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**A BESPOKE JOURNEY TO**

# ISRAEL



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### JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

DAY	ITINERARY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
Apr 20	Arrive Tel Aviv to Mediterranean Coast	Guest House	D
Apr 21	Galilee	Guest House	B,D
Apr 22	Galilee	Guest House	B,L,D
Apr 23	Galilee	Guest House	B,L,D
Apr 24	Jerusalem	Guest House	B,D
Apr 25	Jerusalem	Guest House	B,D
Apr 26	Jerusalem	Guest House	B,D
Apr 27	Jerusalem	Guest House	B,D
Apr 28	Jerusalem	Guest House	B,D
Apr 29	Jerusalem	Guest House	B,D
Apr 30	Depart Tel Aviv		B

**Wednesday, Apr 20 2022**

**Arrive Tel Aviv to the Mediterranean Coast**

**Guest House**

**Dinner**

Welcome to Israel! On arrival in Tel Aviv today, you will be met by a Ker & Downey representative and transferred to your guest house on the Mediterranean coast. *NOTE: Regular check in is 2:00pm. Early check in is not included and is subject to availability or additional cost.*

This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the guest house.

**Thursday, Apr 21 2022**

**Galilee**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

Today we travel to the Galilee region, seeing Mt. Carmel (Haifa), the Church of the Transfiguration and Nazareth. At the end of the day, check into your guest house in time to freshen up before dinner.

- Mt. Carmel (Haifa) - See the terraced Baha'i Gardens on Mt. Carmel and learn about the Baha'i faith.
- The Church of the Transfiguration – The Franciscan church located on Mount Tabor is traditionally believed to be the site where the Transfiguration of Christ took place, an event in the Gospels in which Jesus is transfigured upon an unnamed mountain and speaks with Moses and Elijah.
- Nazareth - See the Church of Annunciation.



**Friday, Apr 22 2022**

**Galilee**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

Today we explore the foothills of Galilee, visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, Primacy of St. Peter, and Capernaum.

Stop for a whole fish lunch at a local restaurant.

- Mount of Beatitudes - The traditional site of Jesus' delivery of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), probably the most famous sermon of all time. On top of the Mount is the Catholic church, designed by the architect A. Barluzzi, which is Byzantine in style; its octagonal shape representing the eight beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10).
- Primacy of St. Peter - This church also holds historical significance, as this is celebrated as the place where Jesus appeared the third time after His resurrection (John 21:14). It was at this place where Jesus restored Simon Peter after his denial and charged him to "feed My sheep" (John 21:15-25).
- Capernaum - Visit the ancient synagogue there as well as St. Peter's house, which was later converted into a church.

**Saturday, Apr 23 2022**

**Galilee**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

Today we visit Dan, the Jesus Boat at Ramot Gam, and enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Head to the Syrian border and stop for lunch at the kibbutz there or a Druze restaurant near Herman – Majdal Shams village.

- Dan - Visit the fascinating excavations at Tel Dan, which was the base for the Tribe of Dan and now a nature reserve.
- Jesus Boat at Ramot Gam - an ancient vessel dating back to the 1st century BC found at the bottom of the Sea.
- Sea of Galilee - Where Jesus is believed to have walked on water.



**Sunday, Apr 24 2022**

**Jerusalem**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

This morning we check out of our guest house and head towards Jerusalem, stopping at the Baptism site and Cana where you will have the opportunity to renew your wedding vows.

Arrive in Jerusalem at the end of the day and check into your guest house.

- Baptism site at Qasr al Yahud - Where it was recognized that John the Baptist Baptized Christ in the Jordan River.
- Cana - Where Christ's First Miracle took place of changing water into wine at the Cana Wedding.

**Monday, Apr 25 2022**

**Jerusalem**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

Today we'll begin exploring Jerusalem's old city including the Temple Mount area, a compound that is at the heart of the Old City and sits on the highest point of old Jerusalem. It is a sanctuary that holds more than 200 beautiful religious and historic structures and landmarks including Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

- Wailing Wall - A sacred place of prayer and pilgrimage to the Jewish people. It is the only remains of the Second Temple of Jerusalem, held to be uniquely holy by the ancient Jews and destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE.
- Wailing Wall Tunnels - Walk through ancient and fascinating subterranean spaces with exquisite archeological findings, such as large stone arches, water pits, an ancient water aqueduct that ends at the Strouthion Pool.
- Dome of the Rock - An Islamic shrine initially completed in 691–92 CE on the site of the Second Jewish Temple, destroyed during the Roman Siege of Jerusalem in 70 CE.
- Pool of Bethesda (St. Anne's) - Where the water for the Temple rituals was stored.



**Tuesday, Apr 26 2022**

**Jerusalem**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

Continue our exploration of Jerusalem by visiting the Museum at David's Citadel, Teaching Steps, the City of David and Pool of Siloam as well as Hezekiah's tunnel.

- David's Citadel - Enjoy and unrivalled view of the Old City from this impressive structure used as a fortress by Romans, Crusaders, Moslems and Ottomans.
- Teaching Steps - Where Jesus told His parables to the crowds, challenged the Pharisees, and taught His followers.
- City of David -The City of David is where it all began. King David conquered this Jebusite city over 3000 years ago, and made it the eternal capital of the Jewish people.
- Pool of Siloam - Where Jewish pilgrims, in Jerusalem for the three yearly Jewish festivals, congregated as they began their ascent to the Temple grounds.
- Hezekiah's tunnel - Dug out to supply spring water to Jerusalem in anticipation of the siege of the year 700 BCE.

**Wednesday, Apr 27 2022**

**Jerusalem**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

After breakfast we head out on a full day exploration of the Mount Olives, Holy Sepulcher, and the Garden Tomb.

- Mount of Olives - Visit the Orthodox Church of the Ascension, The Palace of the Ascension and the Church of our Lord's Prayer.
- Holy Sepulcher - Visit the Golgotha, the Stone of the Anointment, The Holy Tomb and the Cave of the Cross.
- Garden Tomb - An alternative location for the crucifixion.



**Thursday, Apr 28 2022**

**Jerusalem**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

Early today we head to Masada, then on to visit a moving sculpture by a local artist. End the day with a Dead Sea float.

- Masada - Take a cable car to the plateau summit and tour the remains of Herod's 2,055-year-old palace fortress. We see remarkable structures including palaces and a bathhouse.
- Fountain of Tears - An Israeli resident, American born Rick Wienecke has created a moving piece called The Fountain of Tears, based on the verses of Jeremiah, "Oh Lord that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears that I would weep day and night for the loss of my people." (Jeremiah 9:1)
- Dead Sea - take a dip in the Dead Sea, or a hot bath in sulfur springs, weather permitting. Biblically, this area was a place of refuge for King David, one of the world's first health resorts (for Herod the Great).

**Friday, Apr 29 2022**

**Jerusalem**

**Guest House**

**Breakfast and Dinner**

On our last day in Israel, we'll head to Bethlehem. Afterwards, time for shopping here or back in Jerusalem.

Bethlehem - Visit the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherd's Field, identified as the place where the Angel of the Lord visited the shepherds and informed them of Jesus' birth (security permitting).

**Saturday, Apr 30 2022**

**Depart Tel Aviv**

**Breakfast**

Your driver will collect you from your hotel and transfer you back to the Tel Aviv Airport in time to board your flight home. *NOTE: Regular check out is 11:00am. Late check out is not included and is subject to availability or additional cost.*

**End of Ker & Downey Services**



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Land Only: **\$3,485** per person based on a minimum of 13 travelers

Land Only: **\$3,350** per person based on a minimum of 15 travelers

**Single Room Supplement: \$1,135**

Quote valid for seven days after August 30, 2021

Prices subject to change pending agreement to terms and conditions \* Rates are USD unless otherwise noted

A non-refundable advance payment of 25% is required to confirm services \* Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure

Booking Reference – Blomquist Israel - Nicole Porto Designer

### **Land Only Includes:**

-	Licensed Christian English-speaking guide on all tour days
-	Deluxe, air-conditioned bus throughout
-	Entrance fees to all sites
-	Tips to guide and driver
-	Listening whisper devices
-	Complimentary sanitization kit if arrival is before Covid-19 precautions lifted
April 20	<b>Vehicle Transfer:</b> Tel Aviv Airport to Hotel
	<b>Accommodation:</b> Guest House (Mediterranean Coast) – Standard Room – 1 night
	<b>Includes:</b> Breakfast and Dinner
April 21	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Mt. Carmel (Haifa), Church of the Transfiguration, Nazareth
	<b>Accommodation:</b> Guest House (Galilee) – Standard Room – 3 nights
	<b>Includes:</b> Breakfast and Dinner
April 22	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Mount of Beatitudes, Primacy of St. Peter, Capernaum
	<b>Includes:</b> Fish Lunch
April 23	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Tel Dan, Jesus Boat, Galilee Boat Ride, Syrian Border
	<b>Includes:</b> Lunch
April 24	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Cana, Qasr al Yahud Baptism Site
	<b>Accommodation:</b> Guest House (Jerusalem) – Standard Room – 6 nights
	<b>Includes:</b> Breakfast and Dinner
April 25	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Temple Mount (Wailing Wall, Wailing Wall Tunnels, Dome of the Rock, Pool of Bethesda)
April 26	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Museum at David's Citadel, Teaching Steps, City of David, Pool of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel
April 27	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Mount of Olives, Holy Sepulcher, Garden Tomb
April 28	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Masada, Fountain of Tears, Dead Sea Float
April 29	<b>Touring/Excursions:</b> Bethlehem
April 30	<b>Vehicle Transfer:</b> Jerusalem to Tel Aviv

### **Excludes:**

## Porterage

#### Insurance not mentioned above

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All accommodation not mentioned above  
All meals not mentioned above  
All international and domestic flights and airport taxes not mentioned above  
All transport not mentioned above  
All expenses of a personal nature i.e. telephone calls, laundry, etc.  
Beverages not mentioned above  
Entrance Fees not mentioned above  
All other services not mentioned above

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