

DISCOVER ISRAEL

11 DAY TRIP | DEPARTURE DATE: NOV. 20th, 2019



**CANADA • TEL AVIV • TIBERIAS •
DEAD SEA • JERUSALEM • CANADA**

Per person on twin sharing basis:

Chamber Member:

\$4,349 Taxes Included

Non-Member:

\$4,749 Taxes Included

Single Supplement Additional:

\$1,480

- Optional business meetings and networking portion on day 8 to day 10 in Kfar Maccabiah
- optional Jordan extension

Find out about the optional Business Mission in Israel from Nov. 26th - 30th.

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TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip International airfare (including taxes) from Toronto
- Accommodation at superior hotels
- Daily Breakfast
- 7 Dinners and 1 Lunch
- Transfers with a licensed English speaking tour director
- Transfer on arrival and departure (from/to Ben Gurion airport)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Fuel surcharges, Local taxes and service charges

TOUR LODGING INFO: 09 Nights

Accommodation will be provided at below listed hotels or similar.

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTELS
Tel Aviv	01 Night	Kfar Hamacabia
Tiberias	02 Nights	Leonardo Tiberias
Dead Sea	01 Night	Leonardo Dead Sea
Jerusalem	03 Nights	Dan Panorama
Tel Aviv	02 Nights	Metropolitan

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: Depart CANADA

Today make your own way to the Airport for your overnight flight to Israel.

Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv, Israel

On arrival in Tel Aviv, you will be welcomed by our local representative and transferred to the hotel

Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Today **dinner** will be included.

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

Begin the day with a stroll through the ancient port city of Jaffa. Continue along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in 22 B.C. Visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct and Fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo. Next, enjoy a panoramic view of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site).

Then, visit the ancient Crusader city of Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your day comes to an end in Tiberias.

Overnight in Tiberias.

Today **breakfast and dinner** will be included.

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

This morning you'll visit Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle, where Jesus turned water into wine. Next, travel to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Afterwards, visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount, and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Your visit to Capernaum is followed by an enjoyable boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a **Kibbutz**, where you may interact with some of its residents. Later, cross the River Jordan to visit the Golan Heights and the Hashalom Observatory.

Overnight in Tiberias.

Today **breakfast, lunch and dinner** will be included.

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

This morning you visit Beit Shean to see the ancient theatre. Continue along the Jordan River Valley to Jericho which, at over 2,000 years old, is

considered to be the oldest city on earth. Later, drive to Qumran where the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Afterwards, proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight at the Dead Sea.

Today **breakfast and dinner** will be included.

Day 6: Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Today day at leisure at Dead Sea or take **optional trip (CAD\$95.00 per person)** to another UNESCO World Heritage site, the former palatial fortress of Masada. **Ascending the ancient walls of Masada by cable car, a visit to Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue await.** A stop in the biblical city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills, allows for a visit to the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. Tonight experience Sound and Light at the Citadel.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Today **breakfast and dinner** will be included.

Day 7: Old city, Jerusalem

A magnificent tour of the Holy City of Jerusalem begins with a drive to the old walled city. While walking through the four quarters that make up the Old City (UNESCO World Heritage site), you will visit 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. (if Possible Later visit Yad VaShem - The Museum of Holocaust.)

Overnight in Jerusalem

Today **breakfast** will be included.

Day 8: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. Proceed to the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane to view the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah and James. Visit St. Peter in Gallicantu and Mt. Zion where you will see the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Visit the Garden Tomb followed by the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum to view the display of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Later visit Yad VaShem - The Museum of Holocaust.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Today **breakfast & dinner** will be included.

OR Day 8: Jerusalem - Tel Aviv

(Only for client attending Business meeting)

This morning, you will be transferred back to Tel Aviv hotel. **Rest of the day for business meeting**

Day 9: Jerusalem - Tel Aviv

This morning, you will be transferred back to Tel Aviv hotel. **Rest of the day for business meeting** or take optional tours. **OPTIONAL (CAD75.00 per person - minimum 10 pax)** - Half day Israeli Street Food Tour - Street food is an invaluable part of Tel Aviv's intriguing culinary scene, the city streets are filled with vendors offering dishes and snacks from every corner of the globe. First of these are the ones we all know:

Falafel, Humus, Sabich and Burekas, none originated here, but all are very much Israeli. Any random person off the street will be happy to direct you to the place that makes the best pita dish - After all, they are all the best! - Visit the busiest, most famous street food stands in Tel Aviv. - Try the most iconic Israeli street food dishes. - Learn about street food from a local guide.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Today **breakfast** will be included.

Day 10: Tel Aviv

Day for business meetings or take optional tours.

OPTIONAL ART & WINE TOUR (CAD150.00 per person) - This Art &

Wine Tour will leave you breathless. Take in the views, the fresh air and the unique and romantic atmosphere of the north. Visit the first and only artist village on the Golan Heights where each artist has designed and constructed his studio in his own particular style. Visit a local winery, a local brewery and whiskey distillery. Let us show you our little piece of heaven in the countryside.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Today **breakfast** will be included.

Day 11: Tel Aviv

After breakfast transfer to airport for your flight home or join Jordan extension by bus to Jordan.

JORDAN EXTENSION

TOUR DAYS: 04 DAYS / 02 NIGHTS

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Per person on twin sharing basis:

\$790

Single Supplement:

\$550

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Porterage at the airport upon arrival and departure
- Transfer by deluxe A/C private vehicle
- English speaking local guide
- Short horse ride in Petra
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- All applicable taxes



Please note optional tours require min. 10 pax to operate at listed price.

TOUR LODGING INFO: 04 Nights Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

CITY	NIGHT	DELUXE HOTELS
Amman	01 Night	Kempinski Hotel
Petra	01 Night	Movenpick Petra

DAY 11: AMMAN

Transfer from Israel border to your hotel. Enjoy your day at leisure or perhaps book an optional tour. Overnight in Amman

Optional: Half day city tour of Amman (3-hour tour)

CAD 85 per person

Visit the Citadel, Museum, Amphitheatre, Folklore Museum, & King Abdullah's Mosque, the old and new part of Amman

Optional: Jerash Half Day City Tour (4-hour tour/ lunch included)

CAD 110 per person

Head to the North to Jerash which is a 45-minutes drive away from Amman. Jerash, the Graeco-Roman City of Jerash (ancient Gerasa), close second to Petra on the list of favorite destinations in Jordan. Boasting an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years and hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years, Jerash is a fine example of the grand, formal and provincial Roman towns found throughout the Middle East. One can walk beneath four imposing gates or down the "Street of Columns" north from the "Oval Plaza" while stepping over the tracks of chariot wheels still visible in the paving stones. The tour includes lunch. (4 hours)

Optional: Excursion to Dead Sea for swim & lunch

CAD 120 per person

Drive towards the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea, for you to enjoy the health benefits of its mineral mud and float on its salty waters which is 10 times saltier than ocean water. It has attracted many visitors in the earlier times including King Herod, the Great Egyptian Queen, Cleopatra. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to your hotel.

DAY 12: AMMAN - PETRA

This morning travel overland to Petra visiting en route Madaba, Mount Nebo and Kerak (King Highway). The trip south from Amman along the 5,000-year-old King's Highway is one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sites. The first city you come upon is Madaba, "the City of Mosaics". Madaba's chief attraction found in the contemporary Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, is a wonderfully vivid, sixth-century Byzantine mosaic map showing Jerusalem

and other holy sites. Ten minutes to the west is the most revered site in Jordan: Mount Nebo, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. A small, square church was built on the spot by early Byzantine Christians and later expanded into a vast complex. Continue south to Kerak famous for its crusader fortress with underground galleries, rooms and secret passageways and thick defensive walls pierced by narrow arrow slits where crusade archers held out bravely but in vain for over 100 years. It was the crusaders who made Kerak famous. The fortress was built in 1142 by Payen Le Boutellier, the Lord of Montreal who made Kerak the new capital of the province because it was situated on the king's highway, where it could control all traffic from north and south. End the day in Wadi Musa home to Petra. Overnight in Wadi Musa

DAY 13: PETRA - AMMAN

Enjoy a three hour guided tour of the many sites of Petra. Petra was carved into the rose-red Sharah Mountains by the Nabateans and lost to Civilization until re-discovered by the Swiss Burkhardt. Around 11,000 BC Stone Age man was already exploiting the abundant natural resources of the Petra region, particularly wild goats and by 7000 BC some of the world's earliest farmers were living in a walled village at Beidha, cultivating cereals and collecting nuts and fruits. But Petra really came to prominence in the 7C BC when the Edomites settled on Umm al-Biyara and other mountain strongholds and built a town at Tawilan above 'Ain Musa, in the hills to the north. Subject to Assyria, Babylonia, and then Persia, Edom in the 3C BC became the nucleus of an Arab state, the Nabateans kingdom and its capital at Petra. Originally from North Arabia, the Nabateans are first mentioned by the 1C BC historian Diodorus, who relates that in 312 BC Antigonus, the One-Eyed sent his general Athenaeus against 'the land of the Arabs who are called Nabateans', at that time a nomadic people who raised cattle and sheep and could survive for long periods in the desert, where they created a network of secret underground reservoirs. Athenaeus attacked a certain strong, though un-walled rock, perhaps the great massif of Umm al-Biyara at Petra, where the Nabateans had left their valuables, elders, women and children while celebrating a festival, killed some of the Arabs there and made off with vast quantities of frankincense, myrrh and silver. Some 150 years later the Nabateans had settled, and Petra was the capital of an organized state, walk through the Siq, a narrow and winding fissure between the cliffs, to reach the Treasury, the Roman Theater, the Courts, Qasr Bint Pharaoun, Temple of the Winged Lion and other monuments. After the tour return to Amman Intl Airport to check in for your early morning flight to Toronto via Frankfurt.

DAY 14: AMMAN (B/-/-)

Early morning flight to Canada via Frankfurt by Lufthansa.

OPTIONAL BUSINESS MISSION IN ISREAL

3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS
NOV. 27th, 28th, & 29th

Per person on twin sharing basis:

\$499 Taxes Included

Does not include airfare and accommodation for business-only travellers.
Price subject to change based on availability and scheduling.

TOUR LODGING INFO: 02 Nights Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

CITY	NIGHT	DELUXE HOTEL
Tel-Aviv	02 Nights	Metropolitan

DAY 1:

Transfer back to Tel Aviv hotel from Jerusalem after breakfast. Go to Federation of Israel Chambers of Commerce office for a seminar presented by the Federation regarding business in Israel. This is followed by B2B meetings, then dinner with the Canadian-Israeli ambassador.

DAY 2:

Industry visits based on sector forms. Lunch/dinner not included.

DAY 3:

The center for Israeli Innovation tour, followed by speaker presentation in auditorium. Continue with leisure tour.



To find out more about the optional Business Mission in Israel, or to book this portion of the trip, contact the Vaughan Chamber:

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