

ANCIENT ISRAEL AND JORDAN HOSTED LAND TOUR **OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 11, 2022**



Rarely does a country possess such an appeal that travellers alike are drawn to... From beautiful, heart pleasing landscapes, countless historic and religious sites, ancient traditions, delicious food and wines...Israel has it all!

Join Tal McKelvey as she takes you on an unforgettable journey of her homeland. Tal was born and raised in Israel and she is very excited and proud to show you everything her amazing Israel has to offer.



Tal McKelvey
Senior Travel Advisor



FRI, OCT 28/DAY 1 Welcome to Tel Aviv

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport and driven to your hotel in Tel Aviv. In the evening meet your travel companions for a **Welcome Reception** and a short introduction to your Israeli adventures.

Included Meals: Welcome Dinner with wine

Accommodation: Hotel Drisco in Tel Aviv (or similar)

SAT, OCT 29/DAY 2 Relaxed Start - Exploring Vibrant Tel Aviv

Morning sightseeing showcases the highlights of this vibrant city including the **Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square** and **Carmel Market**. Venture along the seashore to the ancient city of **Jaffa** to see the famous clock tower and the old harbour. Visit the artists' quarter with its galleries, boutiques and picturesque narrow lanes. Walk along the seaside promenade at sunset for spectacular views, as local musicians and street artists take to the stage.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch with wine

Accommodation: Hotel Drisco in Tel Aviv (or similar)

SUN, OCT 30/DAY 3

Caesarea To Galilee

Travel from Tel Aviv, along the coastal road to **Caesarea**. Explore the ancient **Roman and Crusader ruins**, including the huge amphitheatre. Travel via **Haifa to Acre**, fought over for centuries and captured in turn by Saracens and Crusaders, including Richard the Lionheart. See the fortress, the old harbour area and **Crusader crypt**. Continue to **Nazareth** and visit one of **Christianity's** most sacred places, the **Church of Annunciation**, built on the site where the angel Gabriel is said to have appeared to Mary. The day concludes with a brief introduction to life on a **Kibbutz**.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Accommodation: Dan Carmel Haifa, or similar

MON, OCT 31/DAY 4 Relaxed Start - Golan Heights

Journey to **Golan Heights** and visit a winery known for producing Israel's leading wines. Learn about the distinctive features of the region before indulging in a wine tasting.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch with wine

Accommodation: Dan Carmel Haifa, or similar

TUE, NOV 1/DAY 5 To the Dead Sea

Explore **Galilee** today. You can join a relaxing cruise on **Lake Kinneret** or meet one of the fishermen who found the **Ancient Galilee Boat** and hear the story of its excavation. Visit **Capernaum**, where Jesus is said to have entered the Synagogue to teach, before heading to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where he preached the Sermon on the Mount. Journey through ever-changing landscapes along the **Jordan Valley**, past ancient **Jericho**, to take a dip in the buoyant salt waters of the **Dead Sea**.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Isrotel Hotel, Dead Sea

WED, NOV 2/DAY 6 Masada and the Holy City of Jerusalem

Take a cable car ride up to the fortress of **Masada**, where **Jewish Zealots** held out for three years against Herod's armies. Pass the caves where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found at **Qumran**. Travel through the **Judean Hills** to **Mount Scopus** for breathtaking views of **Jerusalem**. Visit **King David's Tomb on Mount Zion**, and the **Room of the Last Supper**. Enter the **Old City** and follow the winding cobbled alleyways to the magnificent **Wailing Wall**, the most sacred monument in Judaism.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

THUR, NOV 3/DAY 7 Exploring Jerusalem

Today is dedicated to exploring the multiple facets of Jerusalem. Visit **Yad Vashem**, a memorial for those who perished in the **Holocaust**. Continue to the **Israel Museum** and retrace the history of the city. Visit the **Shrine of the Book**, home to ancient **Dead Sea scrolls**, and look out for the most ancient one, the **Isaiah scroll**, dating from the third century B.C.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

FRI, NOV 4/DAY 8 Relaxed Start - Optional Bethlehem Experience

Enjoy a relaxed morning or alternatively choose to meet your Local Expert at the **West Bank** border and continue to the **Holy city of Bethlehem**. The Optional Experience includes visiting the **Church of the Nativity**. The structure is built over the cave that tradition marks as the birthplace of Christ and is considered sacred by followers of both **Christianity and Islam**. In the afternoon, visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** and walk through the Old City to see the **Temple Mount**, one of Islam's holiest sites. Continue along the **Via Dolorosa** past the **Stations of the Cross**, **Ecce Homo Arch**, and the **Pool of Bethesda**, to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.

This evening break traditional challah bread with your travel companions over a cheerful Shabbat dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Accommodation: American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

SAT, NOV 5/DAY 9 From Jerusalem To Amman

Travel through the **Judaeen Desert** to the border of the **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**. You are met on the other side to journey through a landscape that has changed little in the last 2,000 years. Once at your **Amman** hotel, relax and settle in before joining your Jordanian Travel Director for drinks and dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Accommodation: Amman Marriott Hotel

SUN, NOV 6/DAY 10 Exploring Amman And Jerash

After breakfast depart for **Iraq Al-Amir**, a women's cooperative involving women and girls from nearby **Wadi Al Seer** villages. The Association is supported by **Insight Vacations** through **The TreadRight Foundation** and provides training and work opportunities for women in the region. Then, the journey to **Jerash** reveals the most beautifully preserved example of a Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through **Hadrian's Arch**, to explore the grand ruins of the **Temples of Artemis and Zeus**, where you can listen to the **Whispering Column**. Overlook the vast **Oval Plaza and Cardo Maximus**, the key **Roman road**. Return to Amman where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Amman Marriott Hotel

MON, NOV 7/DAY 11 Red City of Petra

Continue to **Mount Nebo**, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses stood and saw before him the **Promised Land**. At **Madaba**, visit the famous **Greek Orthodox Church of St. George** with its amazing 6th century mosaic map depicting the entire **Holy Land**. Follow the **King's Highway** to visit **Shobak**, an authentic 12th century crusader fortress, standing guard over a barren and desolate land. Then, head

south for one of the highlights of your journey: the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra**, voted one of the **New Seven Wonders of the World**.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner, Dinner with Wine

Accommodation: Petra Marriott Hotel

TUE, NOV 8/DAY 12

Exploring the Lost City of Petra

This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time'. You enter this lost city through a narrow gorge, the **Siq**, with walls that rise up to 200 metres. Emerge from the path to see the magnificent **Treasury**, carved out of solid rock and standing over 40 metres high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the **Roman Amphitheatre**, which once seated 3,000 spectators, and the ancient tombs.

Tonight, we take in a Henna Fantasia Jordanian Folklore Show with dinner this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with wine

Accommodation: Petra Marriott Hotel

WED, NOV 9/DAY 13

Wadi Rum with The Bedouin

Head to **Wadi Rum**. Enjoy beautiful vistas as you make your way on a jeep safari deep into the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert. Enjoy the spectacular **Bedouin** hospitality tonight as you dine with locals under the stars and stay in elegant simplicity in a desert camp for the night.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum

THUR, NOV 10/DAY 14 Amman

If you wish, start the day with sunrise yoga at the Bedouin camp, before returning to Amman. Then, explore Amman on a sightseeing tour to discover the highlights of the city and learn about the history and culture. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour. Later, check in at your hotel where the rest of your day is at leisure. Join in a lively dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventures.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Accommodation: Amman Marriott Hotel.

FRI, NOV 11/DAY 15

Depart Amman

After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onward flight.

Included Meals: Breakfast

HOTELS



Hotel Drisco Tel Aviv (or similar), 2 nights

A historical building that dates back to the year of 1870. It was built as a luxurious hotel called Jerusalem by two American brothers, John and George Drisco, who arrived at the shores of Jaffa in 1866. This beautiful 5* hotel is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World Luxury Hotels.



Dan Carmel Haifa, (or similar), 2 nights

If Haifa is known as the Pearl of the North, then the Dan Carmel Hotel is the Pearl of Haifa. Perched halfway up the richly wooded slopes of historic, biblical Mount Carmel, the Dan Carmel is where guests spend a classy, elegant stay. Relax in the private gardens and enjoy breath-taking views of Haifa Bay. coastline.



Isrotel Hotel, Dead Sea (or similar), 1 night

Isrotel Hotel is just moments away from the shoreline, nestled at the foot of the majestic mountains that frame the Dead Sea. Every room has a balcony, with most enjoying magnificent views of the iconic Dead Sea. The hotel is famous for its Dead Sea treatments at its own Esprit Spa.



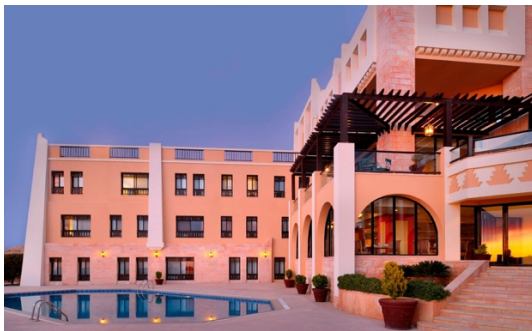
American Colony Hotel Jerusalem (or similar), 3 nights

The American Colony Hotel is another historic property, originally built as a Pasha's residence. To this day it retains the atmosphere of a private home in the city center of Israel. It houses 94 rooms, 50 of which are with a different design and décor.



Amman Marriott Hotel (or similar), 3 nights

This 5* property is the gateway to the rich, cultural history and attractions of Jordan's capital city. It offers all the hallmarks of brilliant travel experience from a prime location in the city center to 5-star amenities and award-winning service.



Petra Marriott Hotel (or similar), 2 nights

Enjoy one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the ancient Nabatean city of Petra carved from the rock over a thousand years ago. Embracing traditional hospitality and overlooking Jordan's timeless wonder, the Petra Marriott is a haven for comfort and luxury.



Sun Camp Wadi Rum (or similar), 1 night

In the heart of Wadi Rum majestic desert, stands the incredible Sun City Camp offering serenity and spiritual soothing experience of living in the desert and enjoying the simple Bedouin life of the valley with its unmatched authentic charm and beauty.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 14 nights accommodation at select hotel
- English speaking Tour Director and Guide throughout the tour
- Transportation in AC vehicle for all transfers and tours
- Entrance Fees
- Guided tours as per the itinerary
- Meals as per the itinerary
- All hotel taxes and porter charges
- Gratuities for Tour Director, Driver and local guides
- Bottled water on coach
- Hosted by Tal McKelvey
- Minimum of 15 guests required

TOUR COST:

- **Double Occupancy:** \$10,800CAD pp
- **Single Occupancy:** \$14,800CAD

PAYMENTS:

- **Deposit:** \$500CAD pp
- **Final payment date:** July 30, 2022

Price does not include international airfare, early or late check-in at the hotels, additional excursions, meals, and beverages other than those indicated on the itinerary, travel insurance and other items not mentioned above.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

- Between 60 & 45 days prior to departure: 50% of total trip cost.
- Between 44 days & day of departure: 100% of total trip cost.

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