. This gorge and the temple at the end of it (the Kazneh) were popularized in American culture in the movie, Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade. Lunch at local restaurant

The Kazneh - Of the 800 carved tombs in Petra, the Kazneh is the most famous. Its name Kazneh means 'treasure' and comes from the Bedouin belief that the Pharaoh chasing the Israelites hid his treasures in the urn at the top of the Kazneh.

Main Street. As many as 30,000 people may have lived in Petra during the 1st century. It is a misconception that Petra was a city only for the dead. A large earthquake in 363 AD destroyed at least half of the city. Petra never recovered from this destruction.

Overnight: [Petra Old Village 5*](#)

DAY 13: Wednesday 26th February Petra – Amman (B/-/D)



After breakfast, depart Petra and drive north to Madaba- The “mosaic city of the Middle East”. Here, we see the wonderful mosaic of the Bible Lands dating back to the 7th century.

Continue to Mt. Nebo - From here we can see across into the Promised Land, just as Moses did before being laid to rest. On a clear day we can see the hills of Jerusalem with Jericho in the foreground.

Arrive to Amman.

Lunch at local restaurant

Panoramic Tour of the city

[Overnight: Amman – Geneva Hotel](#)

DAY 14: Thursday, 27th February Amman – Jerusalem (B)



This morning, after breakfast, leave Amman and arrive to Allenby Crossing with Israel.

You will be assisted with passport control and border procedures. After crossing over into Israel, you will be met by Laufer Aviation and will transfer your passengers transfer to Jerusalem.

[Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem](#)

DAY 15: Friday, 28th February Jerusalem – Home (B)

After breakfast, departure transfer to Ben-Gurion Airport for your flight back to Canada.

END OF SERVICE

Israel includes:

- Meet, assist and transfer to Tel Aviv with licensed English speaking guide or Agada Tours rep.
- SMILE service assistance at Ben Gurion airport upon arrival and departure.
- 3 night on bed and breakfast in a 4 star hotel in Tel Aviv – Tal by the beach Hotel or similar.
- 1 night on bed and breakfast in a 4 star hotel in Haifa – Bay Club Hotel or similar.
- 1 nights on bed and breakfast in a 4 star hotel in Tiberias .- Golan Hotel or similar in the Sea of Galilee area.
- 3 nights on bed and breakfast in a 4 star hotel in Jerusalem – Prima Kings Hotel /Deluxe rooms or similar.
- 1 night on bed and breakfast – at 3+ star hotel in Mitzpe Ramon – Isrotel Ramon Inn hotel.
- 4 Meals that we included:
- 1st. meal at Tal Hotel day 2 – arrival day.
- 2nd. Meal on day 5 evening – at a restaurant in Haifa. On day 5 Druze village meal (optional)
- 3rd. meal in Jerusalem restaurant
- 4th meal – Dead Sea Hotel – Swim and Spa on day 10
- 9 day's touring in an air-conditioned coach day 3 and end on day 11
- And 3 transfers
day 2 – arrival at Ben Gurion to Tal hotel Tel Aviv.
Day 14 – arrival at Allenby bridge and transfer to Jerusalem.
Day 15 – from hotel in Jerusalem and transfer to Ben Gurion airport.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- 9 days service of a government licensed English tour guide service, starts on day 3 end on day11.
- Departure transfer with guide or Agada Tours rep.
- Porterage at hotels.
- Audio headsets to allow a smooth control of the tour
- Jordan package day 11- 14 – tour and terms will be provided by the Jordanian tour company.

Jordan includes:

Many thanks for your kind e-mail of today and allow me to **BOOK AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING RESERVATION:**

Hotels where group is booked in 20 rooms on H/B basis:

Wadi rum – Captain camp – In/ Out 24/25 Feb. 2020 – 20 tents confirmed.

Amman – Geneva hotel – In/ Out 26/27 Feb. 2020 – 20 rooms confirmed.

24/02/2020 : Arava border – Aqaba tour - Wadi Rum Camp for dinner & overnight

Meals : hotel dinner

25/02/2020 : Wadi Rum - Petra Hotel for dinner & overnight

Meals : hotel breakfast - Local Lunch - hotel dinner

26/02/2020 : Petra – Visit Madaba & Mt. Nebo – Amman hotel For Dinner & Overnight

Meals : hotel breakfast - Local Lunch - hotel dinner

27/02/2020 : Amman – Allenby

Meals : hotel breakfast