ISRAEL & JORDAN TOUR



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Israel & Jordan Escorted Tour with Flights

Duration: 11 days

Departs: 2023 select dates

Stay: 8 nights hotels, 1 night desert camp

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: ISJD11M

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11 Days Israel & Jordan Escorted Tour

About the holiday

Get ready for a Middle Eastern adventure like no other!

This Israel and Jordan tour is full of colour, culture, ancient relics and holy sites.

Explore the striking cities of Tel Aviv and Amman. Experience Petra - one of the highlights of Jordan and wonders of the ancient world. See Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Sleep under the stars at a Bedouin campsite, embark on a desert safari in Wadi Rum and float in the Dead Sea.

Showcasing the intrigue of the desert and holy lands rich with history - holidays to Jordan and Israel are unforgettable!

Why you'll love this trip...

- Explore the incredible archaeological city of Petra in southern Jordan, famous for being carved into solid rock
- Sleep at a Bedouin campsite and take a jeep safari in Wadi Rum
- Explore the vibrant cities of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Eilat & Amman
- Float in the Dead Sea, a salt water lake and the earth's lowest point on land
- This worry-free trip includes expert guides & flights from Australia!

Travel dates

2023 - select dates, please see the website for details

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel dates.

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Escorted tour includes:

International flights

- Return economy airfares to Tel Aviv & from Jerusalem
- All airline taxes & fees

Accommodation

- 8 nights hotels in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- 1 night in a tented cabin
 - Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room

Meals - 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

Tour guides

- Expert local guides for sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals, sightseeing & entrance fees not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking fees & conditions apply.

Highlights & Experiences:

- See the site of Jesus' baptism, Qasr al Yehud
- Visit Mount Masada, home to Herod's Palace
- Relax at a Red Sea Resort, Eilat
- Sit down for dinner in a Kibbutz
- Explore Agaba, a traditional souk, at your leisure
- Enjoy a jeep safari in Wadi Rum
- Overnight in a Bedouin Camp
- Guided tour of Petra with free time to explore
- See and explore the Dead Sea
- Overnight in Jordan's capital, Amman
- Enter Jerash, walled settlement of Gerasa
- Visit Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee
- Tour the Old City of Nazareth
- Enter and explore Caesarea
- Set out on a Tel Aviv & Jaffa city tour
- Embark on a guided tour of Bethlehem
- · Photo stop at the famous Banksy Wall
- Stop and explore Mount of Olives
- Explore Old City Jerusalem and surrounds
- · Visit the Church of Holy Sepulchre

Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly from Australia to Israel

Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv

Welcome to Tel Aviv! Your middle-eastern adventure starts here. Check in to your hotel and then the rest of the day is set aside to explore the city by yourself. Tel Aviv has many beautiful beaches and great architectural sites to discover. There are also lots of little cafés where you can enjoy a coffee and watch the locals go by.

Day 3: Jesus' Baptism Site - Mount Masada - Eilat

After breakfast it's time for a jam-packed day! We depart from Tel Aviv to explore the Baptism site of Jesus at Qasr el Yehud. This is a famous destination on the banks of the Jordan River. It is known as the place where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. Leaving the religious site, we drive through the Judean Desert to Mount Masada. Marvel at the view of the Dead Sea below. Shift your gaze and drink in the Moab Mountains of Jordan. Then it's onto Eilat in the early evening. Here we will experience dinner in a traditional kibbutz - an authentic Israeli experience, dining with the locals and eating traditional dishes!

Day 4: Eilat: Free Day

Today you have the entire day to discover the many marvels of Eilat at your own pace. There are many to choose from! Explore the Red Sea beaches, or go diving. Visit Dolphin Reef, or head to Timna Park. The cliffside views will take your breath away. Alternatively, you could visit the Underwater Observatory. Or how about touring the city on foot and doing a little shopping? Keen to explore further afield? Head to the Red Canyon hiking trails to explore the mesmerising red rock canyons. There are trails for every fitness level.

Day 5: Agaba - Wadi Rum

Today we cross into Jordan and enter the port city of Aqaba. The old town has a wonderful 'souk' (Arab marketplace) with a lively atmosphere. We then embark on a jeep safari in the Wadi Rum desert with local Bedouin drivers. They will escort us through the region's striking lunar landscape. Many Hollywood movies have been filmed here, including Matt Damon's 'The Martian'. Our day ends at our accommodation in Wadi Rum. Here you can sit by a campfire and watch the sun go down across the red rock landscape, before an amazing canvas of stars are revealed as the night draws in. We'll finish off a fantastic day of exploring with an included dinner of traditional Bedouin and Jordanian dishes.

Day 6: Petra - Dead Sea - Amman

Today we have ample time to explore Petra. It's Jordan's most famous archaeological site. Not to mention one of UNESCO's 7 Wonders of the Ancient World! We discover the many tombs and temples carved into the pink sandstone cliffs. The iconic attraction, The Treasury (Al Khazneh), is also on our list. This structure boasts striking Greek-inspired architectural elements. You might recognise it from the movie Indiana Jones. A traditional lunch is served, before we head to the Dead Sea. This salt lake is known for giving swimmers the sensation of being weightless. Our day ends in the city of Amman - the capital of Jordan. We recommend you spend your evening in downtown Amman - it's a must-see!

Day 7: Jerash - Sea of Galilee & Capernaum - Nazareth/Tiberias

After breakfast this morning we enjoy a brief city tour of Amman before heading north to Jerash. One of the biggest archaeological sites in the Middle East, dating back to Roman times. The century-old ruins have been carefully preserved. Exploring these structures will transport you back in time. An included local lunch is served in Jerash before we cross the border to Israel. Once there, we make our way to the Sea of Galilee. This freshwater lake is the largest source of drinking water for Israel. It is also an important pilgrimage site for many Christians. We then visit Capernaum, one of the most prominent sites in the area. This fishing village is located in the Galilee region of northern Israel. It is here where Jesus is believed to have worked his Biblical miracles. We then overnight in Nazareth or Tiberias.

Day 8: Nazareth - Caesarea - Tel Aviv - Jaffa Port - Jerusalem

First thing today, we head out to explore Nazareth. This city, which is today the capital of Israel's Arab population, is said to have been the childhood home of Jesus. Nazareth is home to an abundance of fascinating architectural sites. From here, we head north to the western coastline. First, we stop to explore Caesarea, King Herod's renowned port on the Mediterranean. You'll have some free time for lunch and exploring. Caesarea is the ancient Roman capital of Judea. We highly recommend that you make your way to the Caesarea amphitheatre. It's one of the oldest in the eastern Mediterranean! This afternoon we'll do a city tour of Tel Aviv and Jaffa. Jaffa is an ancient port city that inspired the biblical story of 'Jonah and the Whale'! Explore the beautifully restored city from which modern Tel Aviv developed. Highlights of this tour include a drive up Rothschild Boulevard. Tonight we settle down in our hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 9: Bethlehem - Mount of Olives - Jerusalem

We start the day with a guided tour of Bethlehem. Visit the Church of Nativity and see the famous Shepherd's' Fields. Then we'll have a photo stop at Banksy wall. At the Mount of Olives we stop to view the City of Gold from above and visit the Church of all Nations. Next up is the Old City of Jerusalem. This destination has more holy sites than any other square kilometre in the world. We visit the Wailing Wall, Mount Zion, the Via Dolorosa & more. This evening why not discover the Machane Yehuda Market back in Jerusalem, where locals sell fresh produce, pastries, coffee and the best olives around! At night it changes into a hub for tourists and foodies to hang out.

Day 10: Jerusalem: Free Day

Today is your free day in the capital of Israel! Jerusalem has been described as one of the most spiritually intense destinations in the world. It's a holy land for Christians, Muslims and Jews alike. After spending time in the old city yesterday, you can head out to some of the other big attractions today. The Israel Museum should be at the top of your list.

It's ranked as one of the top archaeological and art institutions in the world. It hosts a comprehensive range of art and ancient artefact pieces from the land of Israel and beyond and includes The Shrine of the Book, home to the biblical parchments known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. Take a trip to Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Centre. There's also the 9/11 Memorial Plaza and the Gardens of Gethsemane. Here you'll find a quiet space to rest, meditate or pray. Take time to enjoy your last dining experience of Israel. Sample some street food or dine at an award-winning restaurant. Just make sure you get your hands on some local dishes the food here is exquisite!

Day 11: End of tour

Your tour of Israel and Jordan has come to an end. Checkout at the hotel is at 10am. Feel free to take your time to explore the many marvels of Jerusalem before you make your way to the airport to head home. We can highly recommend the Tower of David, Yad Vashem and the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. Safe travels!

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, river water levels, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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