

ISRAEL: THE LIVING LAND

Discovering the story that never stopped being written.

October 4–14, 2026

Join us for an extraordinary journey carefully designed to provide an experience far beyond a standard “tourist trip”. The rare combination of biblical roots, New Testament events, and the complex modern Israeli reality creates an unforgettable spiritual, historical, and emotional journey.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday, Oct 4, 2026

Arrival – Tel Aviv

Arrival at **Ben Gurion Airport** (Tel Aviv). Meet your guide and transfer to the hotel in Tel Aviv. Time to rest and recover from the flight.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 2 – Monday, Oct 5, 2026

Jaffa – Caesarea – Mount Carmel – Megiddo – Sea of Galilee

Begin the day in **Jaffa**, one of the oldest port cities in the world and the historic gateway to the Land of Israel. Walk through the ancient harbor, from where Jonah set sail (Jonah 1) and materials for the Temple in Jerusalem arrived (2 Chronicles 2). Visit the traditional site of the **House of Simon the Tanner**, where Peter received his vision, opening the way for the message to reach the nations (Acts 10).

Continue north to **Caesarea**, the great harbor city built by Herod the Great. Explore the remains of the Roman harbor, theater, and administrative center, and reflect on Caesarea as a center of Roman rule in Judea, including the seat of Pontius Pilate. It was here that Peter met Cornelius, the first Gentile to join the early Jesus movement (Acts 10), and where Paul was later imprisoned before being sent to Rome (Acts 23–26). The city also reflects the tensions between Jews and the surrounding Greco-Roman world.

Continue to **Tel Megiddo**, a key biblical and strategic site along ancient trade routes. Fortified by King Solomon (1 Kings 9:15), it later became the place where King Josiah was killed (2 Kings 23:29), a tragedy remembered in biblical tradition (Zechariah 12:11). In the New Testament, Megiddo is associated with Armageddon, the final battle (Revelation 16:16).

Drive east toward the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 3 – Tuesday, Oct 6, 2026

Tel Dan – Caesarea Philippi – Sea of Galilee – Mount of Beatitudes – Tabgha

Begin the day by driving north through the Hula Valley to **Tel Dan**, one of the northernmost biblical sites in Israel. From here, consider the expression “from Dan to Beersheba”, marking the extent of the land, alongside the remains of the cult center established by Jeroboam (1 Kings 12), and the Tel Dan inscription, which preserves an early reference to the House of David.

Continue to **Caesarea Philippi (Banias)**, a site associated in antiquity with the worship of the god Pan. In this setting of competing beliefs, reflect on the moment Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:13–23), where Peter (Kepha) declared his faith and was told: “On this rock I will build my community”.

Return south to enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**, followed by a traditional St. Peter’s fish lunch.

Travel to the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee to visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditionally associated with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7). From this vantage point, reflect on the connection to Mount Sinai and the image of a “city set on a hill” (Matthew 5:14), symbolizing a calling to be a light to the world. Continue to **Tabgha**, the traditional site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Matthew 14:16–20).

Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 4 – Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026

Nazareth – Mount Precipice – Chorazin – Capernaum – Magdala

After breakfast, drive to **Nazareth**, where the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus (Luke 1:26). Visit the city and continue to **Mount Precipice** for a breathtaking panoramic view overlooking the Jezreel Valley. At this significant location, on the anniversary of the October 7 events, we will hold a memorial ceremony in remembrance of the victims, reflecting on the ongoing reality of life in Israel today.

In the afternoon, continue toward the northern shores of the Sea of Galilee to visit **Chorazin**, where the remains of a 3rd–4th century synagogue can still be seen. Together with Capernaum, Chorazin was rebuked by Jesus for rejecting his teachings (Matthew 11:20–24).

Proceed to **Capernaum**, where Jesus made his home and established the center of his ministry (Matthew 4:13). Explore the remains of the synagogue and the traditional site of Peter's house, reflecting the emergence of a community around his teaching.

Before returning to Tiberias, visit **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene. Explore the stunning 1st-century synagogue discovered there, which offers a direct archaeological link to the Jewish world during the time of Jesus and perfectly reflects the "Hebrew Truth" of the region.

Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 5 – Thursday, Oct 8, 2026

Jordan Valley – Beit She'an – Shiloh – Esh Kodesh – Jerusalem

After breakfast, depart from Tiberias and drive south along the Jordan Valley.

Begin the day at **Yardenit**, the Baptismal site on the Jordan River, where pilgrims traditionally commemorate the baptism of Jesus.

Continue to **Beit She'an**, one of the most impressive Roman cities in the Land of Israel, known in antiquity as Scythopolis, part of the Decapolis. Explore the remains of its colonnaded streets, theater, and public buildings, while reflecting on its long history. In biblical times, this was the place where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were displayed after their defeat (1 Samuel 31), marking a tragic moment in Israel's early monarchy.

Continue to the hills of Samaria and stop at **Mitzpeh Kida**, offering a panoramic view over the Jordan Valley, nearby villages, and the surrounding landscape. From this vantage point, reflect on the deep historical and biblical connection to the land. For many Israelis, this region represents not only a modern reality, but a continuation of an ancient presence rooted in the Bible.

Continue to the **Esh Kodesh** community, where we will meet residents and hear their personal stories of life and building in this region today, followed by a visit to a local winery.

From there, travel to **Shiloh**, the site where the Tabernacle stood in the days of Joshua and the Judges. Here, the tribes of Israel gathered, and the land was divided among them (Joshua 18), making Shiloh the early spiritual center of Israel before the establishment of Jerusalem.

In the late afternoon, ascend to **Mount Scopus**, where we will enjoy our first panoramic view of Jerusalem and watch the sunset over the city. Here we will hold a Shehecheyanu blessing ceremony, marking our arrival in Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

In the evening, enjoy an optional visit to **Mahane Yehuda Market**, experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of Jerusalem by night, with its mix of local flavors, street food, and contemporary urban culture.

Day 6 – Friday, Oct 9, 2026

Patriarchs – Kingdom of Judah – Shabbat

Leave Jerusalem and drive south toward the Judean Hills.

Begin the day with a stop along the road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem at **Rachel's Tomb**, traditionally identified as the burial place of Rachel (Genesis 35:19–20), combined with a viewpoint overlooking **Bethlehem**, the town associated with the birth of King David and his anointing by the prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 16).

Proceed to **Hebron** and visit the **Cave of the Patriarchs**, burial place of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah (Genesis 23). Hebron later became the first capital of King David's kingdom (2 Samuel 2:1–4).

Drive through the Judean hills to **Tel Lachish**, one of the most important cities of the Kingdom of Judah and the site of the Assyrian siege described in 2 Kings 18, reflecting the challenges faced by the kingdom under imperial pressure.

Continue to **Tel Azekah**, overlooking the **Valley of Elah**, where the armies of Israel and the Philistines once faced each other in the famous battle between David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17).

In the afternoon, return to Jerusalem to prepare for Shabbat events.

Candle lighting at the hotel, marking the beginning of Shabbat.

Following candle lighting, walk to the **Great Synagogue of Jerusalem** to attend Kabbalat Shabbat services. After the service, walk back to the hotel.

Traditional Shabbat dinner and ceremony at the hotel, led by Netanel Barak, including an introduction to the blessings, songs, and customs of the Shabbat table.

During the meal, connections will be made to the Passover Seder and the context of the Last Supper, highlighting the continuity of sacred meals in Jewish and early Christian tradition.

Day 7 – Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

Jerusalem – Old City

Spend the day exploring Jerusalem on foot, reflecting on the city's layered history and significance.

Begin near the area of the **former municipal line**, which once divided Jerusalem between east and west from 1948 to 1967, offering insight into the modern history of the city and its reunification.

If open, visit the **Tower of David Museum**, located near Jaffa Gate, providing a historical overview of Jerusalem through different periods.

Enter the Old City through **Jaffa Gate** and walk through its streets, experiencing the unique atmosphere of Jerusalem on Shabbat.

Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, one of the most significant sites in Christian tradition.

Continue to the **Garden Tomb**, offering an alternative setting for reflection on the events of the crucifixion and resurrection.

Return through the Old City.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8 – Sunday, Oct 11, 2026

Judean Desert – Qasr el Yahud – Qumran – Masada – Dead Sea

Leave Jerusalem and travel east into the Judean Desert, descending toward the lowest region on earth.

Begin the day at **Qasr el Yahud**, traditionally identified as the place where the Israelites crossed the Jordan River (Joshua 3–4), and also associated with the ministry of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus.

Continue to **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, offering insight into a desert community that lived in anticipation of redemption and sought a life of discipline and purity.

Proceed to **Masada**, ascending by cable car to explore Herod's desert fortress and the story of the Jewish revolt against Rome, reflecting themes of resistance, identity, and survival.

Continue to the **Dead Sea area**, including a stop near **Ein Gedi**, with time to experience the unique environment of the lowest place on earth.

Return to Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9 – Monday, Oct 12, 2026

Jerusalem – Temple Mount – City of David – Mt. Zion

After breakfast, begin the day at **Mount Moriah (Temple Mount)**, the spiritual center of the entire world, and the historic location of the First and Second Temples.

Continue to the **Western Wall**, reflecting on what remains of the Temple complex.

Proceed to the **City of David**, exploring the earliest layers of Jerusalem, including the area identified with the royal structures of the House of David.

Walk through the **Siloam Tunnel (Hezekiah's Tunnel)** and arrive at the **Pool of Siloam**, connected with pilgrimage and daily life in ancient Jerusalem.

From there, ascend along the **Pilgrimage Road**, retracing the path of those pilgrims once ascended to the Temple.

Continue to the **Davidson Archaeological Park (Southern Steps)**, where pilgrims once entered the Temple complex.

Exit toward **Zion Gate** and continue to **Mount Zion**, visiting the traditional site of the **Tomb of King David** and the **Room of the Last Supper**.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10 – Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026

Mount of Olives – Kidron Valley – Israel Museum

Ascend the **Mount of Olives** for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Visit **Dominus Flevit**, overlooking the city, and descend toward the **Garden of Gethsemane**.

Continue past the **Church of All Nations** and walk through the **Kidron Valley**, seeing the ancient monuments traditionally known as the **Tomb of Absalom**, **Tomb of Zechariah**, and **Tomb of James**.

Drive to the **Israel Museum**.

Visit the famous **Model of Jerusalem** from the Second Temple period, depicting the city as it appeared during the time of Jesus.

Continue to the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls and other ancient biblical manuscripts are displayed.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11 – Wednesday, Oct 14, 2026

Departure

Transfer from the hotel in Jerusalem to **Ben Gurion Airport** for departure.

If the flight departs after 2:00 PM, an additional panoramic viewpoint stop may be added on the way to the airport (complimentary service).

Important Note & Terms

This itinerary is a proposed plan and is subject to change. While we make every effort to adhere to the schedule, modifications may occur due to weather conditions, security considerations, site availability, or other unforeseen circumstances. The tour guide and organizers reserve the right to modify the route or activities to ensure the safety and best possible experience for all participants.

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