# ISRAEL SELF DRIVE 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



Discover Israel with a self-drive tour. Explore the archeological sites and natural wonders from Tel Aviv to Galilee, and the Dead Sea to Jerusalem. Hotels and car rental are included. Visits are on your own without a guide.



### **DAY 1 TEL AVIV**

Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport. Meet with our local representative for your car rental information. Make your way to car rental pick-up and drive to Tel Aviv for hotel check-in.

*Suggestion of free evening:* 

Rothschild Boulevard is essential to the life of Tel Aviv with its Bauhaus architecture, restaurants, the French Institute, kiosks and especially that of the Expresso Bar, the statue of Meir Dizengoff on horseback and finally the place where David Ben Gurion declared the Independence of the State of Israel.

Accommodation: Tel Aviv for 1 night

# **DAY 2 TEL AVIV – GALILEE**

Depart early in the morning for a short visit of the old city of Jaffa, ancient part of the city of Tel Aviv and its old port. Continue to Caesarea via the coastal road, a port city on the Mediterranean coast, built by Herod. There is much to see, so take your time.

Continue on to Haifa for a view of Mount Carmel and view of the world famous Bahai Gardens. Drive on to Acco. Visit the Knights Halls (Crusaders) of the ancient capital, the underground chambers, the Ottoman road side inn, and he port and fortifications that allowed the inhabitants of the city to resist the siege of Bonaparte. Arrival in Galilee and overnight in a Kibbutz. (B)

Accommodation: Sea of Galilee for 2 nights



## **DAY 3 GALILEE**

Today, take a short visit of the kibbutz to understand this particular way of life.

Depart for the city of Safed ("Tsfat" in Hebrew): Here the Study of Kabbalah took place. Stroll through the picturesque alleys and visit the different Artists galleries. Visit the HaAri synagogue dating back to the 16th century. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes and enjoy the view of the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum, the adopted city of Jesus, to see the ruins of the house of St. Peter and the synagogue. End this beautiful day with a wine tasting in an Israeli winery while enjoying the magnificent view of the vineyards of Upper Galilee. (B)

### **DAY 4 GALILEE - JERUSALEM**

After breakfast, drive to Nazareth and visit the house where Jesus spent his childhood with Mary and Joseph. Visit the Church of Annunciation. Cross the Jordan Valley and pass by Jericho, considered the oldest city in the world. Stop for a view of the Mount of Temptations near Jericho. Drive to Jerusalem to Mount Scopus, a Jerusalem mountain located northeast of the Old City, for a magnificent view. Make your way to your hotel and enjoy the fascinating city of Jerusalem. (B)

**Accommodation: Jerusalem for 4 nights** 

### **DAY 5 JERUSALEM**

Today drive to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth. Next visit Masada, a rugged natural fortress of majestic beauty in the Judean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea. It is a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel, its violent destruction and the last stand of Jewish patriots in the face of the Roman army. A cable car will take you to the top to discover palaces, warehouses and residential areas, water supply and the impressive fortified system. You will have one of the most fascinating panoramas of the Judean Desert. Float in the Dead Sea and have a delicious lunch at one of the hotels (At own expense). Continue to visit Qumran, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the Ahava cosmetic factories where you can find the best products based on salt and minerals from the Dead Sea. (B)

### **DAY 6 JERUSALEM**

After breakfast visit Yad Vashem Memorial for a meaningful visit and moments of reflection. Visit the colorful Machane Yehuda market. Continue to the Mount of Olives to admire the panorama of Jerusalem. Overlooking the old town, the mountain is covered with olive trees, cemeteries and churches, commemorating the events of Jesus' life. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane and its olive trees that may date back to the time of Christ. Depart to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. An important religious center, the Jewish tradition makes it the birthplace and crowning place of the King of Israel David, as well as for many Christians as the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth. (You will need to leave your car at the check point of Bethlehem). (B)

### **DAY 7 JERUSALEM**

After breakfast, visit the famous Menorah near the Israeli parliament, the Knesset. The Menorah, which stands in the area in front of the Knesset gates, was designed by the Jewish English sculptor Benno Elkan and was donated to the Knesset by the members of the British Parliament on 15 April, 1956. The subjects depicted on its reliefs are drawn from the Jewish tradition.

Depart for the Israel Museum and its Shrine of the Book where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Walk on the Haas Promenade and enjoy the views. Continue to Mount Zion to visit the hall of the Last Supper room and King David's tomb. Enter the Old City by foot. Walk the Via Dolorosa leading to the Church of Sepulcher, the site of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Take a walk in the Jewish Quarter and the Cardo and stop at the Western Wall. (B)

# **DAY 8 JERUSALEM**

Check out from your hotel head back to Tel Aviv for your departure flight. (B)



# **INCLUSIONS**

- Meeting and assistance on arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- 7 night accommodation in double occupancy at 4\* hotels
- 7 full Israeli buffet breakfasts at hotels
- 8 days car rental Category C, example Kia Rio (via Avis). Transfer to car rental not included

Prices in Cad\$, per person, starting from:  Daily Departures 2021	Double occupancy  Land	Single Supplement Package
January 15 – November 30 *	2999	2329

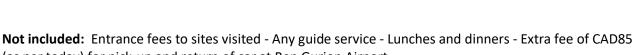
# \* Valid January 15 – November 30, 2021, excluding the following dates:

- Passover (Pessach): March 26-April 04, 2021
- Independence Day: Apr 14-15, 2021
- Pentecost (Shavuoth): May 16-19, 2021
- Jewish New Year, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkoth): September 06-28, 2021
- December 20, 2020-January 05, 2021 + December 20, 2021-January 05, 2022

# \* Hotels Supplements

• Weekend supplement at Ginnosar Hotel (Thursday & Friday nights): CAD 60 per room per night.

City	Hotel options or similar
Tel Aviv	Prima City 4*
Galilee	Kibbutz Ginnosar 4*
Jerusalem	Prima Kings 4*



(as per today) for pick-up and return of car at Ben Gurion Airport,

#### Please note:

- Check in on Saturdays will be possible only 2 hours after end of the Shabbat (in the evening).
- Rental car- please see "Important information for the renter" here below.

### V.A.T.

Customers will be exempted from paying V.A.T under the following conditions:

- The renter holds a foreign passport and is not an Israeli citizen.
- The rental vehicle is a non commercial vehicle.
- The vehicle is rented for personal use only.

In case the renter or any additional driver do not qualify for all of the above criteria, V.A.T will be charged. This also applies to renters presenting prepaid vouchers.

# **SUPPLEMENTS**

- Additional driver: USD7.5 per day on all car groups
- Baby seats & Boosters: available on request for an additional charge of USD6 per day

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

- Rates include CDW (Collision Damage Waiver) and TP (Theft Protection) excluding a participatory fee (deductible).
- The following maximal deductible amounts are applicable in each case of theft or collision damage to the rental car:
  - o Car Groups: A, B, C, L, E, F, H, X, K: USD448
- These rates may change from time to time
- Super cover: by purchasing Super CDW and Super TP insurance, the renters relieve themselves from deductible payment in case of damage or theft.
  - Super cover rates:
    - A, B, C, L, E, F, H, USD13 per day
    - These rates may change from time to time

# **AGE RESTRICTIONS**

- The Seniority of the rental customer's valid driver's license must be at least one year.
- Minimal age for vehicle rental is 21 years, liable to vehicle groups and extra charge
- Under 23 years of age For A, B, C & L there is an extra charge of USD12 per day

Prices in this document are for information only; they were issued at press time, for the current year. Please note that due to exchange rates and temporary promotions, they can increase or decrease at any time. Contact your travel agent for the price and promotion of the moment.