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CHRISTIAN ISRAEL TOUR 2012

6 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS | 6 TOURING DAYS

SUNDAY – Arrival to Israel

Upon arrival to Ben Gurion Airport, proceed to Arrivals Hall. Meet your driver at Steimatzky Bookstore where he will be holding a sign with your name. Transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

Overnight, Tel Aviv

Eytan Bros Transfer: 054-678-7861

MONDAY – Caesarea / Megiddo / Haifa / Acre



Following a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast (which you will enjoy each morning prior to departing for your day of touring), depart Tel Aviv. Drive north along the coastal plain to Caesarea (*Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48*), capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo (*1 Kings 4.28, 9, 15, 2 Kings 23, 29 & Revel. 16.16*), identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo, including the well-preserved water supply system. Drive to the beautiful port city of Haifa, nestled on the Mediterranean Sea, for a panoramic view of the Bahía gardens and Haifa Bay. From Haifa continue to Acre (*Micah 1.10*), capital of the Crusaders for more than a century. Visit the ancient city and harbour before continuing eastwards across the plains of the Galilee to Kibbutz hotel Lavi, not far from the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner and overnight at Kibbutz Lavi

TUESDAY – Tiberias / Capernaum / Banias



After a short tour of the Kibbutz grounds we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (*Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54*). Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha (*Matt. 13, Mark .33-45, & John 21*), the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to the Mount of the Beatitudes (*Matt. 5, 6, 7, 8*) where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Spring and Waterfall (*Matt. 16.13 and Mark 8.27*), where Jesus was recognized as The Messiah by His Disciples. Tour the Golan Heights, with its valleys, grazing land and snow capped mountains.

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WEDNESDAY – Nazareth / Beit Shean

Begin the day with a drive to Nazareth (*Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23*) via Cana of Galilee (*John 2.1-11*). In Nazareth, we shall visit the Church of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. Next on our program is the Jordan River and the Baptismal site Yardenit. Continue to Beit Shean, one of the ancient Decapolis cities (*Mark 5.20, 7.31*), and visit the Roman theatre. This is the city where Saul and his son Jonathan were nailed to the walls (*1st Samuel 31.10*). Judges 1.27 also mentions Beit Shean. Continue south along the shores of the River of Jordan. Passing Jericho, we proceed westward and climb to the Golden City of Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem

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THURSDAY – Jerusalem - Old City



Today we visit the Old City of Jerusalem. Our appreciation of this Golden City begins with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, overlooking the walls of the old city and the ancient Jewish cemetery. Visit the Church of All Nations. Proceed to Mount Zion to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last Supper (*Mark 14.13, Luke 22. 10-38, Matt 26 17-29, Acts 1.13 and Acts 2 the Pentecost*). Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. Walk through the Cardo, the main street of

Jerusalem 2000 years ago. View the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried His Cross. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (*Matt. 27. 33-57, 28.10*). No visit to Jerusalem is complete without a walk through the colourful Arab bazaar (a chance to test your negotiating skills). Visit the Garden Tomb.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem

FRIDAY – New City and Bethlehem

Today's program is dedicated to the new city of Jerusalem. Visit the model of ancient Jerusalem. Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Enter the site by walking along the Street of the Righteous Gentiles, dedicated to the non-Jews that risked their lives in order to save their Jewish neighbors. Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptists (*Luke 1.39-80*). This Spanish style church and Mary's well is where Mother Mary met her cousin Elizabeth. Proceed to Bethlehem * to visit the Church of the Nativity.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem

SATURDAY – Qumran / Masada / Dead Sea



Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Massada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Massada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Time and weather permitting we will have an opportunity to float on the Dead Sea waters.

Jerusalem for dinner and overnight

SUNDAY – Jerusalem / Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Ben-Gurion airport for departure. Your driver will pick you up from your hotel 4 hours prior to departure.

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* Visit subject to availability

- All itineraries are subject to change.

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HOTELS ON TOUR:

Christian Israel Tour	4 Stars Superior	4 Stars Standard	Nights
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	* Grand Beach	1
Galilee	Kibbutz hotel Lavi Hod wing	Kibbutz hotel Lavi, Lev wing	2
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	Grand Court	4

* At Grand Beach Tel Aviv – renovated rooms

FOR ALL CATEGORIES

All Tours are subject to availability and should be confirmed within 72 business hours.

Included services in our tour rates:

- Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to your hotel in Tel Aviv and from the hotel in Tel Aviv to the Airport
- Meeting point on arrival at the Steimatzky bookstore at the Main Arrival Hall at the Ben Gurion International Airport
- 6 Full day touring with all entrance as per the above itinerary
- 7 nights' accommodation including buffet breakfast and dinner daily.
*** Please see restriction for 4 star category in August
- Luggage: 1 suitcase and 1 handbag per person

Please note there is NO credit for unused services or joint transfers

Not included services in our tour rates:

- Tips to guide/driver and Hotel staff
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, souvenirs, film/toiletries)
- Treatments at the Dead Sea Spa
- **Travel Insurance: www.giltravel.com/travel-insurance.html**
- **Israel cell phone rental: <http://phones.giltravel.com/>**



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HOTEL RATES

Valid: March 4, 2012 – Feb 24, 2013

Tour does not operate on the following arrival dates: April 1, 8 Sept 16, 23, 30

Save \$40 per person for reservations paid by cash or check

Save \$60 per person for reservations of six or more passengers

- Departure from origin should be 1 day before tour start date
- Similar hotels may be substituted based on availability

4 STARS SUPERIOR Dan Panorama | Kibbutz Lavi | Dan Panorama

Arrival Dates	Per Person in Double Room	Single Supplement	3rd Adult Sharing Triple	Child Under 18 Sharing Room with 2 Parents
04-25 Mar-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
15-29 Apr-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
06-20 May-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
27-May-12	\$1,580	\$726	\$962	\$829
03-24 Jun-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
01-22 Jul-12	\$1,592	\$726	\$972	\$836
29-Jul-12	\$1,651	\$708	\$1,287	\$898
05-19 Aug-12	\$1,709	\$755	\$1,312	\$922
26-Aug-12	\$1,686	\$760	\$1,224	\$899
02-09 Sep-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
7-Oct-12	\$1,609	\$739	\$986	\$854
14-28 Oct-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
04-18 Nov-12	\$1,547	\$726	\$935	\$811
25-Nov-12	\$1,452	\$620	\$935	\$811
02-16 Dec-12	\$1,452	\$620	\$935	\$811

4 STARS STANDARD Grand Beach | Kibbutz Lavi | Grand Court

Arrival Dates	Per Person in Double Room	Single Supplement	3rd Adult Sharing Triple	Child Under 18 Sharing Room with 2 Parents
04-25 Mar-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
15-29 Apr-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
06-20 May-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
27-May-12	\$1,322	\$615	\$1,073	\$811
03-24 Jun-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
01-29 Jul-12	\$1,333	\$615	\$1,083	\$817
05-26 Aug-12 *	\$1,348	\$627	\$1,100	\$791
02-09 Sep-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
7-Oct-12	\$1,322	\$615	\$1,073	\$811
14-28 Oct-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
04-11 Nov-12	\$1,288	\$615	\$1,046	\$792
18-25 Nov-12	\$1,280	\$602	\$1,037	\$783
02-30 Dec-12	\$1,280	\$602	\$1,037	\$783
06-27 Jan-13	\$1,280	\$602	\$1,037	\$783
03-24 Feb-13	\$1,280	\$602	\$1,037	\$783

*** August arrival dates, 4 Star Standard, please note hotel in Tel Aviv 1 night is based on breakfast only basis**

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