



GIL TRAVEL

Your Personal Link With The World

CHRISTIAN ISRAEL TOUR 2011

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

6 TOURING DAYS

SUNDAY – Arrival in Israel

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, proceed to the arrivals hall. You are met by your driver at the Steimatzky Bookstore where he will be holding a sign with your name. Transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

Dinner and Overnight, Tel Aviv

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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. Visit the world famous Persian Gardens at the Bahai Temple. From Haifa, drive 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.

Dinner and Overnight, Kibbutz Lavi, Galilee

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.



Dinner and Overnight, Kibbutz Lavi, Galilee

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. 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, Jerusalem.

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. Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. 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). 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, Jerusalem.

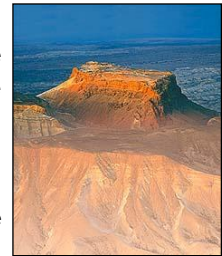
FRIDAY – Jerusalem – New City and Bethlehem

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 (see note).

Dinner and overnight, Jerusalem.

SATURDAY – Qumran / Massada / 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, an opportunity will be provided to float in the Dead Sea.



Dinner and overnight, Jerusalem.

SUNDAY – Jerusalem / Departure

Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for your flight back home. Your driver will pick you up 4 hours prior to your departure.

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* Bethlehem visit subject to availability

HOTELS ON TOUR:

CHRISTIAN ISRAEL TOUR	4 Star Superior	4 Stars Standard	Nights
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	Grand Beach	1
Galilee	Kibbutz Lavi, Hod wing	Kibbutz Lavi, Lev wing	2
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	Grand Court	4

FOR ALL CATEGORIES

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

Included services in our tour rates:

1. Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to your hotel in Tel Aviv and from the hotel in Tel Aviv to the Airport.
2. Meeting point on arrival at the Steimatzky bookstore at the Main Arrival Hall at the Ben Gurion International Airport.
3. 6 Full day touring with all entrance fees and attractions as per the above itinerary.
4. 7 nights accommodation on half board basis at the hotels as mentioned above (Buffet Breakfast and Dinner in the hotels).
5. Note: Bethlehem Visit is subject to availability

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

Not included services in our tour rates:

1. Tips to guide/driver and Hotel staff.
2. Lunches en route on sightseeing days.
3. Items of a personal nature (laundry, souvenirs, and film/toiletries).
4. Treatments at the Dead Sea Spa.
5. Travel Insurance: www.giltravel.com/travel-insurance.html

HOTEL RATES

Save \$40 per person for reservations paid by cash or check
Save \$60 per person for reservations of six or more passengers

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4 STARS STANDARD

Arrival dates	Per Person in Double Room	Single Supplement	3rd Adult in Triple Room	Child Under 18 Sharing Room with 2 Parents
06-Mar-10 Apr 11	\$1,255	\$541	\$941	\$812
17-Apr-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
24-Apr-11	\$1,357	\$576	\$1,023	\$867
01-29 May-11	\$1,255	\$541	\$941	\$812
5-Jun-11	\$1,284	\$541	\$965	\$827
12- 26 Jun-11	\$1,255	\$541	\$941	\$812
03-31 Jul-11	\$1,291	\$541	\$970	\$831
07-21 Aug-11	\$1,336	\$576	\$1,006	\$856
28-Aug-11	\$1,300	\$576	\$976	\$837
04-25 Sep-11	\$1,255	\$541	\$941	\$812
02-09 Oct-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
16-Oct-11	\$1,493	\$682	\$1,127	\$942
23-Oct-11 – 19 Feb-12	\$1,255	\$541	\$941	\$812

SUPERIOR FIRST CLASS

Arrival dates	Per Person in Double Room	Single Supplement	3rd Adult in Triple Room	Child Under 18 Sharing Room with 2 Parents
06-Mar-10 Apr-11	\$1,493	\$666	\$912	\$865
17-Apr-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
24-Apr-11	Not Valid	Not Valid	Not Valid	Not Valid
01-29 May-11	\$1,493	\$666	\$912	\$865
5-Jun-11	\$1,522	\$666	\$934	\$881
12-26 Jun-11	\$1,493	\$666	\$912	\$865
03-24 Jul-11	\$1,529	\$666	\$941	\$885
31-Jul-11	\$1,588	\$714	\$1,188	\$885
07-21 Aug-11	\$1,632	\$761	\$1,198	\$896
28-Aug-11	\$1,552	\$725	\$983	\$875
04-25 Sep-11	\$1,493	\$666	\$912	\$865
02-09-Oct-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
16-Oct-11	Not Valid	Not Valid	Not Valid	Not Valid
23-Oct-20 Nov-11	\$1,493	\$666	\$912	\$865
27-Nov-18 Dec-11	\$1,416	\$582	\$912	\$865
25-Dec-11	\$1,468	\$746	\$1,043	\$751
1-Jan-12	\$1,462	\$631	\$921	\$875
08-Jan-19 Feb-12	\$1,416	\$582	\$912	\$865

***Departure from origin should be 1 day before tour start date.

***Similar hotels may be substituted based on availability.