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Discover some of the highlights of Israel, including the Western Wall, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Masada and Bethlehem.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

North Africa & Middle East, Israel

5 days from AU$7,515 pp

Private

Journey Overview

Experience the highlights of Israel, including the Western Wall, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Masada and Bethlehem. Discover a land held sacred by three faiths, visiting places where events recorded in the Bible unfolded on a journey that reveals the complex history of the land, its people and sacred sites.

Journey Highlights

- Discover Renowned historic & Biblical sites
- Admire the Western Wall & the Old City of Jerusalem
- Soak in the healing waters of the Dead Sea
- Explore Masada, the last stronghold of the Zealots
- Uncover Bethlehem & the Church of the Nativity



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Tel Aviv – Jerusalem, Israel

Shalom and welcome to the Holy Land where a private transfer to your luxury accommodation in the heart of the Old City. Jerusalem is an incredibly historic city with a fascinating mix of cultures and flavours. Overflowing with history, it's a city of the ages, but it is also a living city, a microcosm of the region's diversity and is home to Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians. Spend time soaking in the incredible views of Jerusalem's Old City Walls, relax by the hotel's pool or step out and take a leisurely stroll in the exclusive Yemin Moshe neighbourhood.

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Day 2: Jerusalem

A day in the remarkable Old City begins with a dramatic view of this city sacred to so many, before entering the walled section to experience the Four Quarters, Christian, Moslem, Armenian and Jewish. Start at the Cardo located in the centre of the Jewish Quarter where you see the ancient Roman road and view the unearthed main thoroughfare and ancient marketplace lined with columns. Proceed to the Western Wall – the Kotel – with the Dome of the Rock in the background. There is also the option to take the fascinating underground Western Wall Tunnels tour, which traverses 4000 years of Jerusalem's history.

In the afternoon visit the beautifully simple St Anne's Church with the Pool of Bethesda where the water for the Temple rituals was stored. Walk along the Stations of the Way of the Cross, a route walked by Pilgrims for hundreds of years, to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Here you can see the devotion and prayer, by many different denominations, at the site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb of Christ.

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Day 3: Jerusalem – Bethlehem – Jerusalem

Start the day with a visit to Yad Vashem – the Jewish people's memorial to the six million lives lost in the Holocaust. Spend time in the museum and walk along the Avenue of the Righteous, dedicated to the people who risked their lives rescuing the Jews during the Holocaust. There is also time to explore the Israel Museum featuring a collection of nearly 500,000 objects includes art, Judaica and ancient artifacts from Israel and beyond.

From here, it's on to Bethlehem, located in the Palestinian territory. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Church of the Nativity, which sits over the cave where Jesus was born, and is one of the holiest sites in Christianity. It was originally built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century and spared destruction by the Persians out of respect for a mosaic of the Magi shown wearing Persian attire.

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Day 4: Jerusalem – Masada – Dead Sea – Jerusalem

Travel through the desert to Qumran on the north-western shore of the Dead Sea in the Judaean Desert where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered in 1947. Continue on to Masada and you'll marvel at the ancient fortress built by King Herod. Spend time at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth, and take a dip in the salty waters to experience what visitors around the Mediterranean basin have been doing for thousands of years.

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Day 5: Depart Jerusalem

This morning you are transferred to the Airport for your departure flight.

Map


MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Tel Aviv
Jerusalem
Bethlehem
DEAD SEA
Masada
JORDAN
ISRAEL
ARRIVE/DEPART
ROAD

Accommodation

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The King David hotel Jerusalem, a six-storey landmark opened in 1931, offers 283 guest rooms and suites. All uniquely designed to fit the special architectural design details of the building, many of the rooms are overlooking the unique old city walls of Jerusalem. Stately pink quartz exteriors and exotic public rooms are decorated with motifs that recreate a bygone romantic era. Superbly located on an elevated site, the King David Hotel Jerusalem offers incomparable views of the walls, minarets and domes of the Old City.

Spacious private gardens that enclose green lawns, a tennis court, adults' and children's swimming pools (heated during the season), as well as a children's playground and quiet corners for relaxing. After an invigorating swim, the ideal way to savour the beautiful garden setting is at the pool bar over a refreshing drink or a light meal. Exercise options include a sleek and contemporary new Fitness Centre offering state-of-the-art training equipment by TechnoGym coupled with a Spa with a wide range of skin and body treatments. Play a game of tennis or relax in the Finnish sauna after wandering in the Old Town.

Why we like it

- The King David Hotel is a unique landmark in the heart of Jerusalem

- Within walking distance to the Old Town
- Rooms have views of the New City or Old City
- Extensive lawns, gardens and pool area - one of the best in Jerusalem
- La Regence is one of the finest dining experiences in Jerusalem

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