DAY 1 JERUSALEM

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

We highly recommend booking a pre-night in Jerusalem to recover from jetlag and relax as this is a fast paced trip with little free time.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting
1h18:00

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore before your welcome meeting, but make sure you’re back in time to meet the group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour. Please note that normal check-in times apply at our start hotels, but you can usually store your luggage for the day if you arrive early.

Private Vehicle
Ben Gurion Airport – Jerusalem

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Accommodation
Legacy Hotel (or similar)
Hotel

DAY 2 JERUSALEM

Take a specially designed walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem with both Israeli and Palestinian guides trained by National Geographic Emerging Explorer Aziz Abu Sarah. This unique dual-narrative tour allows travellers a deeper understanding of the diverse cultural, religious, and political aspects of Israel. Visit key sites including the Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock, and the Al Aqsa Mosque. Continue to the Western Wall, then walk through the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This afternoon, visit the Mount of Olives for stunning views of Jerusalem, then enjoy free time to wander on your own or opt to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. Later, enjoy a discussion with a local scholar on conflict resolution and local interfaith issues.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Old Jerusalem Walking Tour

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Mount of Olives Viewpoint
Jerusalem

Named for the olive groves that once covered its slopes, the Mount of Olives is a mountain ridge just east of Jerusalem's Old City, separating it from the Judean Desert. Enjoy sweeping views of Jerusalem and enjoy this prominent site which is referenced in Holy Scriptures.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Discussion with Israeli Scholar

Discuss present-day Israel with a local who specializes in conflict resolution. Sit down with this leading scholar to talk about the current state of affairs here, local interfaith issues and gain insight into both Israel and the Middle East.

Private Vehicle

Jerusalem

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Accommodation

Legacy Hotel (or similar)

Meals included:

Breakfast

DAY 3 JERUSALEM

Take a sobering visit to Yad Vashem Memorial to learn about the Holocaust and its ramifications today. In the afternoon, visit the famed Israel Museum. View the Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in the Shrine of the Book, and walk through the museum’s state of the art archeological exhibition.

Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum) Visit

Jerusalem

The Holocaust History Museum is home to state-of-the-art exhibits on this horrific tragedy. It also showcases original artifacts and survivor testimonies.

Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls

Jerusalem

Visit the famed Israel Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in the Shrine of the Book. Considered one of the greatest archaeological finds of the past century, these ancient manuscripts (dated at over 2000 years old) were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves near Khirbet Qumran, on the shores of the Dead Sea. After, walk through the museum’s state of the art archeological exhibition which showcases some of the most significant finds in the region.

Private Vehicle
Jerusalem

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time
BethlehemAfternoon

Enjoy some time on your own.

Accommodation
Legacy Hotel (or similar)
Hotel

Meals included:
Breakfast

DAY 4 JERUSALEM

Enjoy a second exclusively designed dual-narrative tour of Bethlehem with Israeli and Palestinian guides. Visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Walk through a nearby Palestinian refugee camp and then head to a local Palestinian family’s home for a cooking class and lunch.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Bethlehem Walking Tour

Enjoy a dual-narrative tour of Bethlehem with two guides: one Israeli and one Palestinian. This experience was exclusively designed by National Geographic Emerging Explorer Aziz Abu Sarah. Hearing personal stories and cross-cultural learning, visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, known as the birthplace of Jesus, and learn about the city’s shrinking Christian population. Also walk through a nearby Palestinian refugee camp, and learn how murals and graffiti have been used to depict the refugees’ struggles.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Palestinian Family Meal

Enjoy a midday break with a visit to a local Palestinian family’s home. Experience a cultural immersion, learning about daily life in Bethlehem during a cooking class that focuses on traditional favourites. After, enjoy the results for lunch.

Private Vehicle
Jerusalem

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Accommodation
Legacy Hotel (or similar)
Hotel

Meals included:
Breakfast | Lunch
DAY 5 JERUSALEM/TIBERIAS

Start the day with a guided visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Masada with stops at Herod’s Palace, the Bathhouse, and the Synagogue. After that, it’s off for a visit to the Dead Sea, continuing along the Jordan Valley north to the Sea of Galilee, where we’ll stay in a kibbutz hotel for the next two nights.

Private Vehicle
Jerusalem – Tiberias 4h-5h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Masada Guided Tour
Masada

Take a tour of Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage site and stunning rock fortress that was the last stronghold of the Jewish in their war against the Romans. The story of the site reveals the courage of the defenders of Masada and their battle against the conquering Romans. Visit Herod’s palace, the mikveh, storerooms, watchtowers, and the synagogue.

Dead Sea Visit (Israel)
Dead Sea

The Dead Sea is actually a lake, without any from of life whatsoever in its waters, hence its name. The water is so dense that it is practically impossible to sink and its five to ten times as salty as regular sea water. While swimming, cover yourself with the sea's mud, which is reputed to have special healing powers, and don't forget to take a photo of yourself reading a book while floating! You will notice that the salt penetrates any cuts on your body and has an unusual smell, but there are showers to wash off under after swimming.

Accommodation
Ma’agan Kibbutz (or similar)
Hotel

Meals included:
Breakfast | Dinner

DAY 6 TIBERIAS

Visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, for gorgeous views of the Sea of Galilee and visit the church that was built atop this hill, where Jesus is believed to have delivered his “Sermon on the Mount” speech. Continue to the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and preached, and where many apostles, including Peter, made their home. Learn about the lives of Israeli Arabs on the way to Nazareth, where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, one of the largest churches in the Middle East.
Private Vehicle
Tiberias

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Nazareth Guided Tour
Nazareth

Visit some of the highlights of Nazareth, a city of religious importance and spirituality. Delve into its rich historic and biblical significance, but also admire its modern culture and Middle Eastern charm.

Sea of Galilee area tour
Tiberias

Enjoy stunning sights this morning with a drive to the Mt. of Beatitudes with sweeping views of the Sea of Galilee. Visit the church that was built atop this hill, where Jesus is believed to have delivered his “Sermon on the Mount” speech. Next, tour the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and preached, and where many apostles, including Peter, made their home.

Accommodation
Ma'agan Kibbutz (or similar)
Hotel

Meals included:
Breakfast | Dinner

DAY 7 TIBERIAS/TEL AVIV

Continue to the Mediterranean, visiting the coastal city of Haifa and then south to Caesarea Maritima to see the ruins of Herod’s harbour city. After, continue toward Jaffa, an ancient port city dating back to the Bronze Age. Continue on to the bustling city of Tel Aviv for our last evening.

Please Note: After a very busy trip, should you wish to enjoy some relaxation and leisure time, we do recommend booking post nights in Tel Aviv.

Caesarea Guided Tour
Qesarya

Visit the majestic Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was built as part of Herod the Great's ambitious plan to "Hellenise" the Holy Land in the 1st century BC. He chose the site of a small Phoenician port and built a classical Greek city. Herod also constructed an artificial harbour by making use of concrete piling underwater - the first ever such use of concrete.

Private Vehicle
Tiberias – Tel Aviv7h-8h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.
Accommodation
Cinema Hotel (or similar)
Hotel

Meals included:
Breakfast

DAY 8 TEL AVIV

Depart at any time.

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

Meals included:
Breakfast