

# ISRAEL - LAND OF GALILEE

## ITINERARY

### 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.

It is also possible to be collected from a hotel in Tel Aviv at 15:45

At the end of the ride you will be dropped off at Tel Aviv city or at the airport. Expected time of arrival is around 17:00 and so your return flight should depart after 20:00. If your flight departs earlier than this then you may need to pay for a private transfer from Jerusalem (c. USD 60).

Overnight Karoso B&B Guesthouse. Arrival in early evening. After dinner there will be an introductory talk about the week ahead.

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 head by vehicle to Mount Tabor to visit the Church of Transfiguration.



Afterwards, you continue on to Nazareth for a walking tour of the holy sites and markets. Enjoy the unique sights, sounds and smells of this fascinating city. Perhaps try some of the local delicacies.

Dinner is served in an authentic Bedouin village and later you return to Sharona for the night.



Overnight Karoso B&B Guesthouse.

### **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. Approximate 25km riding.

You head to the Jordan Valley by vehicle where you have the chance to swim in the holy water of the River Jordan. Then you continue on to Kibbutz Degania,

the world's first kibbutz. Here you can learn all about this unique community's way of living before returning to Sharona.

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## Day 4

Today's ride explores the Arbel Stream and the Horns of Hattin, an extinct volcano with twin peaks overlooking the plains of the Lower Galilee. This is the site of the 1187 battle where Saladin defeated the Crusaders. The route follows the Jesus Trail that connects Nazareth and Capernaum.

Approximately 15km riding.



Later go by vehicle to El-Muharrakah. This is the site where the Prophet Elijah supposedly slaughtered the prophets of Baal. After visiting the Carmelite Monastery enjoy a traditional lunch in the nearby Druze village of Osafia.



Overnight Zohar Badesha. 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

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 Mt. 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. Approximately 18km riding.



After the ride you visit the world heritage site of 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.

## Day 6

This day is devoted to the west Carmel region and the Mediterranean beach area. Your ride starts at the prehistoric archaeological site of Nahal Meerot, crossing the Hof Carmel agricultural area towards the coast.



Cantering across the amazing beach you continue towards Habonim National Park. There is an opportunity to swim in the sea before continuing along the beach to the fishing village of Jeser el Zarka and onwards to Caesarea beach. Approximately 25 km riding.



Overnight Zohar Badesha.

## **Day 7**

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.

