

ISRAEL - TOUR ISRAEL

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Day 1

The shared transfer collection time at Tel Aviv airport is scheduled for 16:20. Please book a flight with a scheduled arrival time by 15:20 to allow for immigration and luggage collection.

If you have arrived in Tel Aviv early, we can arrange collection from your hotel at 15:45.

Return flights can depart at any time. This transfer is payable locally.

Overnight Karoso B&B Guesthouse. Arrival in early evening at Moshav Sharona in the lower Galilee. After introductions and explanations followed by dinner, you will enjoy an enlightening lecture on the history of Israel. You stay in a country lodge located on the Moshav.

Karoso is located in the Sharona Moshav. It's a small family run guest house, with 5 apartments set amongst olive and fruit trees.



One of the bedrooms at Karoso

Day 2

You set off for your first day of riding through the beautiful natural landscape of Galilee. After matching horses and tack you leave the stables at Shadmot Dvora Kish to Tel Rekhes where, according to legend, King Solomon's stables were located.



Later you have the chance for some faster riding in the almond orchards and fields heading back to Shadmot Dvora. Approximately 18km riding.

Following a short break, you drive to Mount Tabor to visit the Church of Transfiguration.



Afterwards, continue on to Nazareth for a walking tour of the holy sites and markets. You will enjoy the unique sights, aromas and tastes of this fascinating city.

A delicious dinner will be served in an authentic Bedouin village.



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Day 3

Today begins with a ride in the remarkable Sirin Heights to enjoy the stunning scenery along its streams and springs. You head up to the lookout point of Mitzpe Ayloat to enjoy the view of the Jordan Valley.



Heading west you explore Ulem and the Sirin springs before continuing on to the stables at Kfar Kish. Approximately 25km riding.

After returning the horses, travel to the Jordan River to have a swim, and then head on to Kibbutz Degania which was the world's first kibbutz.

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Day 4

The western Carmel region is the location of today's adventure.

You say goodbye to the horses at Ramot Menashe and head west towards the beautiful Mediterranean forest of Mount Horshan. Meet your new horses and explore the trails of this lush area. Ride south towards Tzabarin spring, which was the source of water for Caesarea during Roman times. Pass the village of Amikam and head east along the Taninim stream back to the stables. You may have the opportunity for some good canters here.



After the ride, transfer to Tel Megiddo.

Megiddo is thought to have been occupied since 5000 BC and is the location of many ancient battles. It was known as Armageddon by the Greeks and is situated at a key pass in the Carmel Ridge, overlooking the fertile Jezreel Valley.



Overnight Zohar Badesha. Tonight you stay at Dalia Kibbutz.

Zohar Badesha is situated in the Dalia Kibbutz. The lodge is set in open countryside overlooking Galilee and has 25 rooms.



Zohar Badesha



One of the bedrooms at Zohar Badesha

Day 5

Today will be dedicated to visiting Jerusalem.

You travel by car from Kibbutz Dalia through West Jerusalem and pass by The Israeli Museum and the Kneset (the Israeli Parliament).

Spend time exploring the Old City. You follow the famous Via Dolorosa (the path that Jesus walked on his way to his crucifixion). Along the way, you visit the many holy sites of three different religions.



Overnight Judean Desert. After the tour and a typical Israeli lunch, drive to the Judean Desert to spend the night in a very special place.



The modern permanent desert camp in the Judean Desert has hot showers, toilets, internet connection and well reviewed food. You sleep in sleeping bags and on camping mattresses.



Shared camping arrangements at the desert camp.

If you would prefer not to camp, it is possible to upgrade to a room with a private bathroom. This needs to be pre-booked and is an extra cost which is payable locally.



Bedroom at Judean Desert camp (upgrade payable locally)

Day 6

An early start today as you head out before sunrise. You ride through the expansive plains of the north Judean Desert until you reach the cliffs overlooking the Dead Sea.



Then head west to Tamar Stream and arrive to the grazing fields of the upper desert (where king David use to walk with his sheep). Follow an old donkey trail, in order to ride back to camp.

After the ride, you will be taken to the monumental site of Masada to explore.

The Masada fortress in the Judean Desert was originally built by Herold the Great around 25 BC. It was held for two years by Jewish men, women and

children against the Romans. It is known for its spectacular view over the Dead Sea.

Overnight Judean Desert.

Day 7

Today is your last exhilarating ride in the desert. Ride east along Daraga Stream, then head south towards the upper part of Judean desert. Cross the Tekoa stream, and then we will start to climb along the 'Vultures Trail' to Mutrida Ridge.



Ride to the Nabatean water cistern of Bir el Makushita, and from there ride back towards camp.



Say goodbye to your horse, and be transferred to the Dead Sea to help treat aching muscles.

The Dead Sea is famous for its healing waters. People often cover themselves in the black mud as it is said to be good for the skin.



Overnight Zohar Badesha.

Day 8

The ride today starts at the prehistoric archeological site of Nahal Mearot.

Ride toward the Mediterranean beach, crossing the Hof Carmel area en-route. There will be lots of opportunities beach canters as well as swimming in the sea.

The ride takes you towards the Habonim National Park, before continuing to ride along the beach crossing the fisherman village of Jeser el Zarka and on to Caesarea beach.



Overnight Tel Aviv. After saying farewell to your second set of horses, you are transferred to Tel Aviv to spend the night.

Stay in a comfortable four star hotel.

Day 9

Today you have the option of either exploring Tel Aviv on your own or resting. Tel Aviv is a modern, vivacious city with lots of fun things to do including a

colourful market, great shopping and beautiful beaches. Enjoy your final breakfast with everyone before heading out on your onward travels.