Israel Explorer
6 days | Jerusalem to Tel Aviv

Discover the highlights of Israel on this six day tour, taking in the holy sites of Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the Bahai Shrine and Gardens at Haifa and bustling Tel Aviv. Ride a cable car to the ancient fortress of Masada and float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights
• Jerusalem (West Bank) – Explore the sacred sites of the Old City, including the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Via Dolorosa
• Bethlehem (West Bank) – Visit the oldest church in the world and the birthplace of Christ
• Haifa – Stroll through the beautiful Bahai Gardens on the slopes of Mount Carmel
• Jaffa – Stroll around the ancient fortified city and enjoy scenic hill-top views of the surroundings
• Tel Aviv – Discover bustling Tel Aviv independently as you enjoy free time in this vibrant city
• Masada – Take a cable car up to the ancient fortification and enjoy unrivalled views over the Dead Sea
• The Dead Sea – Float in the famously buoyant, mineral-rich waters

What’s Included
• Breakfast daily and 2 dinners
• 5 nights 4 star hotels
• Touring – Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Haifa, Caesarea and Jaffa
• Entrance fees for all included sightseeing
• Services of English-speaking tour guide on days 2, 3 and 5
• Ben Gurion Airport arrival and departure transfers on days 1 and 6
• All transfers and transportation in modern air-conditioned vehicles
• Excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea (in conjunction with other tourists – not solely On The Go, with a bi-lingual guide)

What’s Not Included
• International flights and visa
• Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow USD$5–7 per day, per traveller for your guide and USD$2 per day, per traveller for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture

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Day 1 : Jerusalem
Saturday. Welcome to Israel! On arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you’ll be transferred to our hotel in Jerusalem to spend your first evening in the city, exploring at leisure. Overnight – Jerusalem (D)

Day 2 : Jerusalem & Bethlehem sightseeing

Today we enjoy a full-day guided tour of Jerusalem (West Bank) and Bethlehem (West Bank), beginning with a walk to the top of the holy Mount of Olives. Discover panoramic views of the old city before we stroll through the Jewish Quarter to the Cardo (an ancient Roman road) and visit the famous Wailing Wall, one of the most revered Hebrew sites in the world. Walk in the footsteps of Christ to the hallowed Church of the Sepulchre – the site of the crucifixion, Jesus’ tomb, and the resurrection.
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Later, we take a short drive to Bethlehem where we visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity – the oldest church in the world and the site where Jesus was born. Following the tour, we return to Jerusalem where you may spend the evening as you please. **Overnight – Jerusalem (B, D)**

**Day 3 : Jerusalem to Tel Aviv**

Jerusalem – Haifa – Caesarea – Jaffa – Tel Aviv. Say goodbye to Jerusalem today as we travel to the beautiful port city of Haifa. Discover the Bahai Shrine – a UNESCO world heritage site, and stroll through the beautiful tropical gardens on the slopes of Mount Carmel. Continuing down the coast we’ll visit the Roman and Crusader-era ruins at Caesarea before enjoying a walking tour of the picturesque town of Jaffa, for a chance to marvel at the ancient settlement by cable car and enjoy scenic views over the Dead Sea. Our tour will continue past Qumran (West Bank), where the 2,000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Then, to the Dead Sea itself – the lowest point on land in the world, take a dip in the therapeutic waters, where the high salt content will keep you afloat. The tour will then return to Tel Aviv where your final night is at leisure. **Overnight – Tel Aviv (B)**

**Day 4 : Free time in Tel Aviv**

Spend today exploring Tel Aviv at leisure – relax on the beach or browse the vibrant Carmel Market, enjoying the smells of fresh fruit and spices in the air. This evening, why not check out the bars around the Rothschild Boulevard area and enjoy Tel Aviv’s vibrant nightlife? **Overnight – Tel Aviv (B)**

**Day 5 : The Dead Sea & Masada**

Enjoy a full-day guided excursion today, beginning with the ancient mountain-top fortification of Masada (traveling via the West Bank). It was here in around 31 BC that King Herod built himself a palace overlooking the Dead Sea that served as the last stronghold of Jewish zealots during the First Jewish Roman War in 66–73AD. Reach the ancient settlement by cable car and enjoy scenic views over the Dead Sea. Our tour will continue past Qumran (West Bank), where the 2,000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Then, to the Dead Sea itself – the lowest point on land in the world, take a dip in the therapeutic waters, where the high salt content will keep you afloat. The tour will then return to Tel Aviv where your final night is at leisure.

Please Note: Today’s excursion is not operated exclusively for On The Go. Please see our Trip Notes for further details. **Overnight – Tel Aviv (B)**

**Day 6 : Tel Aviv**

Thursday. Our Israel adventure comes to an end today. You’ll be transferred to the Ben Gurion Airport to meet your onward flight.

If you would like to stay on and further explore, we offer a variety of properties for you to choose from. Browse our best places to visit and [[best time to travel 121886]] pages for suggestions on what to see on your holiday. If you can’t find what you’re looking for, please let us know so we can accommodate your request.

For information about visas, top travel tips and much more, take a look through our [[travel guide126598]].

**ACCOMMODATION**

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard. **Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.**

**Eyal Hotel**

Opened in 2014, the Eyal Hotel offers a modern stay in the ancient city of Jerusalem. It boasts an excellent location within walking distance of many points of interest, such as the Great Synagogue, the Damascus Gate and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to name just a few. Each guestroom is fully equipped with essential amenities, with WiFi available free of charge, and the hotel also features an onsite buffet restaurant. However, its real highlight is the rooftop terrace, from which you can enjoy fantastic views over the city center and ancient city walls.

**BY 14 Hotel**

Well-located on one of Tel Aviv’s central streets, this boutique hotel is...
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just minutes from the Carmel Market, Diezengoff Square and the lively cafes and restaurants of Sheinkein Street.

Its guestrooms are spacious and comfortable, featuring modern décor and free high-speed WiFi. An extensive sweet and savoury breakfast is served daily in the hotel’s café, and guests can also take advantage of the free gym and bike rental. Although as the beach is just footsteps away, you’ll most likely be spending your time soaking up the sun on the sands.

PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates marked with a ‘G’ are guaranteed to operate. All other departures are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Twin Share’ prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. ‘Single Room’ prices are applicable to those who don’t have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room.

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