



SHORE EXCURSIONS FROM HAIFA

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.

Haifa, Israel's largest port affords access to Private One-day Shore Excursions along the coast and through northern Israel, including the Nazareth, sites around the Sea of Galilee and the mystical city of Safed.

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



Tour #1

GALILEAN SPLENDORS

Pick up from Haifa port and drive up **Mount Carmel** for a panoramic view of the Bay, the gold domed **Baha’I Shrine** and **Persian Gardens** (designated by UNESCO as a world heritage site).

Drive inland to **Nazareth**, boyhood town of Jesus, to visit at the **Basilica of Annunciation**, built where the Archangel Gabriel revealed to Mary she would be Jesus’ mother. Marvel at its remarkable 170-foot-high cupola, a collection of magnificent artwork and the altar, which houses a piece of the grotto where Mary lived. After experiencing a colorful bazaar, discover **Mary’s Well**, a stone fountain over a spring where Jesus and Mary purportedly came to draw water.

Proceed via **Cana of Galilee**, site of the miracle at the wedding feast, to the shores of the **Sea of Galilee** exploring the myriad of sites related to Jesus’s Ministry in the region. Perched above the lake, visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Explore the ruins **Capernaum** home to one of the earliest churches in the world as well as of monumental ancient synagogue.

Following lunch on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, continue to 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.

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon drive through the Galilean Hills back to Haifa port for re-embarkation.



Tour #2

A DAY ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST.

Pick up from Haifa port and enjoy a scenic coastal drive, arrive at age-old **Caesarea** - built by Herod the Great and named to honor his Roman patron Augustus Caesar. Explore the expansive Roman Theatre, the ruins of the ancient town, palaces and aqueduct. As you stroll the beautifully restored harbor, imagine the city as it was during its epoch as a vibrant capital of Roman and Byzantine Judea.

Travel north along the shores of the glittering Mediterranean Sea on your way to marvel at fascinating **Acre**, or **Akko**, dating back almost 4,000 years. Venture underground into the Crusader Knights of Saint John's headquarters, known as the Hospitaller Quarter, where the knights received medical care. Wander through the barrel-vaulted Knights' Halls to the refectory, also known as the crypt, which is a true representation of crusader architecture. Returning to the surface, uncover Akko's colorful Ottoman period by visiting a lively marketplace filled with exotic offerings, intoxicating aromas and the enormous Kahn al-Umdan, or Inn of the Columns, which was an ancient caravanserai, a roadside inn that once served camel caravans. You'll capture exquisite photos of the intriguing Pisan Port, built by crusader sailors from Pisa, and appreciate a stop at **Mount Carmel**, where you can enjoy sweeping views of **Haifa Bay**, the **golden domed Bahai Shrine** and Acre in the distance, reminders of your glorious exploration into the past. Return to **Haifa port** for re-embarkation.