

Israel

5-DAY ADD-ON

Visit Israel, the birthplace of the three major religions, the Holy Land full of archaeological wonders and many famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Stroll around the streets of Jerusalem and walk in the footsteps of King David. See the Wailing Wall, the holiest place of Judaism. Take a scenic ride through the Judean Desert along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit Masada, Israel's foremost archaeological park and ancient fortress built by King Herod. Especially for you, *Archaeological Paths* has prepared many unique VIP experiences with special entrances! Visit the Israel Museum accompanied by the museum's curator! The Israel Museum is the largest cultural institution in the country and has been ranked among the world's leading art and archaeology museums. Moreover, together with one of the leading archaeologists you will explore a phenomenal, active archaeological site – the City of David. It is the place where Jerusalem was founded. Witness how archaeological finds, history, and biblical narratives converge in this fascinating country. Join our tour and come with us on a journey through history and time.



Heart of Jerusalem

Day 1: Arrival in Tel Aviv

Arrival at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion airport. A representative of *Archaeological Paths* will meet you at the airport and transfer you to a hotel in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

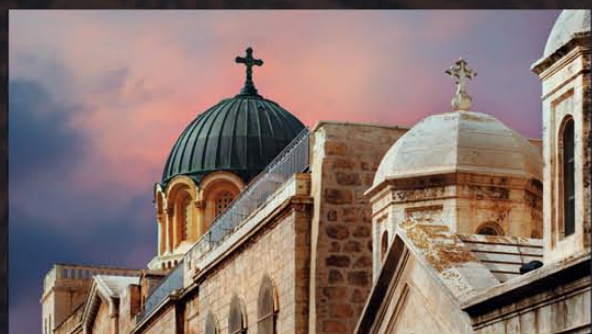
Day 2: City of David / Western Wall / Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Israel Museum

The tour starts with a visit to Jerusalem – a city sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Our visit will begin in the City of King David, the original place where Jerusalem was founded. We will see the remains of houses, streets, fortifications, and learn more about the history of this site which spans over seven millennia. The City of David will be one of the biggest archaeological highlights of this tour as it is an active excavation site. *Archaeological Paths* will arrange special access to this site with one of the heads of the excavations to show you the latest discoveries made by the archaeologists!

We will continue our tour to the Western Wall also known as the Wailing Wall, the holiest site of prayer for Jewish people. It is the only remaining wall of the Temple of Solomon which was destroyed by Romans. Next, we will visit one of the holiest places for Christians – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is identified as the place of both the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth.

The final attraction planned for the day is a visit to the Israel Museum featuring a display of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls and the most extensive collection of biblical and archaeological treasures in the world. Here, you will have a chance to be guided by the museum's curator and archaeology specialist who will provide you with an in-depth insight into some of the Israel's greatest findings.

Overnight in Jerusalem.





History & Archaeology

Day 3: Judean Desert / Mitzpe Jericho / Masada / Dead Sea / Beit Shean

We will start the day with a ride through the Judean Desert where we will drive to Mitzpe Jericho for a panoramic view of one of the oldest cities in the world. Next, we will visit Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will ascend the mountain by a cable car to see the 2000-year old castle built by King Herod and to learn more about the fascinating history of the Jews who came to this remote fortress to defend themselves against the Roman army. We will walk through important archaeological sites which relate to both the story of the construction of the palace and the days of resistance seen on this site. Then, we will drive along the Dead Sea which is one of the saltiest water bodies in the world and the Earth's lowest point on dry land.

Next, we will drive along the Jordan River and visit Beit Shean, one of the oldest cities in Israel. It was later expanded into a large Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine city of Scythopolis. Today, only about one tenth of the ancient city's area has been uncovered on this active archaeological site. During the Byzantine period its population was around 40,000.

Overnight in Tiberias.





Discovering Holy Land

Day 4: Capernaum / Magdala / Tzipori National Park / Megiddo

In Capernaum, we will see the ruins of the house of Peter where, according to Christians, Jesus lived, healed, taught, performed numerous miracles, and instructed his disciples. We will also visit, stretched on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the ancient city of Magdala that is thought to be the birthplace of Mary Magdalene.

Next, we will go to Tzipori National Park and learn about fascinating ancient history through its mystical ruins and beautiful mosaics. The city boasts an ancient synagogue, a 4,500-seat theater, the ancient Jewish quarter with its ritual baths and other monuments.

A later visit to Megiddo will take us to an archaeological site with ongoing excavations. In biblical times, it was one of the most important cities in Israel and a place where trade routes crossed. It was a significant strategic location which, according to archaeologists, was completely destroyed and rebuilt 6 or 7 times. This site used to link two of the ancient world's centers of culture and power: Egypt and Mesopotamia.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 5: Departure to Cairo

We will fly from Tel Aviv to Cairo where your Egyptian tour will begin. You will be transferred to a 5-star luxurious hotel in Giza.





Israel add-on cost: \$3985 per person

- \$600 deposit during booking
- Full payment is due 90 days before the tour

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