

# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## THE WONDERS OF ANCIENT ISRAEL

9 DAYS: Saturday, January 12-Sunday, January 20, 2019

\$3,299 per person double occupancy; \$3,999 for single reservations

“Israel never fails to challenge and confound, excite and surprise, leaving an imprint that lingers long after the return flight home.”— *Lonely Planet* WE’LL BEGIN OUR WEEK IN TEL AVIV—called the “Mediterranean Capital of Cool” by the *New York Times*. Heading toward Nazareth, we visit historic Mount Carmel, see the exquisite Hanging Bahá’í Gardens in Haifa and the Crusader fortress in ancient Acre. From Jerusalem we’ll visit Capernaum to see the excavations on the Sea of Galilee. View Jerusalem’s Old City from the Mount of Olives and visit the Garden of Gethsemane. Stop at the Holocaust History Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum. At Mount Zion we’ll view King David’s Tomb and the room of the Last Supper and later, follow the Via Dolorosa and visit the Western Wall. Israel’s sights, ranging from Biblical ruins to Crusader fortresses to WWII memorials to cosmopolitan cities, are breathtaking.

### Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts, 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 11 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

### Included highlights

- Old Town Jaffa, Bahá’í Gardens, Acre Crusaders fortress, Jerusalem’s Old City, Capernaum,
- Beit She’an National Park, Yad Vashem, Mount Zion,

### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you’ll walk for about 4 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads, cobblestone streets, and dirt paths, with some steep hills.

### FEATURES

Tel Aviv: guided tour including Old Town of Jaffa, Rabin Square, White City. Visit Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Hanging Bahá’í Gardens in Haifa, Acre and Crusaders fortress, El-Jazzar Mosque, Nazareth. Sea of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Holocaust History Museum, Israel Museum & the Dead Sea Scrolls. Mount Zion, King David’s Tomb, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the “Wailing Wall.”

**OPTIONALS:** Tel Aviv—Peace Project Community Visit & wine tasting. Jerusalem—Jerusalem by night; Bethlehem & Church of the Nativity; Masada, the Dead Sea & Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Camp. **JORDAN 3n post-tour extension \$999 pp/do land.**

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**DAY 1** Overnight flight from Boston

**DAYS 2–3** Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

**DAY 4** Legacy Hotel, Nazareth

**DAYS 5–8** Dan Jerusalem, Jerusalem

**DAY 9** Return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



## Overnight Flight

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### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Israel today.

### Tel Aviv

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### Day 2: Arrival in Tel Aviv

#### Included meals: Dinner

Get to know Tel Aviv on your own before meeting your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Tel Aviv

#### Included meals: Breakfast

While in Tel Aviv, get to know the city on a guided tour. • Walk through the Old Town of Jaffa • Take in Bauhaus architecture at Tel Aviv's Rabin Square, Independence Hall and Rothschild Boulevard • Discover UNESCO-listed White City, named for its 4,000 buildings built in the Bauhaus and International styles  
Enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.

### Optional Excursion

#### Peace Project Community Visit & Wine Tasting

**\$115/pp**

On today's excursion, you'll transfer outside of Tel Aviv and sit down for a wine tasting at an Israeli wine estate. Then, join a local guide in the cooperative village known as Wahat al-Salam–Neve Shalom, which means "Oasis of Peace." The village was founded as an intentional community that seeks to establish peace between Jews and Palestinians in the face of the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Learn more about the ways the community drives its mission through education while meeting with some of its Jewish and Palestinian members. Then, enjoy an included dinner of regional specialties in the village before making your way back to Tel Aviv. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$125)

## Nazareth

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### Day 4: Nazareth via Caesarea, Haifa & Acre

**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Discover some of the region's legendary sites and living traditions. • Uncover Caesarea on a tour of the ancient theater, aqueduct, and hippodrome • Marvel at Mount Carmel and the Hanging Bahá'í Gardens in Haifa • Get to know the ancient city of Acre, stopping at the local market, stepping inside the Knights Halls in the Crusaders fortress, and visiting the ornate El-Jazzar Mosque • See the sights of Nazareth, including the Church of the Annunciation, where the Archangel Gabriel visited Mary

## Jerusalem

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### Day 5: Jerusalem via Capernaum & Jericho

**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Soak in the history that pulses through the region as you travel to Jerusalem. • Visit Capernaum to see archaeological excavations on the Sea of Galilee, including an ancient synagogue and the home of St. Peter • Ride a cable car to the Quarantal Monastery and snap a photo of the Old Sycamore Tree in Jericho • Look over Jerusalem's Old City from the Mount of Olives • Pay visits to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Agony After an included dinner, enjoy a free evening in Jerusalem or add an excursion.

#### Optional Excursion

#### Jerusalem by Night

**\$79/pp**

Witness Jerusalem lit up at night and gain a unique view of this historic city. Your tour departs after dinner, making its first stop in Mea Shearim, one of Jerusalem's oldest neighborhoods. Your motor coach will bring you past illuminated walls and churches before arriving at the ruins of the Tower of David, where you'll enjoy a spectacular sound-and-light show. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$89)

### Day 6: Holocaust History Museum & the Israel Museum

**Included meals: Breakfast**

Spend time at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust History Museum, a world leader in Holocaust education, commemoration and research. Then, visit the Israel Museum, where you will get a chance to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Later, enjoy a free afternoon in Jerusalem or add an excursion.

#### Optional Excursion

#### Bethlehem & the Church of the Nativity

**\$65/pp**

Travel to Bethlehem, a Palestinian city known as the birthplace of Jesus. Inhabited by one of the world's oldest Christian communities, the town is also believed to be the birthplace of King David and the final resting place of Abrahamic matriarch Rachel. Upon arrival, use your free time to grab something to eat. On your tour through the city, you'll stop at the Church of the Nativity, where Christians believe Mary gave birth to Jesus. You'll also explore the Old City and Manger Square. The remainder of your time in Bethlehem is free time for souvenir shopping. Please note: Travelers on this excursion must carry their passport in order to clear the security checkpoint at the Israeli-Palestinian border crossing. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$75)

### Day 7: Free day in Jerusalem

**Included meals: Breakfast**

Spend the day exploring Jerusalem on your own or add an excursion.

## Optional Excursion

## Masada, the Dead Sea & Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Camp

\$169/pp

Journey by cable car up to the desert Fortress of Masada, a plateau-top fortification. It served as the last stronghold of the First Jewish-Roman War and remains a controversial part of Jewish history. You'll then venture to the Dead Sea, where you might have time to float in the famously salty waters before enjoying lunch. Later, you'll visit the village of Kfar Hanokdim for a traditional Bedouin dinner. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$179)

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### Day 8: Mount Zion

#### Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Delve deeper into Jerusalem's holy sites and cultural quarters. • Head to Mount Zion to view King David's Tomb and the Upper Room, where Jesus held the Last Supper • Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of Holy Sepulcher • Venture into the Muslim, Christian, Armenian and Jewish quarters of Jerusalem • Pay a visit to the Western Wall, also known as the "Wailing Wall" Tonight, say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner.

### Day 9: Departure **Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue your tour in Jordan.

**Add an extension to Jordan**     *from \$999*     **3 nights**

## Petra

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### Day 9: Petra via Jerash

#### Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Continue along the Jordan Valley, crossing into the Kingdom of Jordan. Stop to visit Jerash, one of the world's largest and best-preserved Roman ruins before continuing on to Petra.

### Day 10: Petra

#### Included meals: Breakfast

Discover Petra, a city lost to the outside world for centuries. Carved into the red rocks of Mount Hor, Petra has fascinated visitors since its rediscovery in 1812. *Please note: In order to enter Petra, customers should be able to walk two miles round-trip in hot weather. Other modes of transportation may be available for you to book upon your arrival*

## Amman

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### Day 11: Amman via Wadi Rum

#### Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Drive to Wadi Rum, also known as the Valley of the Moon, and marvel at the region's landscapes and petroglyphs on a desert safari. Later, arrive in Amman.

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### Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Amman & late-night departure

#### Included meals: Breakfast

Explore Madaba, the city of mosaics, and St. George's Church. Next, head to Mount Nebo, Moses' burial place. Return to Amman in the afternoon for a guided tour of the old city featuring the citadel and Roman theater. Later tonight, board your flight home.

## Overnight Flight

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### Day 13: Travel day

Arrive home after your overnight flight.