



DISCOVERING ISRAEL & PETRA

In-depth Exploration

14-day journey in Israel with Petra



Experience the country's dynamic story with our comprehensive Discovering Israel & Petra tour, offering a unique mix of activities and authentic cultural encounters. Our exciting itinerary invites you to discover ancient and modern history, biblical sites and the cultural mosaic of contemporary Israel and the enchanting site of Petra..

Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning as an experienced Israel traveler to rediscover the country, this program can be customized to fit your own personal interests, traditions and style.

Day 1

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Arrival on your designated flight.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the end of the jetway and escort you through the terminal, to passport control. Fast track service through passport control. Baggage claim procedures and escorting through customs to connect with your private transfer.

Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv



Day 2

ENERGETIC TEL AVIV

Breakfast at hotel.

Acquaint yourself with the neighborhoods of **Tel Aviv**, such as Neveh Tzedek, the historic train station complex, the open-air Carmel Market, Rabin Plaza, the revived Sarona compound and the Bauhaus area - a World Heritage Site.

Meander through the alleys of **Old Jaffa**, with its art galleries and lively Flea Market.

Learn about modern Israel as the Start-up Nation with an encounter at the **Peres Center for Innovation**.

The walls of southern Tel Aviv have become the canvases to local **Graffiti** artists. Walk these streets with a private Graffiti specialist to discover the culture and social issues expressed in the local urban art.

Overnight Tel Aviv

Day 3

ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Depart Tel Aviv and travel north along the Mediterranean coast.

Walk through the excavations of the port city of **Caesarea**, featuring the ancient Roman theater, hippodrome and aqueduct, as well as ruins from the Byzantine and Crusader periods.

Panoramic overview of **Haifa** from the top of Mount Carmel. See the splendid Bahai Gardens and the imposing Haifa Bay.

Private traditional lunch in the home of a **Druze** family.

The Druze are a unique religious and ethnic minority among Arab citizens of Israel. The Druze are very secretive about their traditions and we invite you meet them in person and hear their story, while enjoying some of their traditional foods.

The waves of the Mediterranean Sea crash against the walls of the old city of **Akko**. The walls, fortresses and strongholds that have survived for centuries bear the marks of many nations that conquered the city. Explore the subterranean city and bazaars.

Overnight Galilee



Day 4

LIFE IN NORTHERN ISRAEL

Breakfast at hotel.

In the mystical city of **Safed**, birthplace of Kabbala, meander through the narrow alleys leading to ancient synagogues and artists' quarters.

Meet with IDF soldiers patrolling the northern border, a rare informal encounter with the young men and women, the pride of Israel, who are serving in the Israel Defense Forces. Wine has been part of the local tradition since Biblical times. Visit a boutique **winery** to hear their stories and enjoy a variety of local wines.

Home hospitality dinner with a family in Galilee.

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner prepared by a local family, a unique opportunity to meet with Israelis in their home.

Overnight Galilee

Day 5

GOLAN AND GALILEE, THEN AND NOW

Breakfast at hotel.

Board your **jeep** for an off-road adventure along Israel's northern Border. Our local specialist will share perspectives about life in the Golan Heights and discuss the significance of the region.

Ascend to the **Golan Heights** for an overview of the region from the top of Mount Bental.

Meet the members of a **Kibbutz**, settled in northern Israel. The socialist model of Kibbutz played an essential role in the pre-State era and early years of the State of Israel.

Visit the first century fishing village of **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene, with ruins of the ancient synagogue and a new church built on the site, simple in design but rich in mosaics and murals.

Overnight Galilee



Day 6

FROM THE SEA OF GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Set sail on the **Sea of Galilee** in your private boat. Visit the ancient synagogue of **Capernaum**, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Visit **Nazareth**, the childhood home of Jesus, including the Church of the Annunciation. Proceed “up” to Jerusalem, the capital of Israel. Celebrate your arrival to the city with a traditional “**shehecheyanu**” ceremony.

Overnight Jerusalem

Day 7

HOLY CITY TO THREE FAITHS

Breakfast at hotel.

Enjoy a panoramic overview of Jerusalem from the top of the **Mount of Olives**. Enter the Old City via Jaffa Gate. Walk along the 2,000 year old stones of the **Cardo**, the ancient Roman marketplace in the heart of the Old City. View the Temple Mount, site of the Al Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. Walking through the Old City, we are drawn to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in the Jewish tradition. The ancient Kotel now gathers people from around the world in prayer and celebration. Spelunk through the underground **Western Wall Tunnels**, excavated under the homes and markets of the Old City.

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the final Stations of the Cross along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, traditional site of the crucifixion.

Visit the carved in stone **Garden Tomb**, believed to be the site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Overnight Jerusalem



Day 8

LAYERS OF HISTORY

Breakfast at hotel.

Private current events briefing. Opportunity to meet with a geo-political specialist for an up-to-date **briefing**, addressing challenges facing Israel and the region.

VIP private tour in the **City of David**. The over 3,000 year old City of David is one of the largest ongoing excavations in Israel. The Royal Secrets Tour invites you to explore the site with a local specialist and see areas that are not yet open to the public.

Private culinary tour in Jerusalem's Machaneh Yehuda Market with our local culinary expert. Experience Jerusalem's colorful open-air market. Sample a variety of local specialties, meet the vendors and hear their stories, and learn about the cultural food mosaic that is Israeli cuisine.

Private escorted visit to **Bethlehem**, birthplace of Jesus, including Manger Square, the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field.

This evening we invite you to be our guests at the **Night Spectacular** sound & light show at the Tower of David Museum at Jaffa Gate.

Overnight Jerusalem



Day 9

MEMORY AND RENEWAL

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive through the New City of Jerusalem, past the Knesset (Israel's parliament). View the giant Menorah depicting Israel's history through the ages.

Share in a meaningful private escorted visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official Holocaust museum, dedicated to the memory of the victims and honoring the survivors. The visit is enriched with a pause at the moving Children's Memorial and a walk along the inspirational Avenue of the Righteous.

Private Curator Tour of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum

The Dead Sea Scrolls are housed in the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. We invite you to explore this exhibit with its curator and learn about the restoration of these historic treasures.

As the sun sets over the city, join in a **traditional Shabbat dinner** at the home of a local Jerusalem family, featuring ethnic dishes, prayer and song.

Overnight Jerusalem

Day 10

THE LOWEST PLACE ON EARTH

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Journey through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Continue to **Qumran**, site of the secluded caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were first discovered. Ride the cable car to discover King Herod's mountain-top fortress at **Masada**, the last stronghold and stand of the Zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Judean Desert.

Enjoy the therapeutic qualities of the **Dead Sea**, believed to have wondrous healing powers. Float on the salty waters, relax and enjoy the facilities and lunch on site. *We have confirmed day-use rooms for you at a local resort hotel.*

Continue on to your desert resort hotel.

Overnight Desert Resort



Day 11

WONDERS OF THE DESERT

Breakfast at hotel.

Board your **jeep** for an exciting off-road adventure through the Ramon Crater. Our desert naturalist guides you through this unique geological phenomenon and its wealth of flora and fauna. **OPTIONAL:** Rappel down the cliff of the crater.

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities.

After dark, set off into the desert for a private **stargazing tour**, away from the lights of the big cities.

Overnight Desert Resort

Day 12

LAND OF LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Private **transfer** from your hotel to Arava Border

Please complete your check out procedures and await your driver in the hotel lobby.

Your luggage will be transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

Assistance through border procedures at Arava Border.

Drive to **Wadi Rum**, land of Lawrence of Arabia, the largest Wadi in Jordan, also known as the Valley of the Moon. Journey through the rugged desert landscape in a 4X4 desert vehicle. Continue to the red-rose city of Petra.

After dark, join a **Petra-by-night tour**. Walk through the torch-lit siq to see the Treasury, aglow with the light of 1,500 candles

Overnight Petra



Day 13

NABATEAN TREASURE

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Visit the majestic site of ancient **Petra**.

Enter the site through the Siq, a natural deep canyon carved through the stone. Hear the stories of the Nabateans who established Petra as their capital along the "Spice Route". Explore highlights of this ancient Nabatean city including the Treasury, the theater, the tombs and facades and the colonnaded street.

Return to Arava Border and cross the border by foot back into Israel.

Our representative will meet you after Israeli passport control.

Private **transfer** from Arava Border to Ramon Airport

One-way **flight** from Ramon Airport to Ben Gurion Airport.

VIP assistance through arrival procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the end of the jetway and escort you through the terminal to connect with your private transfer.

Private **transfer** from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv

Day 14

FAREWELL

Private transfer from your hotel to Ben Gurion Airport.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the car. Fast track service through security check, flight check-in, hand baggage security and passport control. Escort to your gate.

Departure on your designated flight.

Program sites and sequence are subject to change based on dates of travel.