



## Mauro Travel & Tours

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### 10 DAY TOUR OF ISRAEL - Short but Sweet

#### Day 1

On the first day you'll depart from the US on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

#### Day 2 - Tel Aviv Area

On the second day you will arrive in the afternoon in Tel Aviv. Time permitting, you will visit Joppa, the port where Jonah set sail from and where Peter raised Dorcas/Tabitha from the dead. Upon arrival you will settle into accommodations in the Tel Aviv area.

#### Day 3 - Galilee

On the third day of your trip you will visit Caesarea, where Cornelius household was saved. Then on to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah met with the prophets of Baal, and then on to Megiddo, and discover the remarkable excavations and water tunnel at this chariot city of King Solomon, including a view of the gathering place of the nations at biblical Armageddon. The evening of the third day you will enjoy accommodations in Tiberius or the Galilee region.

#### Day 4 - Southern Galilee

On the fourth day of your tour you will see firsthand the remains of an ancient fishing boat dating back to the time of Jesus. Afterwards, you will sail on the Sea of Galilee, then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached, "Blessed are the...". Then on to Capernaum, the adopted hometown of Jesus, passing by Peter's house where Jesus blessed his adult ministry and the remains of a synagogue where Jesus preached. You continue in the southern Galilee area, concentrating on Jesus ministry. Baptisms are also held on the end of this day. The evening of the fourth day you will again enjoy accommodations in Tiberius or the Galilee region.

#### Day 5 - Northern Galilee

On the fifth day of the tour you will travel to Tel Dan, the northernmost city of ancient Israel, passing the place of Jeroboam's golden calf and a city gate from the days of Abraham. Then on to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his great confession of faith to Jesus stating "Thou art the Christ, the Messiah, the son of the living God." "Next on to the Golan Heights, and view the route of Paul's life changing journey on the Damascus Road and contemplate modern Israel's struggle with Syria and Lebanon and come to learn and understand the strategic importance of this area. The evening of the fifth day you will again enjoy accommodations in Tiberius or the Galilee region.

#### Day 6 - Jerusalem

On the sixth day you will travel to Beit Shean, one of the 10 Roman Decapolis cities. You will explore the extensive Roman city which is seated in the shadow of the hill where the Philistines once displayed the slain bodies of King Saul and his sons. Then on to Genesis Land, where everyone has a chance to have a short ride a camel ride, have a biblical lunch and learn about desert hospitality during the time of Abraham. Then it is up to Jerusalem as you learn the Psalms of ascent as the ancient pilgrims recited as they went up to Jerusalem. The evening of the sixth day you will enjoy accommodations at your Jerusalem Hotel.



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### **Day 7 - Jerusalem**

On the seventh day you will visit the Mount of Olives, walk the Palm Sunday Road when Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, spend quiet time in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, walk across the Kidron Valley to the House of the high priest Caiaphas. Then on to Mount Zion and to the area of the Upper room where Jesus had a Seder with his disciples, and where Pentecost was celebrated. After a full day of enjoying these breathtaking sights you will again enjoy accommodations at the Jerusalem Hotel.

### **Day 8 - Jerusalem**

On the eighth day you will drive down to the Dead Sea, the lowest point of the face of the earth. Then take a cable car to the top of Masada, King Herod's fortress, and also the fortress where Jewish zealots made a final stand in their revolt against Rome. Then on to the oasis of En Gedi, where King David hid from Saul and where David wrote many of the Psalms. Then enjoy a float in the Dead Sea, stopping afterwards at Qumran for a brief visit where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in a cave by a small Bedouin boy. You return to Jerusalem and enjoy accommodations at the Jerusalem Hotel.

### **Day 9 - Jerusalem**

On your ninth day you will begin at the Southern excavations of the Temple Mount and the Davidson Center where you will view a movie and learn about temple sacrifices. Then on to the Western wall and the rabbi's tunnel. On to the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the sick man and where the group can worship in the remnant of the crusader church of St. Anne. Then on to the Antonia Fortress, the Way of the Cross, Calvary, and end with a communion celebration at the Garden Tomb. In the evening you will transfer to the airport and begin the trip home on an evening flight.

### **Day 10 - Home Sweet Home**

On the tenth day you will arrive home, returning with memories for a lifetime.