

Tour Name English Conference Tour 2020

Start Date April 30, 2020

End Date May 10, 2020

Language English

Tour # TOUR-00168



ITINERARY

Day	Date	Itinerary Item
1	April 30, 2020	Arrive Tel-Aviv Airport Orientation Meeting
2	May 1, 2020	Israel museum (Model of Jerusalem & Shrine of the Book) Garden Tomb Lunch (included in package) Mt. of Olives Palm Sunday Road Garden of Gethsemane Prayer in Garden of Gethsemane
3	May 2, 2020	Masada Masada Cable Car Lot Spa + Lunch Dead Sea Qumran
4	May 3, 2020	Temple Mount Western Wall Davidson Center (Archeological Park) Lunch (not included in package) Temple Institute Upper Room (Cenacle, Mt. Zion) Kokia House Lord's Table

		Yad VaShem (Guided Tour)
		Lunch (included in package)
5	May 4, 2020	Jaffa Tour House of Simon the Tanner Ben Gurion's House
		Caesarea on the Sea
		Megiddo (Armageddon)
6	May 5, 2020	Nazareth Village with Chicken Lunch Nazareth Village Tour
		Drive through Valley of Tears
		No Other Land Jeep Tours
7	May 6, 2020	Lunch (included in package) Tel Dan Banias (Caesarea Philippi)
		Jordan River
		Date Store
		Capernaum
		Lunch (included in package)
8	May 7, 2020	Boat sail / sea of Galilee Mt. of Beatitudes Tabgha - Church of Primacy of Peter Conference
9	May 8, 2020	Conference
		Conference
10	May 9, 2020	Dinner (included in the package)
11	May 10, 2020	Depart

ITEMS INCLUDED

JJ Travel Tour Pack

Tour Book v2 English

Radio Headsets

Porterage

Conference

Water Bottle

Guide Days 7.00

Bus Days 9.00

Lunches 6

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

Airport Transfers

Travel Insurance

Tips for guide, drivers, hotels and restaurants

Hotel extras

Meals not specifically mentioned in the itinerary

Helpful Information

Important Notes

Travel Insurance

It is required that you take out travel insurance for your trip. For further information please refer to our 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 place separate 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 by bank wire or credit card.

Meals

Meals Included

To see specifically which meals are included as part of your tour package please refer to your 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-sized 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-\$15 (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, 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 Travelers

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 occupancy of a room. If you are unable to pay the single supplement we strongly encourage you to find someone to accompany you on the tour.

If neither of those are an option, we will do our best to place you in a room with another participant on the tour of the same gender. However, we cannot guarantee that this will be an option. If we are able to find a roommate for you, this will be your roommate for the duration of the tour as changes to room arrangements during the tour are typically not possible.

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 travelers 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). It is important to keep this with your passport as 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.

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.

- ✓ Passport and copy of passport.
- ✓ 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 to the ankles (skirt or trousers) and also cover to the wrists (Some religious sites only require covered knees and 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. High power items such as hairdryers, straighteners and curling irons that use 110V may still burn out even with a transformer. We recommend getting a dual voltage appliance which allows you to switch the voltage. 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 while in Israel.

1. Rent an Israeli phone or purchase an Israeli SIM card. SIM cards can be purchased at the airport in the arrival hall or in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.
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 may be necessary if you need to keep your current number.
3. Ask for an Israeli number from your current provider.

Wi-Fi and Internet Access

Most hotels provide free Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi will be available on JJ Travel tour buses. During the tour there may be Wi-Fi access at various restaurants, stores and coffee shops, but when out of the bus during the day access to Wi-Fi 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	9-29	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	56-80	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 (Coastal Plains)	Tiberias	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 ATMs

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

Tips

Guide and Driver

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 \$4 per person per day for the driver. This can be in USD (\$) or Shekels. 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.

Hotels and Restaurants

\$1 per person night at hotels when staying in a hotel for more than two nights. The group gives this to the reception manager at the end of the stay.

For hotel restaurant staff we recommend \$1 per person – to be passed to the manager of the dining room.

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.