



# SHORE EXCURSIONS FROM ASHDOD

One-day private tours in Israel

TRAVEX Private Shore Excursions make the most of your brief time in Israel. Our port-to-port customized itineraries deliver an engaging and seamless experience.

From the port of Ashdod, it is a convenient journey to Jerusalem, the capital of Israel. Our Private One-day Shore Excursions explore the ancient and modern areas of the city or combine with a visit to nearby Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus.

Attached are some ideas for Private One-day Shore Excursions from Ashdod.





## Tour #1

### A DAY IN JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM

Our guide will meet you at the Arrival's Terminal of the Ashdod Port.

Travel inland through the Judean Hills up to **Jerusalem** to discover some of the most sacred sites of the Holy Land.

A top of **Mount of Olives** you will be treated to a special "Welcome to Jerusalem Ceremony" with a breathtaking view of the Old City, the Temple Mount, the Golden Gates, and the many churches, synagogues and mosques located within the walled city. Traveling around the Old City, pass by the picturesque Garden of Gethsemane — the home of the impressive Church of All Nations.

Making your way to the Old City, your walking tour begins as you enter the **Jaffa Gate**, strolling past some of the sacred sites in religious history. Your route takes you past the colorful bazaar and the Jewish Quarter with its **Cardo** — Jerusalem's main thoroughfare during the Roman and Byzantine eras. Descending into the lower city, you'll view the **Temple Mount** and the golden-topped Dome of the Rock and the El-Aqsa Mosque. With its stunning blue and gold ceramic tiles, this amazing shrine built in the late 7th century is considered the third holiest site in Islam. Continue to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in the Jewish world because it is believed to have been closest to where the Holy Ark once stood.

Walk along part of the **Via Dolorosa** believed by many to be the route Jesus followed as he carried his cross to Calvary. One of Jerusalem's incredible sites is next to visit, the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** - the holiest Christian shrine is situated on the Hill of Golgotha (skull hill), where used to be an execution location outside the city walls. According to Christian gospels, and compatible to archeological discoveries, this is the site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

Traversing to **Bethlehem**, visit **Manger Square** and the evocative **Church of the Nativity**, built over the grotto believed to be Jesus' birthplace. You'll long ponder the importance of these profoundly spiritual sites.

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## Tour #2

### JERUSALEM OLD AND NEW

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Explore the world famous **Israel Museum** –the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel which is ranked among the world's leading art and archaeology museums. Conclude your visit at the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. These antique scrolls are ancient manuscripts that were discovered on the northwestern shores of the Dead Sea. They are approximately two thousand years old, dating from the third century BCE to the first century CE. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls represents a turning point in the study of the history of the Jewish people in ancient times, for never before has a literary treasure of such magnitude come to light.

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