



ISRAEL 9 Day TOUR

The Steps of Jesus

*Per Person/Double Occupancy
Limited Single Occupancy Available*

EpicTOURS professional and English-speaking guide on every bus
***Fuel Surcharge, Tips, Taxes, Visas & Gratuities Not Included (see Tour Conditions)**
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Israel 9 Day Tour Itinerary

DAY 1

Departure from Philadelphia, PA, Newark, NJ or New York JFK. Meals will be served on board.

DAY 2

Arrival Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport over the Mediterranean coastline, visible from both sides of the plane. Shalom, you are in Israel and will be assisted with Immigration and Customs by Epic Tours and their ground associates. Arriving around seven in the morning, transfer by deluxe coach to tour Jaffa, Caesarea and Mt. Carmel. Drive along the Mediterranean coast to view the stately, ancient ruins of Caesarea. Visit the Roman amphitheater where Paul stood trial. Cornelius, the first Gentile of the Church-age was saved as he met Peter here. Continue to Haifa to see Elijah's Cave and enjoy the view from Mt. Carmel. Drive to Beit Shean to visit one of the best preserved Roman Amphitheatres in Israel. Extensive excavations have uncovered eighteen layers of civilization. Ancient Beit Shan is where King Saul's body was nailed to the wall. Continue south toward Jericho, observing the city from the coach. Continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight on the shores of the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias.

DAY 3

After a sumptuous Israeli breakfast buffet on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, drive to the Valley of Jezreel, the prophetic future site of Armageddon. The archaeological site of Megiddo is one of Solomon's chariot cities where twenty civilizations can be observed stacked up in the ruins. Continue to Nazareth, Mary's Well and Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle. A breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee returns us to the land where Jesus walked. Dinner and overnight on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

DAY 4

(Optional Mountain Bike Tour.) After another great Israeli breakfast buffet, step aboard the boat for a calm cruise on the sea and an incredible worship service. Disembark at Ginosar for a trip to Korazin, an authentic site where our Lord preached as recorded in Matthew 11:21-24. In Capernaum, we visit the home of the Apostle Peter where Jesus healed his mother-in-law. A few footsteps away, we visit the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught. Continue to Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves. Lunch time provides an opportunity to enjoy St. Peter's fish. A short bus ride takes us to the Mount of Beatitudes where we hear the words of Jesus on the mount where he first spoke them. Complete the day at the Jordan River Baptismal site where many will choose to be baptized. ***(Optional robe and towel rental: \$15.00.)*** Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5

Travel along the site of Qumran and view the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy. Continue south toward Masada through the wilderness of Judea where you will ascend by cable car to the fortress built by King Herod the Great. See the remains of Herod's Palace, the Apartments, Baths, Storehouses and cisterns. It was here the Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Roman Legions from 70-73 AD. Descend from Masada with a stunning view of the Dead Sea. Continue north toward Ein Gedi where David hid from King Saul. After leaving the lowest point on earth (1360 feet below sea level), again passing Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Leaving the lowest spot on planet earth, continue toward Jericho, and then, ascend to Jerusalem, the City of God. Relax at the hotel with a spectacular Israeli buffet dinner and try to absorb your first night in Jerusalem.

DAY 6

The first day in Jerusalem begins with a drive to the Mount of Olives where the New Testament comes alive. A breathtaking view of Jerusalem from the Garden of Gethsemane places the Biblical events in perspective. Visit the Church of All Nations and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane with a grand view of the Eastern Gate and the Kidron Valley. After lunch, arrive at Mount Zion. Visit the room of the Last Supper, the site of the Upper Room, the Tomb of King David and the House of Caiaphas. If time permits, proceed to the Knesset (the Israeli House

of Parliament) and to the Shrine of the Book to view the Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit the Holy Land Model to view Jerusalem as it was in the time of Christ. Return to the hotel for dinner.

DAY 7

Today, visit to the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary where Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected. A Communion service is available for our group as we overlook the Tomb. Proceed to the Holy City. The walls enclose many of the Holy sites. Walking through the Dung Gate, we approach the Temple area on Mount Moriah. Visit the Western Wall, and then up to the Dome of the Rock enclosing the Rock of Sacrifice. Exit the Temple Mount at the Eastern Gate and walk through the colorful bazaars in Old Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Saint Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Lithostrotos and Pilate's Judgment Hall. Continue through the old city to meet the coach for a drive to Bethlehem, visit the Shepherd's Fields, the Church of the Nativity, and fields of Boaz and Ruth. After shopping in Bethlehem, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8

After breakfast, begin the tour of old Jerusalem with a visit to the Temple Institute where preparations are being made for the Third Temple. Garments and instruments can be seen and the lecture is informative. Continue through the Jewish Quarter of the city to see Nehemiah's Wall that was fortified by the Jews during the First Temple period (586 B.C). Return to the coach and drive to Ben Yehouda Street for lunch and shopping. On your own for lunch and/or dinner. Evening return to the coach for transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport. The airport at Tel Aviv has an array of restaurants and shops while you wait for departure shortly after midnight.

DAY 9

After clearing security, at Ben Gurion International Airport, we will board the flight to USA.

**Itinerary sites are subject to change dependent on religious holidays, weather and unforeseen circumstances. All open and available sites will be visited but touring days may change accordingly.*

PLEASE READ ALL TOUR CONDITIONS

YOUR DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTES ALL TOUR CONDITIONS IN FULL

TOUR INCLUDES:

1. Roundtrip economy airfare departing from Newark, NJ (EWR) or New York, NY (JFK) or Philadelphia, PA (PHL): airfare subject to change without prior notice.
2. Baggage limited to one normal size suitcase which does not exceed forty-four (44) pounds in weight. Personal bags not included.
3. Arrival and departure group transfer escorted by guides and hosts. Superior First Class hotel accommodations – Two persons sharing a twin bedroom with private bath; touring Biblical sites via deluxe motor coach; English speaking guide; Israeli buffet breakfast and dinners daily on tour days; Entrance Fees per itinerary; Lunches not included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. Taxes, fuel surcharge, airport taxes, and international border taxes.
2. PASSPORTS, VISAS, LAUNDRY, WINES, LIQUORS, MINERAL WATER, *LUNCHEAS AND DINNER COFFEE OR TEA, OR ITEMS THAT DO NOT APPEAR ON THE MENU, PERSONAL ITEMS, AND/OR EXCESSIVE BAGGAGE EXPENSES. (*Lunches: average daily \$15/\$20 if desired.)

3. TIPS associated with portage at the airport, hotels and gratuities for meals, front desk service, guide and driver. Tips are currently estimated and will be billed prior to departure.

These are current and approximate estimates and subject to change with the market:

U.S. and International Taxes and Fees, PFC Taxes, Fuel Surcharge:\$425.00 (As known today)

Gratuities/Tips for driver, guide, hotel and restaurants:.....\$150.00 (As known today)

Visa and Border Taxes, miscellaneous fees:\$55.00 (As known today)

RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS. A non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 paid immediately upon reservation. Final payment of balance due no later than 90 days from tour departure.

CANCELLATIONS. Cancellation must be submitted in writing. Cancellations received 60 days or less prior to departure will have to pay 80% of the tour cost from Newark, NJ, New York, NY, or Philadelphia, PA. Cancellations received 30 days or less prior to departure will have to pay 100% of the tour cost from Newark, NJ, New York, NY, or Philadelphia, PA.

ACCOMMODATIONS. Price is based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available on a limited basis for an additional fee. Roommates will be assigned if not personally chosen by the passenger. EpicTOURS LLC will give our best effort to match roommates but we cannot guarantee that one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior from departure, and if one is not available the single charge will apply.

NO SHOW. If medical reasons require cancellation, certification must be presented by a hospital and accepted by the airlines and suppliers. Refunds will only be made as available from suppliers less a \$400.00 administrative fee. Cancellation Insurance is *highly* recommended. There will be no refund for services or sightseeing rendered and not used by a tour member. In the event a required number is not reached prior to departure, EpicTOURS LLC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, withdraw or change the tour in part or in whole at any time, should EpicTOURS LLC and its Associates deem it to be necessary. Epic Tours declares that its sole obligation is to refund payments made and received in connection to this tour, should the tour not be acceptable to the tour members.

RESPONSIBILITY. The passenger has the responsibility to obtain a valid passport from their country of origin and/or citizenship. A copy of the photo/dates pages shall be sent to the EpicTOURS office immediately upon registration or as soon as it is acquired. In any case, the copy must be in the EpicTOURS office no later than 90 days prior to departure.

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