

TRAVEX

— ISRAEL TRAVEL EXPERTS —

8 Shamai St., POB.2468, 91023 Jerusalem, ISRAEL Tel +972-2-621-6661 Fax +972-2-623-1986

E-mail: travex@travex.co.il

SHORE EXCURSION IN

ISRAEL

SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR:

**1-Day Shore Excursions
From ASHDOD Port**

JERUSALEM OLD & NEW

Pick up from Ashdod port.

Drive up through the Judean Hills to Jerusalem.

Stop on the **Mt. of Olives** for a panoramic view of Old & New Jerusalem.

Enter the Old City for a walking tour of the renovated **Jewish Quarter**, visit the ancient synagogues and stroll through the **Cardo** - the reconstructed main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. View the **Temple Mount** area with the Dome of the Rock & El Aqsa Mosques. To the **Western Wall** – Judaism's holiest site.

Continue for a visit of the **Christian Quarter**, along part of the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.

View the colorful bazaars of the Old City.

Afternoon: Drive through **New Jerusalem**, past the Jerusalem Theater, the President's Residence and the Knesset - Israel's Parliament.

Time permitting: visit the **Israel Museum** to view the Model of Jerusalem from Second Temple period, and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibited in the shrine of the Book.

Return to Ashdod port for re-embarkation.

JERUSALEM & BETHLEHEM

Pick up from Ashdod port.

Drive up through the Judean Hills to Jerusalem.

Stop on the **Mt. of Olives** for a panoramic view of Old & New Jerusalem.

Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** with the ancient olive trees, and the Basilica of the Agony.

Enter the Old City for a walking tour along part of the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.

Through Oriental bazaars to the **Cardo** (the reconstructed main street of Byzantine Jerusalem).

View the **Temple Mount** area with Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosques. To the **Western Wall** -- Judaism's holiest site.

Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the **Room of the Last Supper**.

Option: Drive to **Bethlehem*** to visit **Manger Square** and **Church of Nativity**.

Return to Ashdod port for re-embarkation.

**Bethlehem is under Palestinian Authority, and change of vehicle will be required at the border post. The tour will be guided by a Palestinian guide. We do not charge for this visit, but the clients are requested to tip the Palestinian guide.*

Sometimes, when there is pressure at the border, the crossing over may take some time.

CAESAREA – TEL AVIV

Pick-up from Ashdod port

Drive to **Caesarea** to view excavations from Roman, Byzantine and Crusader periods.

Drive south along the Mediterranean to **Tel Aviv**, Israel's commercial and cultural center. City tour of Tel Aviv through various neighborhoods, such as the Bauhaus area (a World Heritage Site), the Neve Tzedek area, Rabin Plaza. Continue along Tel Aviv's seaside promenade to ancient port city of **Jaffa**, with cobbled streets and artists' galleries.

Return to Ashdod Port for re-embarkation.

MASADA – DEAD SEA

Pick up from Ashdod Port.

Drive via the Negev Desert to **Masada**, Herod's mountaintop desert fortress. Ascend and descend by cable car to explore this World Heritage Site, including excavated ruins, mosaics and frescos. Visit the new museum where the story of Masada comes to life, "see and feel" the story behind the archaeological finds.

Continue to the **Dead Sea**. Enjoy the facilities of a local resort hotel and the therapeutic qualities of the **Dead Sea**.

Return to Ashdod Port for re-embarkation.

Sequence of visits may change according to conditions on the ground.