

# Iconic Israel

with optional 4-Night Jordan Post Tour Extension



## Highlights...

Tel Aviv • Jaffa • Caesarea • Tiberias • Nazareth •  
Galilee Boat Museum • Sea of Galilee • Jericho •  
Qumran • Dead Sea • Masada • Bethlehem •  
Church of the Nativity • Jerusalem • Mount of  
Olives • Mt. Zion • The Western Wall

**10 Days • 16 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 7 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Venture to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C.
- ★ See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago.
- ★ Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car.

### MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- ★ Explore the oldest city on earth — the ancient ruins of Jericho.
- ★ Enjoy the wonder of the Dead Sea.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Savour dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us as we explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition and home to some of the world's most important historic treasures.

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa - Tel Aviv

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a bustling city on the Mediterranean coast. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Today we follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Marvel at its Roman theatre, aqueduct and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 4: Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

Set off for Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle – where Jesus turned water into wine. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue to Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount; and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum. See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before boarding a **boat for your ride on the Sea of Galilee**. Get a taste of the local flavour during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theatre. **Continue along the Jordan River Valley to Jericho**, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important

archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea.** Then **it's your choice!** Stop in the AHAVA Visitors Centre and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea. Or, take the opportunity to "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea...experience the natural buoyancy due to its high salt concentration and the benefits of its minerals to beauty and health. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). **Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car** to Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills, brings you to **the Church of the Nativity** – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the most captivating cities in the world, Jerusalem. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. See the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah and James. Continue to St. Peter in Gallicantu and Mt. Zion to discover the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Marvel at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, home to a selection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Conclude your day at the Garden Tomb. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Old City, Jerusalem

**Come to know the Holy City of Jerusalem** on a walking tour of the old walled city (UNESCO). See the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock (outside view only), the Pool of Bethesda, and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa, beginning at Pilate's Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, continue exploring the city independently or peruse the sights

and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the *shuk* (open-air market). *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Jerusalem

Your day is at leisure to explore independently or simply relax. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Experience It! \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem's Old City: A Confluence of Faiths

Enter its sacred gates and meander its labyrinth of winding cobblestone streets densely packed in an area covering less than one square mile. In spite of its diminutive size, the walled Old City is of great symbolic importance for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Your journey includes venerable locations which have existed for thirty centuries. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrows, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Jesus Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Observe the solemnity of the Western Wall, the only surviving remnant of Judaism's most sacred shrine, the Temple Mount; and gaze in awe at one of the world's great architectural masterpieces, the Dome of the Rock. To the Muslims it is where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

#### YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv
Days 3, 4	Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias
Day 5	Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea
Days 6 – 9	Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 10). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport approximately 3 hours prior to departure.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will depart from Tel Aviv airport and all transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

## Extend Your Vacation With...

### Optional 5 Days 4-Night Jordan Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$2,025.00 CAD per person, double, land only

6 Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

#### Day 10: Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning you travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border\* into Jordan. Travel the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

#### Day 11: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 300 years. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. This evening, experience the flavours of the region with a delightful dinner at a popular local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 12: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, arrive in Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 13: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel the quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash – the "Pompeii of the East." Step back in time as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples, public squares and plazas. Archaeologists uncovered evidence inside the city walls indicating Amman was occupied as far back as the Neolithic age over 6,500 years ago. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing,\* returning to Israel. Continue to Tel Aviv for your overnight stay. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 14: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends

*Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Please Note:

\*When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a \$3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency or USD, is collected on the bus by each driver.

\*Israel exit fee is approximately \$32 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing at an approximate cost of \$57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the border crossing. When returning to Israel, the Jordan exit fee is approximately \$15 USD per person, paid in local currency, subject to change without advance notice. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

This extension includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

#### PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

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We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada. Passports are required for all Canadians entering the United States.

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When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

#### TRAVEL CONDITIONS

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**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau (2020): For cancellations between 120-90 days prior to departure: 75% of land price. 89-0 days prior to departure: 100% of land price. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made

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