Israel Explorer **6 days**

ESCORTED GROUP TOUR - Uncover the highlights of ancient Israel, steeped in history, religion and beauty. From the lively 'white city' of Tel Aviv and Old Jaffa, to Jerusalem, the inspirational Holy Lands and the salt laden Dead Sea.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Tel Aviv / Ends in: Tel Aviv
- Departs: Sundays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:5, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 5
- Hotel Rating: 4 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

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Day 1:

Sunday. Welcome to the Promised Land. Arrive Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv transfer to Jerusalem and hotel check in. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight - Jerusalem

Day 2:

Jerusalem. Today we embark on a fully guided tour of Jerusalem, a World Heritage Listed city. From the Mount of Olives we enjoy panoramic views of the Old City and Temple Mount. Arriving at the Old City and Temple Mount we discover the Western (Wailing) Wall - one of the Jewish faith's most holy sites, which is visited by thousands of worshippers every day. The wall sits in the shadows of the Islamic faith's stunning and incredibly beautiful golden Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. On Temple Mount both faiths worship side by side in harmony.

After taking time to explore, we walk the Via Dolorosa - the path which Jesus walked, bowed under the weight of the cross to the Church of Holy Sepulchre. Weaving through the labyrinth of alleys in the Armenian and Jewish Quarters, we arrive at Mt. Zion to view the Last Supper Room and King David's Tomb. Later this afternoon we tour West Jerusalem including Parliament Hill. Overnight - Jerusalem

Day 3:

Jerusalem - Bethlehem - Jerusalem. Crossing into the West Bank we arrive in Bethlehem and tour Shepherd's Field and the Church of the Nativity. The picturesque village of Ein Kerem - birth site and Church of St John the Baptist is our next stop. This afternoon take a dip in the ever warm mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. With its unusually high degree of buoyancy you can float without any effort at all and sinking is impossible! Overnight - Jerusalem

Day 4:

Jerusalem - Nazareth - Jerusalem - breakfast. Arriving at the holy town of Nazareth today, we visit Joseph's Workshop, Mary's Well and the Church of the Annunciation - believed to be place where Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. Leaving Nazareth we drive through Cana of Galilee and follow the trail of miracles to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Visiting Tabgha - the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fish, Capernaum and Mount of Beautitudes - where Jesus was said to deliver the Sermon on the Mount. Overnight - Jerusalem

Day 5:

Jerusalem - Tel Aviv - breakfast. Today we explore Tel Aviv, Israel's most cosmopolitan city, with sandy white beaches fringing its western shore. Waterside restaurants and coffee shops serve ethnic food alongside gourmet dishes which can be enjoyed this evening along with a swim in the Mediterranean Sea. Later we travel on to the charismatic and beautiful city of Jaffa. Seaside Jaffa dates back thousands of years and is where St. Peter had his vision on the rooftop of the House of Simon the Tanner and raised Tabitha from the dead. Jonah set sail to Tarshish from Jaffa and King Solomon built his port on the Mediterranean there. Evening at leisure. Overnight - Tel Aviv

Day 6:

Friday. Our tour concludes after breakfast and onward departure transfer to the airport. If you would like to extend your stay in Israel, extra nights accommodation are available.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

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Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Jerusalem - Old City, Wailing Wall, Dome on the Rock, Cardo (Roman Road), Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, views of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives, Mt. Zion, Last Supper Room and King David's Tomb
- West Jerusalem - Parliament Hill
- Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field, Church of the Nativity and Manger Square
- Ein Kerem - Church of St John
- The Dead Sea
- Nazareth - Church of the Annunciation, Joseph's Workshop
- Cosmopolitan Tel Aviv and historical Jaffa
- Miracle sites - Cana, Tiberias, Capernaum, Tabgha, and Mt of Beautitudes
- The Sea of Galilee

What's Included

- 5 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- 5 nights 4 star hotels
- Dead Sea excursion
- Touring of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Tel Aviv and Jaffa
- Escorted by a qualified local tour guide
- English speaking specialist guides at some sights
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer on day 6
- All transfers and transportation in modern air-con vehicles
- Entrance fees to all included sightseeing
- Small Group Tour - maximum group size 16

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping/gratuities for your guide and driver. We recommend you allow USD4 - 6 per day, per traveller. for your guide and USD2 -3 for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture.
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $2,199

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. This tour is also available on a private basis - for details please see the Supplementary Prices at the bottom of this page.

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
07 SEP - 12 SEP	USD $2,199	USD $799
28 SEP - 03 OCT	USD $2,199	USD $799
19 OCT - 24 OCT	USD $2,199	USD $799
09 NOV - 14 NOV	USD $2,199	USD $799

2015

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
18 JAN - 23 JAN	USD $2,199	USD $799
15 FEB - 20 FEB	USD $2,199	USD $799
08 MAR - 13 MAR	USD $2,199	USD $799
12 APR - 17 APR	USD $2,199	USD $799
26 APR - 01 MAY	USD $2,199	USD $799
10 MAY - 15 MAY	USD $2,199	USD $799
31 MAY - 05 JUN	USD $2,199	USD $799
28 JUN - 03 JUL	USD $2,199	USD $799
12 JUL - 17 JUL	USD $2,199	USD $799
09 AUG - 14 AUG	USD $2,199	USD $799
06 SEP - 11 SEP	USD $2,199	USD $799
27 SEP - 02 OCT	USD $2,199	USD $799
18 OCT - 23 OCT	USD $2,199	USD $799
01 NOV - 06 NOV	USD $2,199	USD $799
29 NOV - 04 DEC	USD $2,199	USD $799

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Israel Explorer - Private Tour Supplement	USD $1200	USD $0
Pre accom - Jerusalem	USD $179	USD $120
Post accom - Tel Aviv	USD $249	USD $150

HOTELS:

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Prima Palace - Jerusalem

Centrally located, the Prima Palace is a modern hotel with a

traditional atmosphere. Rooms are tastefully decorated with classic furnishings including authentic netilat yadayim washing sinks. Internet is available at an additional cost. The central courtyard is the perfect place to sit back, relax and escape the hustle and bustle of the city. This hotel is situated within easy walking distance to the old city.

Gilgal Hotel - Tel Aviv

Built in 2008, the Gilgal Hotel is the perfect sanctuary just a short walk from the beach. Comfortable guest rooms compliment a range of hotel facilities including a rooftop terrace overlooking the sea. Free Wi-Fi is available in every room as well as lovely en suite bathrooms. Head to Cafe 7, the hotel's elegant Coffee Shop for a tasty beverage - a popular place with locals and tourists allike! Centrally located, 200m from Tel Aviv's beachside promenade. Carmel Market, cafes & bars are nearby.

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Hi Sam, I just want to thank you for all your help and to let you know we had a fantastic time on the tour. The group size was just perfect and even though we were the oldest couple the young ones were able to keep up with us. Sharif was an excellent tour guide and extremely knowledgeable and he seem to know everyone and was able to get us into almost every site ahead of long lines. The weather was also just perfect, no rain.

Sidney Roemer , Apr 2014

I will most definitely be recommending the guide and On the Go Tours to my family and friends... Birte Edwards is an awesome lady. I can tell she really enjoys and proud to teach and share the rich history of her country. She knows this history inside out. Also a lovely person to be our tour guide. How lucky we are to have her...

Elia Amosa, Sep 2013

Hi Sarah Just to let you know that I have had another fantastic holiday with On the go. My mum and I had such a great time with Shimon our own private guide! He was so full of energy and enthusiasm and had a great sense of humour! His knowledge of the history, the sights and religions of Israel was extensive and we enjoyed listening to his stories and talking to him about life in Israel. Shimon looked after us really well and definitely did over and above his job particularly as he was our driver as well! He made sure that we were well looked after. Please pass on our thanks. I particularly enjoyed the first sight of the Dome of the Rock and the serenity of the Garden of Gethsemane. The sights around the Sea of Galilee were very interesting and evocative, contrasting with the beach life and bustle of Tel Aviv. The whole tour was fantastic! Thanks again!

Jacqueline Mordue, Apr 2013