



**GIL TRAVEL**

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## CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL & JORDAN TOUR 2011

**10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS**

**9 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 – Hussein Bridge / Jerash / Amman

Drive from Jerusalem to the border crossing procedures to enter Jordan. Proceed to Jerash - city of the Decapolis, located about 45Km North of Amman in the fertile heights of the Gilad, visit the ancient Roman city with colonnaded streets, the baths and the hill of the top Temple etc. Then drive to Amman for a city tour of the Jordanian Capital.

**Overnight in Amman.**

### MONDAY – Amman / Petra/ Amman Madaba / Mount Nebo / Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

After early breakfast, leave the hotel and travel south on the road to Wadi Musa. Then on horseback to the "Siq" (canyon) and then on foot to Petra known as "Sela Edom" or red rock city, the ancient capital of the Nabateans from 3rd century B.C. to 2nd Century A.D. Visit the most interesting monuments, such as the Treasury, El Khazneh (a tomb of a Nabatean king) then the field of tombs, obelisks, the altar, (Al Madhbah) from this point you can view the whole of the rock city, then back to Wadi Musa village and drive back to Amman for overnight.

**Overnight in Amman.**

### TUESDAY – Amman / Madaba / Mount Nebo / Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

Drive to Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land and ruins of historical sites. Continue about 10Kms. to Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. From there you will see the

Jordan Valley, Jericho, Dead Sea, etc. Visit the remains of a Byzantine church with a mosaic floor. Drive to the border and cross into Israel.

**Transfer to Jerusalem or to Tel Aviv. (Optional extra night available upon request!)**

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\* Bethlehem visit subject to availability

**HOTELS ON TOUR:**

<b>CHRISTIAN ISRAEL TOUR</b>	<b>4 Star</b>	<b>Superior First Class</b>	<b>Nights</b>
<b>Tel Aviv</b>	Grand Beach	Dan Panorama	1
<b>Galilee</b>	Kibbutz Lavi, Lev wing	Kibbutz Lavi, Hod wing	2
<b>Jerusalem</b>	Grand Court	Dan Panorama	4
<b>Amman</b>	Golden Tulip or Ramada	Regency	2

**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 Hotel in Tel Aviv and return transfer to Airport.
2. Meeting point on arrival at the Steimatzky bookstore at the Main Arrival Hall at the Ben Gurion International Airport.
3. 9 Full day touring with all entrance fees as per above itinerary in Israel and Jordan.
4. 9 nights' accommodation on half board (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. Entry visa to Jordan
2. Border taxes when entering Jordan & border tax when leaving Jordan.
3. Last night (Tuesday night) in Jerusalem or in Tel Aviv for pax not leaving on a night flight back to North America.
4. Tips to guide/driver and Hotel staff
5. Lunches en route on sightseeing days
6. Items of a personal nature (laundry, souvenirs, film/toiletries)
7. Treatments at the Dead Sea Spa
8. Travel Insurance: [www.giltravel.com/travel-insurance.html](http://www.giltravel.com/travel-insurance.html) **(Strongly Recommended)**

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

### 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	\$1,815	\$597	\$1,576	\$1,316
17-Apr-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
24-Apr-11	\$1,925	\$634	\$1,662	\$1,376
01-29 May-11	\$1,815	\$597	\$1,576	\$1,316
5-Jun-11	\$1,846	\$597	\$1,600	\$1,332
12-26 Jun-11	\$1,815	\$597	\$1,576	\$1,316
03-31 Jul-11	\$1,857	\$597	\$1,610	\$1,339
07-21 Aug-11	\$1,905	\$634	\$1,646	\$1,365
28-Aug-11	\$1,866	\$634	\$1,612	\$1,342
04-25 Sep-11	\$1,782	\$597	\$1,576	\$1,316
2-Oct-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
9-Oct-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
16-Oct-11	\$2,140	\$745	\$2,113	\$1,457
23-Oct-05 Nov 2011	\$1,851	\$507	\$1,576	\$1,316
06 Nov -17 Dec 2011	\$1,815	\$507	\$1,576	\$1,316
18 Dec 31 Dec 2011	\$2,140	\$745	\$1,784	\$1,457
01 Jan ,19 Feb 2012	\$1,815	\$597	\$1,576	\$1,316

### 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- 10Apr 11	\$2,142	\$898	\$1,644	\$1,458
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	\$2,142	\$898	\$1,644	\$1,458
5-Jun-11	\$2,173	\$898	\$1,668	\$1,472
12-26 Jun 11	\$2,142	\$898	\$1,644	\$1,458
03-24 Jul-11	\$2,183	\$898	\$1,678	\$1,480
31-Jul-11	\$2,224	\$883	\$1,959	\$1,525
07-21 Aug-11	\$2,266	\$927	\$1,969	\$1,535
28-Aug-11	\$2,188	\$939	\$1,721	\$1,475
04-25 Sep-11	\$2,142	\$898	\$1,644	\$1,458
2-Oct-11	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour	No Tour
9-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	\$2,142	\$898	\$1,644	\$1,458

<b>27-Nov-11 Dec 11</b>	\$2,069	\$817	\$1,644	\$1,458
<b>18-Dec-11</b>	\$2,187	\$900	\$1,858	\$1,494
<b>25-Dec-11</b>	\$2,253	\$958	\$1,935	\$1,512
<b>1-Jan-12</b>	\$2,098	\$848	\$1,653	\$1,467
<b>08-Jan,19 Feb 12</b>	\$2,069	\$817	\$1,644	\$1,458