

DISCOVER ISRAEL WITH DRINK OFFERING TOURS

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A drink offering was a sacrifice throughout antiquity (*Genesis 35:14, Leviticus 23:13; Joel 1:9*) and also how the Apostle Paul compared his tireless work for others (*Philippians 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6*). Culturally, this land is all about hospitality and offering a refreshing drink to the weary traveler (*Genesis 24:45,46*).

In the same vein, we work hard to create unique research, visuals and tours, while also incorporating the local culture and flavors. As such, we invite you to: *See the Land, with Drink in Hand!*



WHO WE ARE

Drink Offering is owned and operated by a husband and wife team, David and Desiree. We are a registered business based out of Haifa, Israel since 2019.

We invite you to see our style and approach to research on Taste and See TV. You can also follow us on Instagram to see more of who we are and what we do.

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TOUR THEME

“A good name is better than good oil”

Twice the Bible discusses the value of a good name. And many times in the Bible, a person's name changed based on events in their life or their reputation. Other names are clearly not the person's birth name, but rather, how the nation chose to remember them.

So what is in a name? What were the meanings of the names of the kings, prophets and other righteous ones? How did their life course affect how we remember them? As we travel Israel, we will delve into more than archaeology. We will examine the people who are connected to various sites and what their name was in light of their reputation and culture. And by the end of the tour, you will be asking yourself... “What, really, is *my* name?”

We know you will never read your Bible the same way again when you join us in Israel and See the Land with Drink in Hand!

NOTE: This brochure is designed to provide an overview of the tour program for the general public. Some details may change by the time of the tour date due to weather or other events during the tour.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

JERUSALEM

TIPS

In the area around Machne Yehuda Market you will find many cell phone and electronic stores that sell SIM cards.

If you are able to wait until then, the prices are substantially less than purchasing at the airport.

REMINDERS

When entering the light rail, you must validate your ticket by tapping it against the electronic box. Watch the locals and do the same.



BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

The easiest way to arrive at the hotel on public transit is via the light rail. Between the Yitzak Navon Train Station and the Jerusalem Central Bus station, on Jaffa Street, you will see the light rail. Take the trolley on the side of the train station three stops to Davidka Station. Exit and cross the street in the direction you came. The hotel is on the right side of the building in front of you.

The hotel is beside the historic Machne Yehuda Market which has many great restaurants and food options. Almost all restaurants take credit card, and most in Jerusalem speak English well.

This is our tour orientation evening. We will message the exact location of where we will meet on the day of, as it will be weather dependent. You can meet the whole group and we will be available to help you with any last minute needs and answer questions. We will also have a 5 to 10 minute consideration of the theme of the tour and prepare you for the days ahead with a review of the itinerary.

“A good name is better than good oil, and the day of death is better than the day of birth”

SAFETY IN JERUSALEM

The public transit system in Jerusalem is rated as one of the safest in the world and Jerusalem has a very low violent crime rate so you should not be overly concerned about safety when walking the streets in the evening or nighttime.

That said, be sure to watch your personal belongings, especially around the children, as pickpocketing can happen in the Old City or Arab neighborhoods. You will see the police, military and security personnel on almost every corner. Most of them speak English and are very helpful, even for assisting tourists with directions. In the event of an air-raid siren, don't panic. Follow the locals to the nearest shelter and remain there until 10 minutes after the siren ends.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

JERUSALEM

REMINDERS

Most of the day will be spent walking outdoors, so wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing.

If you plan to visit Hezekiah's tunnel (wet route) then water shoes are recommended.

Visiting most churches and the Western Wall require modest dress (knees and shoulders covered, and women should also have a head covering). It is not recommended to visit the Al-Aqsa Compound (Temple Mount) at this time.



BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: The First Temple Period

Sites Visited: City of David Park (Gihon Spring, Pool of Siloam, First Century Road [*if open*]), the Broad Wall, the Old City market.

Lunch: A lunch is included.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 8:00am and walk through various sites of the Old City and finish the tour by 2:00pm. You will then have free time for shopping in the market or visiting sites not included on the tour.

"Then David took up residence in the stronghold, and it was called the City of David; and David began to build all around from the Mound inward"

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

This day is all about the period from David down to Zedekiah and the Babylonian destruction of the city. You will learn the layout of the city and how archaeology has proven the Bible to be an accurate source of historical information.

We will consider the names and reputations of various individuals associated with the city, like Hezekiah and Jeremiah, and gain new perspective on their lives and the challenges they faced.

Because of jetlag and a day of walking up and down the hills of Jerusalem, the tour will end around 2:00pm to allow you the option to return to the hotel for some rest. You can also make use of some free time in the market. We will not be visiting Churches on our Jerusalem days, so if you wish to see places like Church of the Holy Sepulchre, this is the day to do it.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL, JERUSALEM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

THE SHEPHELAH

EARLY START!

We will leave at 7:30, which means you need to eat breakfast, pack your bags and check out of the hotel before then. This is not the day to be late!

REMINDERS

Good walking shoes and long pants are recommended as we will be walking on dirt trails. There will be no shelter or shade, so dress according to the weather, and wear a hat if it is a sunny day.



BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: Philistine-Israelite Relations, Burial Customs

Sites Visited: Bet Shemesh, Khirbet Qeiyafa (Sha'araim), Horvat Midras, Mitzpe Ramon Lookout

Lunch: An Israeli lunch (charcuterie, bread and dips) at a family run boutique winery is included.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 7:30am and drive to the Judean Hills and Coastal Plain (Shephelah). We will visit various sites important to Biblical history and then break for lunch at a local winery. We will then drive south to Mitzpe Ramon in the desert. Dinner is provided.

*"The Philistines assembled their armies for war
...and they camped between Socoh and Azekah"*

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

The Philistines played a pivotal role in the Israelite history. So we will examine their relationship with Israel during the time of the Judges, Samuel, Saul and David. We will also examine some aspects of Israelite culture, from animal husbandry to burial customs. All the sites on this day are in nature parks. Sometimes the dirt trails can have overgrown plants with thorns, so long pants are recommended.

We will then drive about an hour southwards, past Beer Sheva into the Negev desert. We hope to arrive in time for sunset at the Makhtesh Ramon. We will check into our hotel for the next two nights, dinner will be provided on both nights.

OVERNIGHT: SEVEN HOTEL, MITZPE RAMON

DINNER PROVIDED

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

NEGEV DESERT

REMINDERS

Most of the day will be spent walking outdoors so wear appropriate clothing.

The pathways are mostly gravel, so have good shoes for walking.

Make sure to wear a hat and bring lots of water.

It is unlikely to rain, however if it does, we may need to change the itinerary if the roads are affected.

SEVEN HOTEL

MITZPE RAMON

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: The Exodus and Wanderings

Sites Visited: En Avdat, Midreshet Ben Gurion, Lipa Gal Lookout, Makhtesh Ramon

Lunch: Lunch is not provided. We will stop at a location in Mitzpe Ramon with various options for food.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 8:30am. We will focus on the geology, hydrology, flora and fauna of the Negev desert and how it helps us to understand better the lives of the patriarchs, Moses and the Israelites. Dinner is provided.

“Jehovah’s anger blazed against Israel so he made them wander in the desert for 40 years”

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

This is the day you get to understand why the Israelites were always complaining about a lack of water. We will learn about the geology and hydraulics of the region at Ein (Spring of) Avdat. If the ibex are at Midreshet Ben Gurion, we will stop to see them up close, before moving on to the Lipa Gal lookout. After a stop for lunch at Mitzpe Ramon, we will enter the Makhtesh and learn about how these unique features are formed and what the Israelites may have learned about God as they wandered this seemingly desolate land.

We will arrive back at the hotel around 4:30. Dinner is provided.



OVERNIGHT: SEVEN HOTEL, MITZPE RAMON

DINNER PROVIDED

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

UPPER NEGEV DESERT

CHECK OUT!

We will be checking out and heading north to Tel Aviv. So check your room twice and don't leave anything behind!

REMINDERS

Most of the day will be spent walking outdoors so wear appropriate clothing.

TEL AVIV SAFETY

Tel Aviv is safe for walking the streets at night, though it is still a big city, so take the regular precautions.



SEVEN HOTEL

MITZPE RAMON

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: The Highways of the Levant

Sites Visited: Avdat, Tel Beer Sheva, Lachish

Lunch: Lunch is not provided. We will stop at a location in Beer Sheva with various options for food.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 8:30am. We will focus on the history of the main roadways, like the Via Maris and Hills Road, and how they affected many Biblical accounts.

"You should divide the territory of the land that Jehovah your God has given you to possess into three parts, and prepare the roads"

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

This day is all about the ancient highways and how they affected life in the ancient world. At the Nabaatean city of Avdat we will delve into the incense and spice route and its importance to the ancient world as well as Solomon's true legacy. At Tel Beer Sheva we will contrast Solomon with Jehoshaphat as we explore the ruins of the city and learn about the roadways' connection to education.

After a quick lunch in Beer Sheva, we will finish at Lachish, where we will see how the roads affected all the wars of the Bible, including Sennacherib's invasion of Judah. Depending on time and the energy of the group, we may fit in a lookout point at Gezer, but otherwise the goal is to arrive at our Tel Aviv hotel by 5:00pm.

In Israel, Thursday night is the start of the weekend, so there will be lots of action at the restaurants and pubs. For the hot spots, make sure to plan a reservation.

OVERNIGHT: EMBASSY HOTEL, TEL AVIV

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

CENTRAL COASTLINE

CHECK OUT!

We will be checking out and heading north to Tel Aviv. So check your room twice and don't leave anything behind!

REMINDERS

Most of the day will be spent walking outdoors so wear appropriate clothing.

Make sure to wear a hat and bring lots of water.



EMBASSY HOTEL

TEL AVIV-YAFO

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: The Spread of Christianity

Sites Visited: Tel Aviv-Yafo, Caesarea

Lunch: We will arrange a picnic lunch in Caesarea.

Day Plan: Because this is the midway point of the tour, some will want some rest, others may want some free time to shop. We will check out of the hotel at 10:30 and have a brief program about Biblical Joppa from the new Tel Aviv port, before heading to Caesarea for the afternoon. From there we will head to Tiberias for the night.

“So now send men to Joppa and summon a man named Simon who is called Peter”

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

Today we are focused on Peter, Philip the Evangelizer and Cornelius as we discuss the spread of the congregation in the First Century. We expect that some may appreciate a late start due to the Tel Aviv night life the night before. So we will begin at the Tel Aviv Port, looking down at ancient Joppa for a short program on the city. From here we take the same route as Peter and head north to Caesarea, to first enjoy a picnic lunch before touring the ancient port city and consider its importance to the spread of Christianity.

From Caesarea we will head to our hotel in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. We will spend the next three nights there so you will be able to unpack and get comfortable. Note that with sunset begins the start of Sabbath, so many restaurants will close and reopen only after 8pm. In Israel, this is the usual time for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: PRIMA GALIL, TIBERIAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

SEA OF GALILEE

REMINDERS

Most of the day will be spent walking outdoors, though there will be the option for shade and shelter.

It is still Sabbath, so most shops and restaurants will be closed until about 2:00pm.

KAYAKING

For those that signed up, in the morning we will head to the beach for an hour of kayaking on the Sea of Galilee. This will be weather dependent.



PRIMA GALIL HOTEL

AL HADIF STREET 1, TIBERIAS

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: Jesus Disciples

Sites Visited: Magdala, Capernaum, Hippos Susita

Lunch: We will enjoy a picnic lunch on the shore of the Galilee.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 9:30am and head to the Magdala archaeology park, and then on to Capernaum. We will enjoy a lunch by the beach before heading to the Decapolis city of Hippos in the Golan Heights. Afterwards, we will return to the hotel.

“He went throughout the whole of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the Kingdom”

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

We will focus the day on Jesus disciples: Mary Magdelene, Matthew, Andrew and Philip. As we travel through the region you'll get great visuals and understanding on the ministry work carried out here.

The tour order may be reversed, depending on weather, however we will visit the synagogue and First Century town of Magdala, then the ruins of Capernaum and its synagogue, and finally a walk through the ruins of the Decapolis city of Hippos.

Hippos will allow for a great view of the entire Sea of Galilee and some great photos, so we will plan our arrival there to match the best time for pictures.

The day will start later to allow for extra rest, as well as some time in the morning for those who would like to kayak on the sea. You are also welcome to join if you want to swim or some quiet time along the water.

OVERNIGHT: PRIMA GALIL, TIBERIAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

HULA AND HERMON

REMINDERS

If the weather is nice, we will enjoy lunch on the outdoor patio. However, there is usually a strong wind in the Golan Heights, so dress accordingly.

GOLAN SAFETY

The Golan Heights is typically very safe, especially since recent developments with the change in the Syrian government. However, if there is the potential for rocket fire, our lunch location will adapt.



PRIMA GALIL HOTEL

AL HADIF STREET 1, TIBERIAS

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: The 10 Tribe Rebellion

Sites Visited: Tel Dan, Hazor, the Golan Heights

Lunch: Lunch will be a homemade traditional Druze meal.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 8:00am (*if not a little earlier if everyone is ready*). We will focus on the northern tribes and their government and religious rebellion and the consequences.

"The king made two golden calves and ...he placed one in Bethel, and the other in Dan."

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

It is about a one hour drive to our starting point of Tel Dan. Along the way you will see the Hula Valley and depending on the time of year, tens of thousands of birds on their annual migration.

We will spend a few hours at Dan, and go in depth on the life of Jeroboam and the reasons behind the religious split of the 10 tribes. There is a lot to see in this beautiful nature reserve, so we will go slow and take it all in.

From here we will drive to a village at the base of Mount Hermon and enjoy a home cooked traditional Druze lunch. Afterwards, we will visit the ruins of Hazor. At this city twice conquered by the Israelites, you will learn what the newest excavations have revealed about the Biblical narrative, as well as other evidence of the accurate history contained in the Bible.

We will then return to Tiberias for our last night in the Galilee region. If you haven't walked the promenade yet, this will be a good night for it.

OVERNIGHT: PRIMA GALIL, TIBERIAS

MONDAY, MARCH 16

JEZREEL VALLEY

CHECK OUT!

We will be checking out and heading back to Jerusalem. So check your room twice and don't leave anything behind!

REMINDERS

Most of the day will be spent outdoors at scenic lookouts, so dress according to the weather, and the possibility of wind.

Also bring lots of water as there will not be many opportunities to refill your bottles.



PRIMA GALIL HOTEL

AL HADIF STREET 1, TIBERIAS

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: The Kings and their Prophets

Sites Visited: Mt. Tabor, Mt. Gilboa, Tel Megiddo, Mt. Carmel

Lunch: An Israeli lunch (charcuterie, bread and dips) at a family run boutique winery is included.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 7:45am. We will visit various lookout points with a view to the mountains and valleys mentioned in many accounts of the Bible. At each site, we will consider an Israelite leader and the prophet who worked with them in their assignment.

“Because the Syrians have said: “Jehovah is a God of mountains, and not a God of plains,” I will give all this large crowd into your hand”

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

This day will be a lot of driving as we go from Tiberias, across the Jezreel Valley, and then south to Jerusalem. We will plan to leave by 7:45am in order to beat the traffic and will start with Mount Tabor and a look at Barak and Deborah. From there we will go to Mount Gilboa and discuss Saul and Samuel. Next is Tel Megiddo as we explore the ruins of this pivotal city in antiquity and consider the work of Amos and Jonah during the rule of Jeroboam II.

Lunch will be late, around 12:45, at a scenic winery located at the base of Mount Carmel.

After lunch, we will drive up Mount Carmel for a spectacular view of the Jezreel Valley and delve into Elijah and Ahab's fraught relationship. Afterwards, we will head back to Jerusalem. Depending on traffic, the drive is between one and two hours, but the goal is to be in Jerusalem before 6:00pm.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA, JERUSALEM

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

JERUSALEM (DAY OFF)

BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

We planned for the day off to be mid-week so that everything is open, including car rentals. Here are some options if you are ambitious to explore the city or area on your own.

JERUSALEM

There are many sites that we will not visit but are worth the time. **The Bible Lands Museum** has many interesting artifacts and displays which all focus on Bible history. In the old city, the **Western Wall Tunnels** or **Wohl Museum** are archaeological exhibits focused on the 1st century city. The light rail is an easy way to reach **Yad Vashem** (Holocaust Museum) and **Mount Herzl** (Israel's national cemetery). You can also catch a bus to **Nevi Samuel**, a site thought to be Biblical Ramah with a great view of Gibeon. There is also a Crusader fortress to see and the site is free to enter.

THE DEAD SEA

You can take public transit, but it will be a very long day. Best to rent a car to visit sites like **Qumran** (where the original Dead Sea Scrolls were found), **En Gedi** (where David hid from Saul), and **Masada** (the final siege of the Jewish-Roman War). **Ein Bokek** has restaurants and the best beaches for floating.

TEL AVIV

Public transit is easiest for Tel Aviv as parking is a challenge. Take time to visit the **Office of Jehovah's Witnesses**, visit the UNESCO White City, and check out the popular Sarona Market.

WEST BANK AND BETHLEHEM

Outside of Jaffa Gate (the Old City), you will often find Palestinian taxi drivers and tour guides happy to take you to Bethlehem for the day. For the most part you will only visit churches; however, for some it is still a memorable addition to the trip.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA, JERUSALEM



WENESDAY, MARCH 18

JERUSALEM

REMINDERS

We will have a few options for shelter during the day, so in the event of rain, we will adapt accordingly to keep you dry.

The program will also be adapted according to the arrival times provided by the parks.



BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: Second Temple Period

Sites Visited: Tower of David, the Burnt House, the Cardo, Jerusalem Archaeological Park, the Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives.

Lunch: Lunch is not provided. We will stop at a location in the Jewish Quarter for various options.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 8:00am. We will focus on the second temple period of Jerusalem, from Jesus' life to the destruction of 70CE.

“At that time devout Jews from every nation under heaven were staying in Jerusalem ...[and] each one heard them speaking in his own language”

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

We will leave the hotel by 8:00am, and focus the day on the Roman period of Jerusalem. We will visit various sites connected with the activity of Jesus and his disciples ministry according to archaeological understanding. This means that we will not be visiting the traditional churches like Holy Sepulchre, Ecce Hommo or Dormition Abbey.

Our route will adapt to the weather and booking times provided by the parks: however, the general plan is to begin at the Tower of David and finish on the Mount of Olives, with lunch being in the Jewish Quarter.

During the day we will examine Jesus' prophesies regarding Jerusalem and the Last Days, and what life was like in the First Century city. We will return to the hotel by about 5:00pm, though if some want, they can remain on the Mount of Olives until sunset, as there are restaurants and other sites in the area.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA, JERUSALEM

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

JERUSALEM

REMINDERS

The morning will be spent indoors at the Israel Museum, though we will spend a short time outside at the Jerusalem model. The afternoon will be outdoors, so dress according to the weather.

This is also our final tour day, so we would love to hear your thoughts on the program and visit to Israel at our finale.



BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Theme: Tour Summary

Sites Visited: Israel Museum, Tayelet Hass Promenade or Ramat Rachel (*weather dependent*)

Lunch: Lunch is not provided. We will stop at a location with various options for food.

Day Plan: We'll leave the hotel at 8:30am to arrive at the Israel Museum by 9:00am. We will use the artifacts to review various aspects of the tour program. After lunch, we will have a tour wrap up at a scenic lookout point.

“A good name is preferable to great wealth; Being respected is better than silver or gold”

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

We leave the hotel at 8:30am and will begin at the museum by 9:00am. Using the artifacts, we will review points from different days and locations you visiting during your trip. We will also visit the Shrine of the Book and learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as the model of First Century Jerusalem.

The location of our lunch will depend on weather as well as general activities in Jerusalem that day, but there will be various options.

After lunch, we will conclude the program from a lookout point, either the Tayelet Hass Promenade or Ramat Rachel park, depending on weather. We will give a brief conclusion and then hear from you on take aways of the program and country. We will likely conclude around 3:30 or 4:00pm and return to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA, JERUSALEM

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

JERUSALEM

CHECK OUT!

You will need to check out of the hotel on this day, or arrange to extend your stay accordingly.

EID AL-FITR

Today is the end of the Muslim festival of Ramadan. As such, the Jerusalem market and Muslim Quarter will be affected by the holiday. This is not the day to visit a Muslim holy site or mosque.

BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA HOTEL

106 JAFFA STREET

FULL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

The tour is over so you will need to either check out of the hotel or arrange to extend your stay. We will still be available to help with any final questions you have about other sites to see or visit, car rentals, or otherwise.



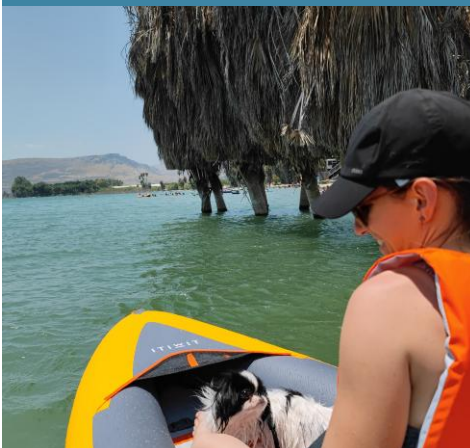
TOUR ADD-ONS AND OPTIONS



ISRAELI WHISKEY AND SPIRIT TASTING

This add-on is about so much more than alcohol. It's really a window into the culture of the modern Israeli people and the flavours of the land. The tasting will include five 2oz samples of select spirits from around the country. The tastings are spread out across the tour and with each tasting, you will be treated to a Biblical or historical story about the flavours and region.

Although it is subject to availability, some of the unique flavours you'll experience include: traditional Arak flavoured with taragon, a medjool date brandy, whiskey aged at the Dead Sea, and an etrog gin. And for those that don't drink alcohol, you don't need to be left out! Ask us about an alcohol free option that uses locally made mixers with soda or tonic to give you a unique flavour of the land.



SEA OF GALILEE KAYAKING

Take time at the Sea of Galilee to head onto the water in a kayak. We have allotted time in the itinerary for this excursion during the morning. It will be before breakfast but not before coffee!

While on the water, you can reflect on the many accounts of Jesus and his disciples fishing in the morning before the wind and waves pick up. This option is weather dependant, so if it needs to be cancelled, you will be issued a refund.

If you are spending extra days in the Galilee before or after the tour, you can also ask us about renting the kayaks and lifevests for a private excursion.

DEAD SEA DAY TRIP

A popular site for tourists and locals. Some of the sites to visit are **Qumran** (where the original Dead Sea Scrolls were found), **En Gedi** (where David hid from Saul), and **Masada** (the final seige of the Jewish-Roman War). For those interested in the Dead Sea beauty products, you can visit the **Ahava Visitors Center**. Or for a history of the mining activity in the Dead Sea, you can visit the **Moshe Novomeiski Visitor Center**. **Ein Bokek** has the most restaurants and best beaches for floating. Depending on what you want, we will customize a program accordingly.

BEFORE & AFTER THE TOUR



BETHLEHEM & THE WEST BANK

Many tourists visit the West Bank and it is generally safe. It is divided into three areas (A, B and C). Entering **Area A (Bethlehem, Jericho, Nablus, Ramallah, Jenin)** is forbidden if you are an Israeli citizen and not recommended if you are Jewish. For non-Israelis, you can often find a guide or taxi driver in Jerusalem to take you in. Just ensure to negotiate the full price and details prior.

Areas B and C have Bible sites like **Shiloh** and **Mount Gerezim**, and are generally safe for tourists and Israelis alike, though it depends on the political situation and is not recommended on Jewish or Muslim holidays. Before entering the West Bank, *ensure that your insurance (health and rental car) is valid in the territories.*

It is not possible for tourists to visit Gaza. Though, for those wanting a tour of the communities attacked on October 7, 2023, this is possible to arrange with a secular company.

EILAT & THE RED SEA

Eilat is a tax free zone, so it is popular with locals and tourists alike. You can enjoy **snorkeling in the reef** or hiking the many mountain trails like **Red Canyon**. You can also visit **Timnah Park** to see an Israelite period copper mining camp, and a life size recreation of the tabernacle.

PETRA, JORDAN

Tourists typically enter Jordan from the Eilat border crossing. Check with your insurance, visa requirements and Government advisory before hand. There are many companies that offer tours and will make all the needed arrangements for you.



TABA, EGYPT

This Egyptian resort area is popular with Israelis. Don't miss the "Welcome Home" sign that greets Israelis upon crossing into Egypt. Tours to Sinai are also possible to arrange from Taba, but again, check your insurance and visa requirements first, as well as any government advisories, as terrorist activity can be common in the Sinai.

TEL AVIV OFFICE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Located in the heart of Tel Aviv's historic *white city* (a UNESCO world heritage site) you can learn about the organization and translation work that is done. Arrange your tour on their official website www.jw.org. They operate Sunday through Thursday.

TRAVEL REMINDERS AND TIPS

RAVKAV

This is the reloadable card for public transit in Israel. **Cash is not accepted on public transit.** Download the app in English and load a dollar amount for single ride tickets, or purchase a day pass for a city or region. The card can be purchased at the airport's Public Transit Information desk.

It is recommended to have this card for Jerusalem.

Make sure to tap your card on the validation box when entering busses or light rail.



GENERAL TRAVEL REMINDERS

To enter Israel, **your passport must be valid for at least six months** from your travel date. You also need to register 72 hours prior to your flight: www.israel-entry.piba.gov.il

You can enter Israel with any stamp in your passport, though you *may* face more questioning if you have recently traveled to Iran or another country which does not recognize the State of Israel.

All major credit cards are accepted in Israel, though at some small businesses (and in the markets) cash is preferred. If you are using dollars or euros, be aware of the current exchange rate.

If you plan to use a taxi, use the app **Gett**. It is in English and allows you to hire a licensed taxi at a fixed rate.

The **electrical sockets** in Israel are the standard 230v Type C (European Style), though if you require a three prong plug for a laptop or other device, you will need a Type H, which can be difficult to find.

AIRPORT AND ARRIVAL

The Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) is not in Tel Aviv; meaning that you will need to either rent a car, hire a taxi or use public transit.

The **car rental** counters are found in Terminal 3 (*second floor*), and the vehicle pick up and drop off areas are also in Terminal 3 Parking (Vineyard Parking Lot). Terminal 3 is typically where you will arrive, although some European discount airlines arrive at Terminal 1. Free shuttle busses connect the two terminals.

The train station is located at Terminal 3. When you exit the Arrivals doors you will see signs directing you to the lower level.

Public transit stops for Sabbath so there are no trains or busses from about 15:00 Friday until 19:00 on Saturday. On Sabbath you can hire a taxi, but it can be expensive (\$250US). The Service Bus (pronounced: **sh'root**) is a minibus where the cost is split among

the riders. They are usually located outside the Arrivals terminal doors. The drivers always speak English so just ask which one will go to your destination and how much. You may also need to wait for the bus to fill. Note that the sh'root has designated drop off locations, so you may still need to walk a little to get to your hotel, though they usually get you close.

BOOKING INFORMATION

TOUR STYLE

This tour is a **moderate mobility** level, as some of the sites involve walking on dirt and gravel trails.

ALCOHOL

Because we will have lunch at wineries, and some will also be part of the whiskey tasting, the tour is not recommended for those with sensitivities to alcohol. Those under 18 can join at the wineries but cannot consume alcohol.



BOOKING TERMS

You are not booked into the tour until we receive all forms completed as well as a non-refundable deposit.

If you must cancel your trip, the following policy will apply:

91+ Days Prior = 100% Refund minus deposit and bank fees

90-61 Days Prior = 50% Refund minus deposit and bank fees

Less than 60 Days Prior = Non-Refundable

In the event of cancellation, if we can find a replacement, we will provide a refund up to 100%. During force-majeure events (pandemic, war, natural disasters) the tour may be rescheduled, (see our Terms & Liabilities).

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Hotels: 12 nights [Jerusalem (6), Negev Desert (2), Tel Aviv (1), Tiberias (3)]

Meals: All breakfasts are included. Nine lunches are included (with two wine tastings). Two dinners are included.

Transportation: A bus and tips to the driver are included in the price.

Park Fees: All park entrances for the program are included.

Tour Days: Ten tour days between 6 and 10 hours long, one day off.

Other: Whisper headsets

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Meals: All other meals are excluded (two lunches and 9 dinners).

Other: Insurance (travel and medical), entry visas (*if required*), flights, transit between airport and hotel. Transportation and sites visited after tour hours.

SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

Our programs are designed to be spiritually encouraging and informative. However, for theocratic reasons, we will not be organizing group prayers, daily text discussions, or a weekly discussion of *the Watchtower*. We encourage you to continue your

personal spiritual routine, and feel free to invite others to join you.

CAN NON-JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES JOIN?

Of course, all are welcome on our tours and we are happy to have unbelieving family members, Bible students and the like join us in Israel for a spiritually fortifying program! However, because this program will be designed for Jehovah's Witnesses' faith and culture, actions that would cause offence (like smoking, excessive drinking, drug use, cursing) will not be tolerated and could result in your removal from the tour. For those not comfortable with non-Witnesses joining the group, remember that ***it is against the law to discriminate based on religion***, so at no point will we offer a tour exclusive to any religious group unless it is a private group.

HOTELS



JERUSALEM: BROWN MACHNE YEHUDA



This hotel isn't just about modern Jerusalem style, but location, location, location! It is right beside the Jerusalem light-rail meaning that you will be able to explore Jerusalem after the tour with ease. It is also located beside the historic Machne Yehuda Market, meaning you have amazing restaurants and nightlife right at your doorstep.



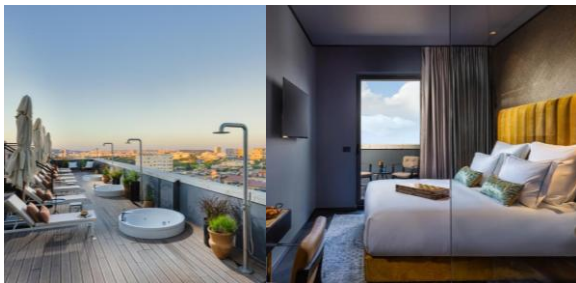
MITZPE RAMON: SEVEN HOTEL



In the heart of the Negev Desert, on the edge of Makhtesh Ramon, we will spend two nights. We will also ensure to finish the tour day a little early so you have time to relax, do some shopping for local arts and crafts in Mitzpe Ramon, or enjoy a scenic nature hike on the trail that lines the Makhtesh. At Seven you have the option of a hotel room, glamping tent or upgrading to a jacuzzi suite (*if available*).



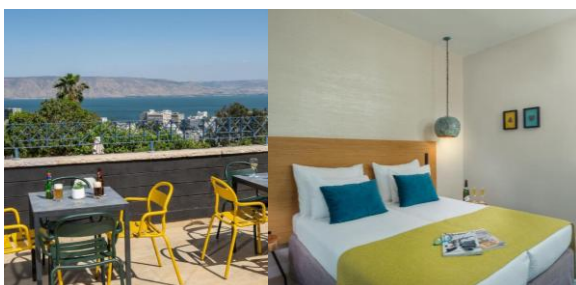
TEL AVIV: EMBASSY HOTEL



For our one night in Tel Aviv, the focus is saving you money while keeping you comfortable. A good hotel with a good reputation and in a great location for you to find food and nightlife, or even to just walk along the beach promenade in the evening. This hotel may change, based on the final group size to one of its sister hotels in the same area.



TIBERIAS: PRIMA GALIL HOTEL



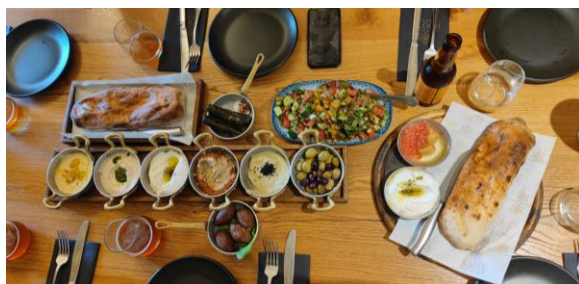
Our three nights in the Galilee will be at the newly renovated Prima Galil Hotel. With excellent staff, service and a brand new style, you will be more than comfortable here as we explore the region that Jesus called home.

You will be able to swim in their pool overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and it is only a 12 minute walk down to the Tiberias promenade.

WHY YOU CAN TRUST OUR CHOICES

First, because no agency or company is telling us to use these hotels. We use reviews and experiences of our local friends (and ourselves) to guide us in our choice. We also have the advantage of arriving unannounced at hotels to check the cleanliness and experience the service whenever we want. So you can trust that we have selected hotels that will offer a great experience for a great price.

MEALS AND GROUP SIZE



WHY WE DON'T INCLUDE EVENING MEALS

Many group tours offer half or full board, meaning all your lunches and dinners are provided by the hotel.

Why did we not choose this option?

The first reason is because *it adds substantial cost* to the hotels compared with the actual price of a meal. The second reason is because it limits where you can stay, as the vast majority of hotels in Israel do not offer lunch or dinners to their guests. That means full board hotels are designed for tourists and will offer a specific experience.

Finally, many don't use the hotel dinner option because they want to explore the city and nightlife. So it's money for nothing! Therefore, we only provide half-board on days when options are limited.

BUDGETING FOR MEALS

Most Israelis will eat falafel (fried chickpea) or shawarma (turkey) in a pita with salad for lunch. It's inexpensive, between \$5-10 (₪20-40), and filling. For dinner, a typical entrée is around \$20-25 (₪75-90). *Plan to spend around \$210 per person for your lunches (2) and dinners (9) not included in the tour price.*

HOW KOSHER & MEALS WORK

In part, kosher means there is no mixing of meat and dairy. Most restaurants follow this rule so expect the following:

Breakfast: Dairy, grains, fruits and vegetables. Items like yogurt, granola/cereal, eggs and fruit are typical, do not expect to see sausage or meat.

Lunch: In the Middle East, this is the big meal of the day. So you will see chicken, turkey (shawarma), rice, hamburgers, and things like this.

Dinner: Although restaurants will be open, you'll find only tourists until around 8:00pm when the locals arrive. For dinner, expect to find meat, but not as many dairy options.

GROUP SIZE

Our plan is for a **group of 28 people**, this means we will use a 50 person bus for lots of room and comfort. We will also have room for any local friends who have expressed interest to jump in for a day. If there is substantial interest in the tour, the group will be expanded to **up to 40 people**.

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We look forward to seeing you here in Israel!

Feel free to message us with any questions you have. We are also happy to arrange a video conference call to answer any questions personally.

We know you will leave Israel with a whole new appreciation for the people in the Bible, as well as a whole new perspective and understanding of the accounts. From Dan and Mount Hermon in the north, to the makteshim and Negev desert of the south, Israel will truly come alive.

To begin booking your place, complete the form on: <http://www.drinkofferingtours.com/grouptours>

