

## ISRAEL & JORDAN 9 days

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1 : Arrive Tel Aviv (D)

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv transfer to hotel.

**Meals:** Dinner **Lodging:** Metropolitan Hotel



#### Day 2 : Tel Aviv - Masada Dead Sea - Jerusalem (B / D)

After breakfast leave Tel Aviv via Ashdod for Masada on the Dead Sea. After a short visit continue to Masada. Here ascend by cable car from the fortress, which was the last stronghold in the war against the Romans. See the stunning excavations of Herod's palaces, the synagogue, bathrooms and much more. Enjoy the breathtaking view from the plateau of the former Roman camps and the endless Dead Sea. Next experience the unique float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea the world's lowest point, before driving to Jerusalem.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Leonardo Hotel

#### Day 3 : Jerusalem - New city (B / D)

After breakfast start the day by driving to Mount Scopus for a panoramic view of Jerusalem before visiting the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of Agony. Continue to the Israel museum to see the shrine of the books with the famous Dead Sea scrolls and the impressive renovated model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem back in the time of the second temple. Later than visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and Ein Karem, the birth place of John the Baptist before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Leonardo Hotel

#### Day 4 : Jerusalem - Old City - Bethlehem (B / D)

After breakfast this morning walk through the gates of the walled Old City of Jerusalem, the renewed Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall, the Temple area, the colorful bazaars, Via Dolorosa with the stations of the cross ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Then drive to Mount Zion and visit the tomb of King David, the room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey. In the afternoon continue to Bethlehem to see the Church of Nativity before returning to Jerusalem

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Leonardo Hotel

#### Day 5 : Jerusalem - Beit Shean - Tiberias - Galilee (B / D)

Today after breakfast leave Jerusalem and drive north via Jericho, the oldest city in the world and the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean. Visit the excavations of this beautiful preserved Roman city. Then proceed to Tiberias and drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum. Here see the ruins of the ancient Synagogue before continuing to the hotel for overnight.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Kfar Giladi Hotel

## **Day 6 : Upper Galilee and Golan Heights - Nazareth (B / D)**

In the morning start your journey to the Golan Heights via Banias, the source of the Jordan River. On the way visit a Druze village before proceeding via the Hula Valley to Safed, the city of the Kabala where you visit the Synagogue and the artist colony. Later drive to Nazareth to see the Annunciation Church.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Kfar Giladi Hotel

## **Day 7 : Acre - Haifa - Tel Aviv - Eilat (B / D)**

After breakfast drive west to Acre for a visit to the old Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Then continue to Haifa where you enjoy a sightseeing tour of this beautiful city including the famous Bahai Shrine and gardens and Mound Carmel with the most outstanding panoramic view of the city and the bay. Proceed along the coast to Caesarea to see the roman theater and the Crusader fortress. Continue to Tel Aviv's airport for a short flight to Eilat on the Red Sea where you spent the night.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Caesar Premier Hotel

## **Day 8 : Eilat - Petra (B / D)**

After breakfast leave Eilat in Israel crossing the Arava border into Jordan. Drive to Petra through the scenic Jordanian desert and the Wadi Rum area. Enter the Rose City of Petra through the impressive mountains which have inspired people for centuries. Make your way up to the famous treasury which suddenly impresses at the end of the passage leaving visitors breath-taken by its size, color and beauty. Continue into the heart of the ancient city, carved into the mountains, passing hundred of tombs and monuments and a spectacular Amphitheater, which ones held up to 3000 spectators. Next the Moses Spring before leaving Wadi Moussa - the new town of Petra. Drive to Aqaba for a short city tour than return to the Arava border and Eilat.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Caesar Premier Hotel

## **Day 9 : Eilat - Tel Aviv Departure (B)**

After breakfast flight back to Tel Aviv for your international departure flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

