

# DISCOVER ISRAEL

**13 days / 9 nights accommodated**  
**15 - 28 April, 2018**

Tel Aviv, Joppa, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Nazareth, Galilee, Qumrun, Jerusalem (4 nights), Dead Sea, Massada, Beersheba

Includes ANZAC Day visit to Beersheba War Ceremony



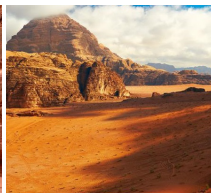
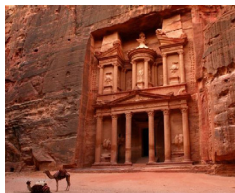
**Tour cost per person 2 per room \$7,900 Single room \$9,800**

**Tour cost includes:**

- \*\* Return economy class air fares from Auckland
- \*\* 9 nights accommodation, dinner, breakfast in Israel
- \*\* Comprehensive sightseeing including all admissions
- \*\* Tour escort from Auckland and local guide in israel
- \*\* Tips to driver and guide in Israel

## **ADD JORDAN**

Fly to Amman Wednesday night for 5 nights in Jordan.  
Visiting Petra, Wadi Rum, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Jerash.  
Approximate extra cost \$2500 per person share twin.



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**Day 1. Sunday 15 April** **AUCKLAND DEPART**  
Depart Auckland early afternoon for Tel Aviv.

**Day 2. Monday 16 April** **TEL AVIV – NETANYA (D)**  
Arrive Tel Aviv and meet our Israeli guide. Visit ancient Joppa and explore modern Tel Aviv before arriving at our hotel north of Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean.

**Day 3. Tuesday 17 April** **NETANYA – HAIFA (BD)**  
Drive to Caesarea, an ancient Roman port and one of King Herod's masterpieces. See the aqueduct and amphitheatre. Enjoy a guided tour through the excavations of Tel Megiddo and see across the valley of Jezreel and visit the Atlit detention centre from British mandate times.

**Day 4. Wednesday 18 April** **HAIFA – AKKO – NAZARETH – GALILEE (BD)**  
Explore the Phoenician, Hellenistic, Roman and Crusader town of Akko including the Crusader fortress, and bazaar. Continue to Nazareth to visit the church of the Annunciation. Highlight will be a visit to the early Israel village depicting life at the time of Christ. Late afternoon we arrive at our kibbutz on the shores of Lake Galilee.

**Day 5. Thursday 19 April** **GALILEE (BLD)**  
Today we visit Capernaum including Peter's House and the adjacent Synagogue, the Mt of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Magdala, the 2,000 year old boat at Knof Ginossar, and Tiberias, main town in the Galilee. Lunch featuring fish from Galilee included.

**Day 6. Friday 20 April** **GALILEE – JERUSALEM (BD)**  
Visit the baptism site where the Jordan River starts from Lake Galilee and drive through the Jordan Valley to ancient Jericho. Ascend the Mt of Temptation by cable car for lunch with a panoramic view over the Jordan Valley. Visit the traditional site of Jesus baptism. We then ascend to Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives and the Western Wall of the Temple Mount for the start of Shabbat and tunnels under the Temple Mount.

**Day 7. Saturday 21 April** **JERUSALEM (BD)**  
This morning we visit the Israel Museum to see the model of Old Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Return to the Mt of Olives and walk down the hill to spend a few minutes' reflection in the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of all Nations. We enter the old city through the Lion Gate to walk the Via Dolorosa and explore the old city including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher before visiting the Garden Tomb.

**Day 8 Sunday 22 April** **JERUSALEM (BD)**  
The morning is free to explore or visit the church of your choice. This afternoon we visit the Shepherds Fields and Bethlehem including the Church of the Nativity.

**Day 9. Monday. 23 April** **JERUSALEM (BD)**  
This morning we take a sobering visit Yad Vashem, the holocaust museum, and see the exterior of the Knesset including the giant Manarah. Continue to explore the ruins of Davids City, some 3,000 years old. We take a walk through Hezekiah's tunnel (wade in knee-thigh deep water) or Canaanite tunnel (dry) to the Pool of Siloam and visit the room of the Last Supper on Mt Zion and the Temple Mount.

**Day 10. Tuesday 24 April** **JERUSALEM – DEAD SEA (BD)**  
Visit the Qumran Caves. where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. And Springs of Ein Gedi and Massada. Ascend by cable car to Herod's fortress. Explore the ruins of Herod's castle. Continue to our resort on the shores of the Dead Sea. Your chance to swim and float in the waters tonight.

**Day 11 Wednesday. 25 April** **BEER SHEBA – TEL AVIV DEPART (B)**  
Drive through the Negev Desert to Beersheba in which New Zealanders figured prominently in the battle to liberate Palestine in 1917. we will hold an ANZAC commemoration at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery where many New Zealanders and Australians are buried. And visit the Israel Air Force and Museum and Museum of Bedouin Culture. Continue to Tel Aviv Airport and depart.

**Day 12. Thursday 26 April** **EN ROUTE**

**Day 13 Friday 27 April** **AUCKLAND ARRIVE**  
Arrive Auckland today