An aerial photograph of the ancient ruins of Caesarea Maritima in Israel. The image shows a large, semi-circular amphitheater in the foreground, surrounded by various stone structures, walls, and a harbor area. The Mediterranean Sea is visible in the upper left, with waves crashing against the shore. The sky is clear and blue.

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Tour Itinerary:



Jun 10 Mon Depart San Antonio at 16:20 by UA 1930

Fly Tel Aviv via Houston & Istanbul

Jun 11 Tue Arrive Tel Aviv

Arrive Tel Aviv at 22:30. Our representative will meet you after the customs with a "DAVID MALTSBERGER-TUTKU" sign. Our bus will transfer us to our hotel. Overnight: Tel Aviv. (meals in flight)

Jun 12 Wed The Coastal Plain and Galilee

Visit Herod's palace and city by the sea, Caesarea Maritima. We will drive along the coast to Mt. Carmel, moving into the Jezreel Valley and a stop at ancient Megiddo. Moving into the Upper Galilee we visit the boyhood town of Jesus, Nazareth, and her lovely churches. We will look for the beautiful ancient mosaics of ancient Sepphoris, passing through the city of Jesus' first miracle, Cana. For the next several nights we stay in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where you'll enjoy gorgeous sunsets and walks along the seashore promenade. Overnight Tiberias (B, D)

Jun 13 Thu Galilee and the Golan Heights

Today we see biblical Hazor and Tel Dan, site of the Israelite temple of the Northern Kingdom. We also visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter proclaimed Jesus the Christ and look out from Har Bental into Syria. The reconstructed Qatzrin Synagogue & Village will help us envision life in the first-century before returning to our hotel. Overnight Tiberias (B, D)



Jun 14 Fri Galilee & Jesus' Ministry

We'll enjoy an amazing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee as we focus today on Jesus' life and works. Visit Nof Ginosar where a 1st-century fishing boat has been preserved. The excavated ruins of Capernaum will include the ancient synagogue and likely home of Apostle Peter, the center of Jesus' ministry by the Sea. Then to Tabgah where the Byzantine church commemorates the Miracle of the Loaves & Fishes, while the close-by church at Kursi will take us to the traditional site of the healing of the Gadarene Demoniac. You will enjoy the newly excavated Magdala synagogue, a likely site of Jesus' preaching. Overnight Tiberias (B, L, D)

Jun 15 Sat Tiberias & the Jordan Valley

Today we leave the Galilee and move south, stopping to see the beautiful mosaics of Hammat Tiberias. We will stop at the baptismal site of Yardenit for those who wish to renew their baptism in the Jordan River. At Beth Shean you will marvel at the excavated Roman city spread out below the mound of the biblical site where Philistines hung the bodies of King Saul and his son Jonathan. Continue to Qumran, the site of the discovery of many of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest copies of the biblical texts ever found. We will overnight at the desert oasis of Ein Gedi Hotel (B, D)

Jun 16 Sun The Wilderness & Negev

After breakfast we take a morning walk through Ein Gedi Nature Preserve with its wild ibex and other creatures. Those who wish may go a little farther to the Shulemit Springs, a possible hideout of King David and his mighty men. Visit the Herodian fortress of Masada, the last stronghold of the Zealots and their families after the First Jewish Revolt. Moving inland, we stop at the ancient Judahite fortress of Arad, site of an ancient Temple to God similar to the larger one in Jerusalem. We return for another lovely desert overnight at Ein Gedi. (B, D)





June 17 Mon The Hill Country

Today we leave the Negev and move into the Judean Hills, with stops at Herod's palace and tomb at Herodian and its early synagogue. Nearby we visit Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus, and Shepherds' Field and Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest churches still in use today. If accessible, we will visit Jericho, the oldest city on earth and the first site captured by Joshua's army. Overnight: Jerusalem (B, D)

June 18 Tue Jerusalem & Jesus' Ministry

We begin on the Mount of Olives with a view of the Old City, including the Temple Mount, now the site of Islam's Golden Dome and al-Aksa Mosque. We will walk down the hill, following the footsteps of Jesus' Triumphal Entry to the Church of Dominus Fleuit where he wept over the city. Nearby, the Church of All Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane will recall Jesus' passion before his betrayal. We move across the Kidron Valley and see the remains of the Pool of Bethesda and the Crusader Church of St. Anne, and the famed Via Dolorosa, ending with the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Overnight in Jerusalem (B, D)

Jun 19 Wed Jerusalem, City of David

We continue our walking tour of Jerusalem experience with a visit to the traditional site of the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper. We'll see the excavated remains of the High Priest Caiaphas' House where Jesus was held after his arrest and where Peter denied him. We will pass through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, rebuilt after the 1967 War, and continue to the excavated remains of the ancient City of David and the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus sent the man born blind to wash (John 9). At the famed Western Wall you may leave your written prayers in the stones of the Herodian Temple platform as the faithful have done for centuries. If accessible, we will visit the Dome of Rock. Overnight in Jerusalem (B, D)

Jun 20 Thu Jerusalem, Ancient Remains & Modern Hope Today we pass by the Israeli Knesset (parliament) and arrive at the world-famous Israel Museum, highlighting the archaeological discoveries of the biblical period, the Shrine of the Book holding the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the fantastic 22,000 sq. ft. model of Second Temple Jerusalem in Jesus' days. We will visit the Yad Vashem memorial to the victims of the Holocaust to learn more of the history of modern Judaism. As time permits, a visit to the outdoor market of Mahane Yehuda. Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)

Jun 21 Fri Jerusalem On Your Own

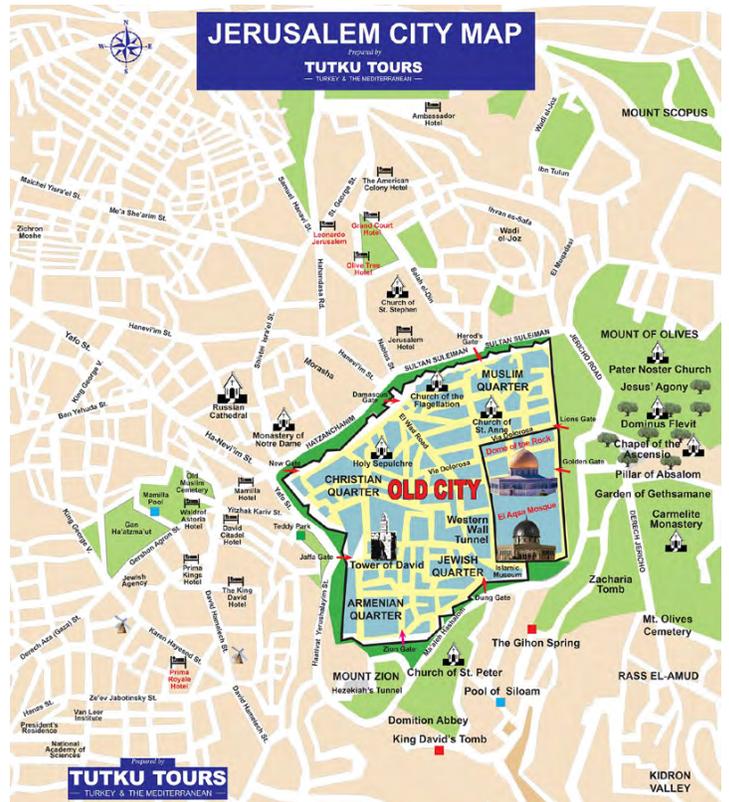
Take time today to re-visit any site in the Old City you would love to spend a little more time seeing. Prowl the narrow streets of the Old City for shopping or join with the intrepid few who may brave the dark chilly waters of Hezekiah's Tunnel and walk through the Kidron Valley tombs. Tonight, a special treat as a group we share a sabbath meal in the home of a Jerusalem host family for Shabbat of a Lifetime and an unforgettable end to our journey. Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)

Jun 22 Sat Fly back to San Antonio

Early morning transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for flight back home. End of TUTKU services. (Meals in flight)



| LAND & AIR RATES | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| \$4,490 | Per Person in Double Occupancy |
| \$5,390 | Single Room |
| TOUR INCLUDES | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 night at Metropolitan Hotel in Tel Aviv • 3 nights at Leonardo Hotel in Tiberias • 2 nights at Ein Gedi Hotel • 5 nights at Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel • Daily open buffet breakfasts • 11 Dinners at the hotels • Airport assistance upon arrival and departure • Porter services at airports and hotels • Touring as per itinerary in deluxe motor coach vehicle • Certified guide on touring days and transfers • Entrance fees to all sites along the itinerary • St Peters Fish Lunch in the Sea of Galilee • Shabbat of a Lifetime dinner | |
| TOUR EXCLUDES | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips to tour guide, driver, hotel staff • Lunches, drinks, and expenses of personal nature • Insurances of any kind | |
| PAYMENT PROCEDURE | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 per person DEPOSIT : November 7, 2018 <i>(Refundable until February 14, 2019)</i> • FULL PAYMENT DATE : February 15, 2019 | |



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