

## Holy Land Itinerary Add-ons

Israel offers many sites and attractions which can be combined into your Holy Land Tour depending on the time and budget you may have, if you wish to include one or more of these sites into your Holy Land Tour, we will be glad to add them into your itinerary on the appropriate day. Some of our standard Israel tours offer one or more of these sites, so please check the cost implication of adding more sites to your Israel Tour.

### 1. Come Touch the Past

While visiting North Israel, the land of the Galilee, take an opportunity for an experience Kfar Kedem, which recreates the daily life of a Galilean village 2000 years ago. Thousands of years ago, the ancient Galilee was full of hundreds of small villages where the simple people raised their crops, tended to their flocks and lived according to their ancient customs. These villages served as the backdrop for the historic events that spawned the Gospels and inspire us to this day to follow in the footsteps of the ancient apostles and to seek the landscapes that Jesus knew.



A multitude of pilgrims sojourn to the Holy Land and visit the holy sites at Nazareth, Kana, the Sea of Galilee and many others. But what is often missing from their Israel Tour itinerary is a hands-on experience of the daily life in an ancient Galilean village.

Kfar Kedem was established on a scenic hillside facing Nazareth and Sephoris National Park. The project was the brainstorm of Menachem Goldberg, 39, an experienced Israel tour guide and a resident of the Galilean village of Hoshaya. After conferring with historians and archeologists and studying the relevant Jewish and Christian texts, Kfar Kedem was built with the highest standards of authenticity regarding the agriculture and architecture of an ancient Galilean village. As part of that authenticity, Kfar Kedem is run according to halacha, the ancient Jewish law that proscribes that the village remains closed on the Sabbath as well as all Jewish holidays and that all food served at Kfar Kedem is strictly kosher.



A visit to Kfar Kedem is like passing through a time tunnel to the Galilee of antiquity. Donkeys are tied to posts as the flock of sheep is going off to pasture while hens are leading their chicks down the lane. Depending on the season, the olives, figs, grapes or pomegranates are ripening on the trees.

But Kfar Kedem can't be mistaken for a stage show or museum exhibit. The philosophy here is for a hands-on experience. Guests are encouraged to dress in biblical clothes provided by the staff and are kept busy in various parts of the village pressing oil, crushing grapes or baking the pita bread that will be served with the afternoon feast at the Shepherd's tent.

No Holy Land Tour experience can be complete without a visit to Kfar Kedem to touch and feel how the ancient people of the Galilee lived their daily lives. The memories of the activities done in Kfar Kedem will live on far after the numerous snapshots fade away.

## 2. The Galilee Experience

Let 4,000 years of Galilee history come alive before your eyes, in just 38 minutes. For your enjoyment, education and inspiration, 27 computer controlled slide projectors unfold the story of the famous men and women who made history in the Galilee. The luxurious climate-controlled theater complex is located on the Tiberias waterfront, just 2-3 minutes walk from major downtown hotels. The Galilee Experience is a very popular stop for many Christian tour groups during their Holy Land Tours.

## 3. Kibbutz Tour – Home Hospitality

An attractive means of getting to know the kibbutz while on a Israel tour. A first hand account of Kibbutz Ein Gev's development. A tour around the kibbutz in a car train. For groups staying at the Ein Gev Resort, we will be glad to arrange personal visits to the homes of Kibbutz members, persons in your group will be divided in to small groups of 2 and 3 persons and spend an afternoon with a family on the Kibbutz.



#### 4. Qazrin – Talmudic Village

The ruins of a Talmudic Jewish settlement that existed 400 years ago are testimony to a thriving village. The site, in Ancient Qazrin Park, includes restored olive and wine presses, household items, residences and other artifacts. In the center of the village is an ancient Synagogue – which has been excellently preserved, including a gate with exquisite ornament, pillars and the basalt foundation of a holy ark built to face Jerusalem. It is also possible to visit the Golan Archeological museum, located in the center of Qazrin, which reveals the tale of past settlement in the Golan.

#### 5. Leave your fingerprint in the Land of the Bible

Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael (KKL) invites you to participate in a unique experience: As the years go by, the sapling you plant will grow and flourish, beautifying the ancient vistas of the Land of the Bible. Ever since its establishment in 1901, KKL has been repairing and restoring Israel's vast, neglected landscapes. To this end, KKL has planted over 200 million trees, transforming barren, rocky hills into lush, green forests. This project is unique amongst afforestation efforts worldwide; trees in Israel have been lovingly planted by people from all corners of the globe to honor loved ones or to commemorate someone dear. Thus, our forests are living legacies populated by millions of tree dedicated to millions of Israel's many friends throughout the world.



KKL's forests serve as the country's green lungs, and provide much needed recreation areas for all its residents. By planting trees in the land of the Bible you give something of yourself, and while your trees grow they continually improve the quality of Israel's environment.

You, too, can be part of this inspiring tradition. Plant a tree at one of KKL's Planting Centers located throughout the country. Nestled in magnificent biblical settings with breathtaking panoramic views, these centers are conveniently located off major highways, providing easy access to individuals and groups alike. Planting of trees in the Holy Land can be incorporated into your groups Holy Land Tour whether in North Israel or in Jerusalem, contact us for more information.



## 6. Yad Hashmona

The moshav was founded by a small group of Finnish Christians in 1971 in memory of eight Jewish refugees who were turned over to the Nazi Germany. Israeli Jews joined the moshav in 1978 on the common ground of faith in Yeshua HaMashiah (Jesus the Messiah) and belief in the Bible as the inerrant Word of God and as our standard for faith and practice. Most of the members are now Israelis and the main daily spoken language is Hebrew. The settlement is primarily engaged in tourism and carpentry. A unique Israeli experience for those seeking a more meaningful visit to the Holy Land either as individuals or as part of group Holy Land tours.

Whether you are visiting for a short time or long, you will find our facilities intimate and refreshing, and our mountain filled with the peace of our blessed Messiah. We are a blend of both Jewish and non-Jewish people who have a love for Israel and are here to serve you. For groups visiting Yad Hashmona, there is an opportunity to visit the newly constructed Biblical Garden combined with lunch at the Dining Hall built of pine wood with an Outdoor terrace with a magnificent view towards the Judean hills.

## 7. The Temple Institute

The Temple Institute (in Hebrew, Machon HaMikdash), founded in 1987, is a non-profit educational and religious organization located in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem's Old City. We are dedicated to every aspect of the Biblical commandment to build the Holy Temple of G-d on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. Our short-term goal is to rekindle the flame of the Holy Temple in the hearts of mankind. Our long-term goal is to do as much as possible to bring about the building of the Holy Temple in our time. Thus, the Institute's efforts include raising public awareness about the Holy Temple, and the central role that it occupies in the spiritual life of mankind. The many areas of activities conducted by the Institute combine research, publications, and conferences, as well as the production of educational materials.

The major focus of the Institute is its efforts towards the beginning of the actual rebuilding of the Holy Temple. Towards this end, the Institute has begun to restore and construct the sacred vessels for the service of the Holy Temple. These vessels, which G-d commanded Israel to create, can be seen today at our headquarters in Jerusalem. They are made according to the exact specifications of the Bible, and have been constructed from the original source materials, such as gold, copper, silver and wood. These are authentic, accurate vessels, not merely replicas or models. All of these items are fit and ready for use in the service of the Holy Temple. Among the many items featured in the exhibition are musical instruments played by the Levitical choir, the golden crown of the High Priest, and gold and silver vessels used in the incense and sacrificial services. After many years of effort and toil, the Institute has just recently completed the three most important and central vessels of the Divine service: the seven-branched candelabra, or Menorah, made of pure gold; the golden Incense Altar, and the golden Table of the Showbread.

## 8. The City of David

Visit the newly opened excavations at the City of David. Rediscover the City of David through the eyes of the Parker Mission of 1911 when archeologist/explorer Captain Parker went there in search of the Lost Ark. Decend into a deep Cistern and discuss the Prophet Jeremiah's inner struggle. Visit Arae G, the most controversial dig in modern Israeli history. Climb down through Warren's Shaft to the newly discovered tunnels. Climb over the megaliths at the "Pool Tower" from the time of Abraham. Wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel; 600 meters of underground water tunnel dating back to the First Temple Period.



## 9. Dig for a Day

A rare opportunity which allows you to touch your roots, Dig for a Day is a unique program designed for visitors of all ages.

The one day orientation and excavation seminar includes the history and development of the site, with on-site demonstrations of excavation methodology and tools. Excavation runs from two to three hours, interspersed with periods of sifting and pottery examination. The day includes digging, touring of Beit Guvrin National Park and an exciting crawl through unexcavated cave systems.

Currently the digging is at Tel Maresha in the area of Beit Guvrin, ancestral home of King Herod. Vast underground labyrinths of man-made rooms are being systematically cleaned and give evidence of underground industrial complexes dating from the Hellenistic period. Remains of olive oil production, weaving installations, water cisterns and baths confirm a high level of material culture. This site offers a wealth of discoveries and practical experience for those who want to "dig" but have limited time. The Dig for A Day is rated as one of the most popular activities with many of our Israel Tour groups from across the world.

## 10. The Ein Gedi Spa

A unique and soothing natural phenomenon On the shores of the Dead Sea, at the foot of the Judean Hills to the west, and facing the Mountains of Moab to the east, at the lowest spot on earth, nature has created therm o-mineral springs with healing properties found nowhere else.



The Ein Gedi hot springs - a rare natural phenomenon existing only in Israel and, a pilgrimage site for the health conscious and bon vivants of the world.

## 11. The Wilderness Tabernacle

For 40 years the Wilderness Tabernacle was the place where God chose to commune with His people Israel, as they traveled through the desert on their way to the Promised Land. With the establishment of the Nation of Israel, the Tabernacle continued to be the center of spiritual life for the congregation of the tribes for hundreds of years. Thus, this tent-shrine of the ancient Hebrews, built at God's command and in accordance with His specifications, played an important role in His unfolding redemptive plan-over 50 chapters in the Bible talk about its construction, appointments and rituals! The furnishings housed within the Tabernacle, crafted of precious materials on a Divine plan, not only held great spiritual significance-they must have been truly a splendor to see! For all these reasons, the Tabernacle described in the Hebrew Scriptures has always captured the imagination and und eniably occupies a key place in the spiritual heritage of God's People. With this realization, Dr. Randall Smith, PhD, a popular Bible teacher who has studied, taught, traveled and lived in Israel for a number of years, dreamed of building a full-scale Tabernacle replica in the Holy Land. Dr. Smith gathered about him a group of like-mined pastors and teachers, people who shared his vision, and together they invested themselves in turning that dream into a reality.

The Tabernacle replica was conceived as a walk-through teaching model and attraction, one that would be interest primarily to Jews and Christians, but also to people of other faith traditions and backgrounds. As an over-riding principle, the creators of the model desired most of all to be faithful to the meaning of the Biblical text, while also considering and drawing on at points the rich traditions of Jewish rabbinic writings. Bringing the Tabernacle replica into being was an arduous 5-year process. Headed by Dr. Smith, the project team researched not only the Scriptural background (sometimes delving into the original Hebrew text to grasp the meaning of obscure words), but also the technical aspects and practical considerations of creating such an elaborate model on a remote,



previously undeveloped site. Along the way, they drew on the resources of libraries and museums and consulted a host of experts: biblical and rabbinical scholars, architects, designers, engineers, builders, professional model-makers- and Bedouin weavers! Over a period of a year and a half, the stunning Tabernacle replica slowly came into being, the work performed both by hired tradesmen and specialists and many, many faithful volunteers. With the cooperation of nearby Kibbutz Almog (from whom the site is leased), a special location for the Tabernacle was selected, ideal in terms of potential tourist traffic and visitor access and, especially, for its dramatic wilderness landscape. Encompassing the Dead Sea, the expanse of the Great Rift Valley, and the stark hills of the Judean Wilderness, the striking setting formed a unique natural backdrop; one that would help visitors visualize the places the real Tabernacle had once stood!

## 12. Genesis Land

In Genesis Land we shall meet Eliezer, the slave of Abraham and his caravan of camels. They will lead us to the reception in Abraham's tent. We shall also meet Joseph and his brothers minutes before the brothers throw Joseph to the pit. We can also witness the matchmaking of Isaac and Rivkah by Eliezer, and other beautiful and familiar stories. We will join a camel caravan from Genesis Land, along the edge of the cliff of Wadi Kelt whence we will have a full view of the magnificent wadi. Or perhaps a jeep Desert Safari, taking us deep into the desert via various possible routes, for example: Kedar - Jable Mountar - Marsaba monastery (the amazing monastery hidden in the mountains) - the Horkania ravine. Participate in workshops which reconstruct the craftsmanship of our ancestors and their life style . Write with a reed in ancient Hebrew script on a parchment using ink and a hand made pen. Bake pitta-bread from scratch on open fire. Create decorative picture mosaics from stones. Knead clay by hand, preparing jars and house tools. Rest at the peaceful oasis and cool refreshing spring of Ein Mabou'a, while sipping herbal tea. Enjoy a Hafla of kosher meat or dairy meals, in a tent while sitting on mattresses. So join us for an unforgettable experience in Genesis Land! Why not take advantage of being in Israel to visit neighboring Egypt and Jordan?

## EGYPT

Since the early days of establishment of diplomatic relations with Egypt we offered our clients combined tours to the Bible Lands. Throughout the years we have operated many combined tours taking tens of thousands of pilgrims to Mt. Sinai, Cairo and on Nile cruises in conjunction with our Egyptian partners.



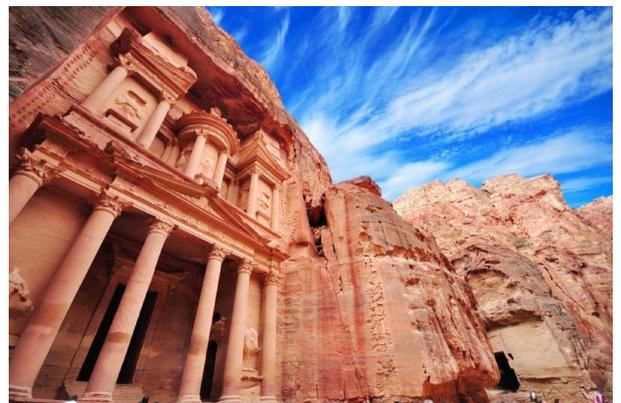


For groups wishing to extend their tour from Israel to Mt. Sinai, we offer a 1 night package from Eilat to Sinai, with overnight in a hotel by Mt. Sinai or in Nueiba, an early morning (2am) climb of Mt. Sinai for a majestic view of the sunrise from it's peak, a visit to the St. Catherine Monastery and return to Eilat in the late afternoon.

We will be glad to Custom make an itinerary for you, incorporating a visit to Egypt and or Jordan as part of your Pilgrimage tour.

## JORDAN

Since the early days of establishment of diplomatic relations with Jordan we offered our clients combined tours to Israel and Jordan. Throughout the years we have operated many combined tours taking tens of thousands of pilgrims to Petra and Mt. Nebo in Jordan in conjunction with our Jordanian partner.



It is also possible to take a day trip from Eilat to Petra, crossing the Arava border early in the morning and driving to Petra – The rose red city. After an extensive visit to the site and lunch return in the early evening to Eilat.

We will be glad to Custom make an itinerary for you, incorporating visits to Jordan and or Egypt as part of your Holy Land Tour.