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Tour Name English Conference Tour May 2019

Start Date 09-05-2019

End Date 19-05-2019

Language English



ITINERARY

Day	Date	Itinerary Item
1	09-05-2019	Arrive Tel-Aviv Airport
		Orientation Meeting
		Overnight in Jerusalem
2	10-05-2019	Israel museum (Model of Jerusalem & Shrine of the Book)
		Mt. of Olives
		Palm Sunday Road
		Garden of Gethsemane
		Prayer in Garden of Gethsemane
		Lunch
		Garden Tomb
		Overnight in Jerusalem
3	11-05-2019	Masada
		Masada Cable Car
		Lunch
		Dead Sea
		Qumran
		Overnight in Jerusalem
4	12-05-2019	Temple Mount
		Western Wall
		Temple Institute
		Lunch
		City of David
		City of David Film
		Lord's Table
		Overnight in Jerusalem

		Kokia House
		Yad Vashem (own guide)
		Lunch
5	13-05-2019	Jaffa Tour
		House of Simon the Tanner
		Ben Gurion's House
		Overnight in Netanya
		Caesarea on the Sea
		Megiddo (Armageddon)
6	14-05-2019	Nazareth Village With chicken lunch
		Nazareth Village Tour
		Mt. of Precipice (Nazareth)
		Overnight in Tiberias
		Tel Dan
		Banias (Caesarea Philippi)
7	15-05-2019	Lunch
		El Rom Movie "Valley of tears"
		Valley of Tears
		Overnight in Tiberias
		Jordan River
		Date Store
		Boat sail / sea of Galilee / Holy Land
		Lunch
8	16-05-2019	Capernaum
		Mt. of Beatitudes
		Tabgha - Church of Primacy of Peter
		International Conference
		Ovenight in Karei Deshe (Conference Venue)
9	17-05-2019	International Conference (including all meals)
		Overnght in Karei Deshe (Conference Venue)
		International Conference (including all meals)
10	18-05-2019	Tel Aviv
		Overnight in Tel Aviv
11	19-05-2019	Depart

Important Notes

Travel Insurance

It is required that you have medical insurance to cover your trip. We also strongly recommend to take out travel insurance. For further information please refer to our Terms and Conditions www.jjtravelinIsrael.com/terms-and-conditions.

Passport Copy

JJ Travel requires that you send us an electronic copy of your passport prior to travel. This is in the event of an emergency or loss of your passport, while on the tour.

It is also a requirement that you bring a copy of your passport with you and keep it in a separate place from your actual passport.

Itinerary Pace

In order to see all the sites and get the maximum from the itinerary the tour must maintain a certain pace. In the interest of everyone on the tour we ask that you cooperate with the tour guide and tour leader to keep the schedule.

Payment

Pre-payment is required for this tour by credit card or bank wire.

Booking and Payment Process

1. Book online - pay \$150.00 deposit (non-refundable) for each participant.
2. Give JJ Travel your flight itinerary and a copy of your passport.
3. Full payment due seven weeks before the tour - a reminder will be sent and credit card payments will be taken automatically.
4. An updated copy of this document including any final arrival information will be emailed 1-2 weeks before the tour.

Meals

Meals Included

To see specifically which meals are included each day please refer to the itinerary.

Breakfasts

Hotel breakfasts in Israel are buffet style. There will be a wide selection of salads, breads, pastries, eggs etc. along with tea, coffee and juice.

Lunches

Lunches that are included as part of your itinerary will vary in type but will be a good-size meal. Soft drinks to accompany these meals are usually an extra to be paid for by you in cash.

When lunch is not included as part of your package you will be taken to a place where you can purchase your own lunch. Lunches can vary in price depending on the type and quantity of food but it would be safe to budget the equivalent of \$10-\$20 (USD).

Dinners

Dinners in the hotels will generally be buffet style with a choice of meats, rice, pasta and potatoes etc. and a large selection of salads. Typically water, tea and coffee are included but other beverages such as soft drinks will be extra and charged to your room.

Eating out in the evening will vary in price depending on the type of food. You can pay around \$10 for street food (falafel, kebab etc.) up to \$20-\$30 or more for a sit down meal.

Snacks

Due to the physical nature of the tour it is advisable to have snacks with you. The days start early and are active and it can feel like a long time from breakfast to lunch.

Transport

The tour transport will be an air-conditioned bus. Significant amounts of time will be spent on the bus and the driver, who works in coordination with the guide, is an important part of the tour. Depending on the size of the tour there may be very few empty seats so you should expect to sit next to someone. If you suffer from travel sickness please bring appropriate medication with you.

Accommodation

Check-in

Check-in time is usually around 15:00. If you arrive significantly before this time and want access to your room it may be that you have to pay for an additional night.

Check-in times on the Sabbath (Saturday) can be significantly later than 15:00.

Extras

It is your responsibility to settle the bill for any 'extras' (drinks, WiFi, additional meals etc.) upon checking out of the hotel. If for any reason a bill is not settled JJ Travel will request payment from you and add a 5% handling fee.

Solo Travellers

Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two people sharing a room. If you are travelling alone you have the option of paying a 'single supplement' for sole use of a room. Alternatively, we will do our best to place you in a room with another participant of the tour of the same gender. If it is not possible to partner you with another traveller you may be required to pay the single supplement.

Upgrades

At some hotels it may be possible to request an upgraded room. If the option is not available to you at the time of booking please contact us for more information.

Arrival Information

Passport and Immigration Control

All travellers must ensure they hold a passport that is valid for at least 6 months at the time of travelling to Israel. At passport control you may be questioned regarding your visit to Israel, answer simply and truthfully. State that you are coming on a tour of Israel and if necessary, present your documents from JJ Travel showing that you are attending a tour. Passport control will give you a small blue and white piece of paper, this is your *permission to stay in Israel* (instead of a stamp in your passport). **Keep this with your passport** you may be required to present it to officials while in Israel and when you leave the country.

Departure Information

Upon departure you should plan to be at the airport three hours before your scheduled flight time.

As part of the security process you will be asked some simple questions when you leave Israel. Answer truthfully, accurately and to the point.

If you are travelling with others on a flight, for security reasons, it is advisable that you check-in together.

The Sabbath and Religious Holidays

The Sabbath begins just before sunset on Fridays and ends just after sunset on Saturdays. Stores and some restaurants begin closing on Friday afternoon and will not open again until Saturday night or Sunday morning. Similarly, public transport is also very limited during this time. The extent of this depends on the location, for example it is most noticeable in Jerusalem, but it applies across Israel.

Similar circumstances apply to some of the religious holidays. If you are in Israel when this happens you will be informed beforehand.

Tour Guide

It is a legal requirement that all tours in Israel have a professional Israeli-registered guide. These guides undergo an extensive education program in history, archeology, geology, flora and fauna and more. At JJ Travel we choose the guides that we work with very carefully. Guides may be Jewish, Arab, believer or non-believer, but all guides are selected based upon our understanding of the participants of the tour and of the specialist nature of the tours we conduct.

The guides fulfill two main functions. First, they take care of the group while touring, not only making sure that everyone is safe and well and that the schedule is maintained, but also that everyone is enjoying the tour. Secondly, the guide provides the explanation of the various tour sites.

Tour Book

JJ Travel provides each participant a tour book — *Touring Israel According to God's Economy* — to accompany the tour. The tour book brings to life the Biblical sites and puts each place into the context of our daily Christian experience.

Details about the tour book:

- Exclusive to JJ Travel
- Over 150 pages
- A4 size with glossy cover
- Over 30 tour sites covered
- Includes introduction to typology
- Special chapter on Jerusalem
- Available in English, Chinese, Russian, Spanish and Portuguese

What is in the tour book?

Background Information

The tour book provides factual, historical and geographical information for the tour sites visited. The information has been carefully selected and put together to provide a more detailed understanding of the biblical events and places.

Scripture

The tour book contains quotations of Scripture from the Holy Bible, Recovery Version (Living Stream Ministry). These portions give the biblical facts and context to the stories and events at particular tour sites. In many cases, the tour book quotes a number of portions that relate to different events at the same place.

Ministry

The tour book has extensive quotes from the ministry of the age. These enlightening portions provide the spiritual interpretation of the places and events according to God's economy and show how they apply to a believers' experience today.

How is the tour book used?

The tour book is used throughout the tour at tour sites, on the bus, and in times of fellowship. It is also used in many different ways: reading, praying, pray reading, in large groups, small groups and individually.

What to Bring

We recommend that you travel light — one suitcase and one bag to use daily on the tour. You will move hotels during the tour and so being able to move your luggage around easily and pack and unpack quickly will be much more convenient.

We advise that you bring the following items:

- ✓ Passport (and Visa if necessary)
- ✓ Airline tickets
- ✓ JJ Travel booking confirmation document.
- ✓ A photocopy of your passport. Keep this in a different place than your passport. In this way should you lose your passport you will have this copy.
- ✓ Travel insurance documents.
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes.
- ✓ Day bag – a small bag or backpack for use during the tour.
- ✓ Water footwear – if you are planning to take a dip in the Dead Sea you will need footwear you can get wet. The ground in and around the Dead Sea can be very uncomfortable to walk on with bare feet.
- ✓ Umbrella or waterproof coat (winter months). Between the November and March it is possible to get caught in rain showers while on the tour.
- ✓ For other clothing items please refer to the information on the weather and climate in Israel for the time of year that you are travelling. It is important to note that a significant amount of time on the tour is spent outside.
- ✓ Due to the religious sensitivity of some tour sites, females need to have some form of clothing that will cover the knees (skirt or trousers) and also cover the shoulders. In some places males are also required to wear long trousers. This only applies to a few days on the tour and you will be informed ahead of time by your guide or tour leader.
- ✓ Sunscreen.
- ✓ Insect repellent.
- ✓ Water bottle – bottled water can be bought, but it is convenient to have a refillable bottle.
- ✓ Camera/cell phone/tablet for pictures. Don't forget the charger or spare batteries. Extra memory cards can also help – you will want to take a lot of photos.
- ✓ Electrical adapter – see the information below.

Electrical Items

The electrical supply in Israel is 220V AC. The plug type is a 2-pin (European) style. It is advisable to purchase an adapter prior to your trip if you need one. Most hotels provide hairdryers and have 110/220 electric shaver outlets. Please be aware if you are traveling from the USA or another country that uses 110V you will need to bring appliances that can be switched to 220V or bring a transformer. Chargers for laptops, phones, cameras etc. are generally fine as they have the transformer built in. If you are in any doubt about your appliances check before you leave.

Cell Phones

There are a number of options available to you if you would like to have cell phone access whilst in Israel.

1. Rent an Israeli phone or purchase an Israeli SIM card. JJ Travel have partnered with a company to provide you with this service at a reduced rate. Phones will be available at the airport when you arrive. Please contact us for information.
2. Use your own cell phone as it is with your current number. You may need to speak to your provider to ensure this will work and check to see if you can purchase a special plan. This is often an expensive option, but maybe necessary if you need to keep your current number.
3. Ask for an Israeli number from your current provider.

WiFi and Internet Access

Most hotels provide WiFi. However, in some hotels there may be a charge for this service. During the tour there maybe WiFi access at various restaurants and coffee shops, but generally during the day access to WiFi will be limited.

Weather

In general Israel enjoys warm dry summers (April-October) and mild winters. More specific information can be found in the tables below. A current weather forecast can be found on the Israel Meteorological Service website.

Monthly temperatures by region (min/max)

		Jerusalem	Tel Aviv (Costal Plains)	Tiberias (Galilee)	Eilat	Dead Sea
Jan	°C	6-11	9-18	9-18	10-21	11-20
	°F	43-53	49-65	48-65	49-70	53-68
Feb	°C	7-14	9-20	9-20	11-23	13-22
	°F	44-57	48-66	49-67	51-73	56-72
Mar	°C	8-16	10-20	11-22	13-26	16-25
	°F	47-61	51-69	51-72	56-79	61-78
Apr	°C	12-21	12-22	13-27	17-31	20-29
	°F	53-69	54-72	56-80	63-87	68-85
May	°C	15-25	17-25	17-32	21-35	24-34
	°F	60-77	63-77	62-89	69-95	75-93
Jun	°C	17-27	19-28	20-35	24-37	27-37
	°F	63-81	67-83	68-95	75-99	80-99
Jul	°C	19-29	21-30	23-37	25-40	28-39
	°F	66-84	70-86	73-98	77-103	83-100
Aug	°C	19-29	22-30	24-37	26-40	29-38
	°F	66-86	72-86	75-99	79-104	83-101
Sep	°C	18-28	20-31	22-35	24-36	27-36
	°F	65-82	69-89	71-95	75-98	81-96
Oct	°C	16-26	15-28	19-32	20-33	24-32
	°F	60-78	59-83	65-89	69-92	75-90
Nov	°C	12-19	12-25	15-26	16-28	18-27
	°F	54-67	54-76	59-78	61-83	65-80
Dec	°C	8-14	9-19	11-20	11-23	13-21
	°F	47-56	47-66	53-68	51-74	56-71

Average monthly rainfall (mm)

	Jerusalem	Tel Aviv (Costal Plains)	Tiberias (Galilee)	Eilat
Jan	133	127	90	3.5
Feb	118	90	73	5.8
Mar	93	61	57	3.7
Apr	25	18	20	1.7
May	3.2	2.6	4	1
Jun	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0

Aug	0	0	0	0
Sep	0.3	0.4	0.6	0
Oct	15	26	14	3.5
Nov	61	79	50	3.5
Dec	106	126	81	6

Money Matters

Currency

The national currency in Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS). Each Shekel is divided into 100 Agurot (singular Agura). NIS bills are in denominations of 20, 50, 100 and 200. Coins are in denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 Shekels and 10 and 50 Agurot.

Credit Cards

Standard international credit cards are accepted throughout Israel. There will be some small vendors that do not accept credit cards and will require cash. To ensure your card will work while in Israel contact your card provider prior to departure.

Money Exchange and ATM's

It is advisable to have your money needs taken care of before the start of the tour, although money can be changed at the airport on arrival. However, if you are arriving in a large group please be aware that this can take time. There will also be opportunities to change money at the hotel (this can be expensive) or in the cities you are staying in. The most simple and convenient way to get Shekels is to use a bank ATM machine with a credit card. The rates at these are often favorable. However, please note that tour itineraries are full and time is very limited.

You can calculate the value of your currency in Israeli Shekels at www.xe.com.

We recommend that you have at least 350 Shekels (approximately \$100) before the start of the tour.

Emergency Fund

We strongly recommend that you have access to an emergency fund of approximately \$200 while on your trip.

Tips

It is recommended and customary to tip the guides and drivers for the tour. We suggest \$5 per person per day for the guide and \$3.50 per person per day for the driver. This can be in USD (\$) or Shekels. Our suggestion is that this is organized and collected as a group. It can be given daily or as a lump sum at the end of the tour. JJ Travel or your tour leader may help facilitate this by collecting the money, but it is paid directly to the guide and driver.

Health

As part of the registration process you will be asked some simple medical/health related questions. This information is treated in the strictest confidence. In some cases JJ Travel may deem a person's health condition unsuitable for a given tour.

If you have any questions regarding these matters please do not hesitate to contact us.

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