

# InterfaithTours<sup>©</sup>

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Tours designed specifically for interfaith (Christian and Jewish) families to honor both religions of the family and to visit sites important to each of them.



Come to the Land Where Your Family Began!©

## Discover Israel

11 Days

July 21 – 31, 2012

### Tour Highlights & Inclusions:

**Round Trip Airfare to Tel Aviv from New York or Newark, NJ\***

**8 Nights Accommodations in First Class Hotels**

**All Transfers in Israel**

**All Breakfasts, 2 Lunches and all but one dinner are included**

**Including: Fish lunch in Tiberias, Special Friday night "Kabbalat Shabbat" dinner & Farewell Dinner**

**Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary with private English-Speaking guide in air-conditioned private coach**

**Entrance Fees to sites on itinerary**

**Baggage handling & Hotel Service Charges**

**Fully Escorted**

**\$3,999.00 Air & Land pp.dbl.**

\$799.00 Single Supplement

**EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS - BOOK BY DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND SAVE \$100 PER PERSON**

*\*Departure city from US TBA, Air add-on can be arranged from your hometown for additional cost.*

*\*Subject to change until ticketed*

*Call for child rates.*

**Sign up Early! Limited to one motorcoach only.**

For Reservations & Information:

**VIKING TRAVEL SERVICE**

*Shared Adventures -Custom Group Travel Division*

**Tel: 630-321-1664 Toll Free: 800-233-3963**

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Nothing underscores the variety of Israel's attractions more than realizing that within a few hours you can go from the snowy heights of Mount Hermon to the Judean Desert and the saltiest sea on earth, the Dead Sea, while visiting ancient biblical cities, covered markets and a high-rise metropolis on the way. This is what makes Israel truly a destination with something for everyone.

### Day by Day Itinerary

July 21, 2012 - Saturday – Departure from US.



July 22 - Sunday - Greeted at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport by your guide and introduction to the exciting days that await you. We will then proceed to the ancient port of Jaffa from which Jonah set sail and where the house of Simon the Tanner is located. Return to Tel Aviv where we can explore Israel's original capital - now its economic center as well as a beautiful resort city on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Explore the city, including the Carmel Market and the beaches. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. (D).



July 23 - Monday - After a traditional Israeli breakfast, enjoy a coach tour of Tel Aviv - the "White City" which is on UNESCO's list of World Heritage locations. We visit Independence Hall where Israel declared its statehood and Yitzhak Rabin Square where Yitzhak Rabin's life was taken all too soon. Visit the "Palmach Museum" and "the Ayalon Institute" - and underground factory. See unique presentations of how pre state Jews coexisted with their contemporaries. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. (B,D)

July 24 - Tuesday - We head north along the Mediterranean coast - the ancient Via Maris road to Caesarea, built by King Herod and named for Caesar Augustus. We see the Roman aqueducts, the Roman theater and the Crusader fortress. We pass the site where Elijah had his battle of faith with false prophets of Baal - near a "Druze" village - a faith unique to the Middle East.



We continue to the port city of Haifa - Israel's third largest city and headquarters of the Baha'i faith. This is also home to one of 5 ornately domed Baha'i temples in the world. We continue via Tel Megiddo where excavations have found 21 layers of civilization from 3500 BC. This is a key trading center for the ancient world and the site of the battle of Good and Evil mentioned in the Book of Revelation. We finish the day visiting Nazareth - Church of the Annunciation and Cana, Christ's 1st miracle changing water to wine - and an evening cruise on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Galilee (B,D)



July 25 - Wednesday - Tour the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Simon Peter's house, the Mount of the Beatitudes and the town of Tabgha - visiting the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. We ascend the Golan Heights overlooking all of Galilee. We end the day in Zfat the town of the Second Temple. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> century home of Kabbalah, the Jewish Mysticism movement. Optional (extra fee) Jeep ride today. Dinner and overnight in Galilee (B,L,D).

July 26 - Thursday – This morning we travel to Yardenit, the site of the baptism by John the Baptist. After a refreshing dip in the Jordan River we will continue to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley, en route explore ruins of recently excavated Beit She'an where ongoing excavations have unearthed several layers of civilizations back to the Egyptians and through to the Byzantine occupation to the Muslim era. Then, it is on to the Beit Alfa Synagogue where we will explore the remains of a 6<sup>th</sup> century synagogue with an ornate mosaic floor depicting the Hebrew months.



Early evening dinner experience at Genesis Land – camel rides and workshops. Visitors to Genesis Land are greeted by Eliezer, Abraham's manservant, and by a train of camels which lead you down to Abraham's tent, where you will experience his legendary hospitality. Perhaps you'll witness the courtship of Isaac and Rebecca. You might even come across Joseph and his brothers, just before they throw him in the pit. At Genesis



Land, the stories of the Bible come to life in the very landscape in which they took place. We will end the day on the shores of the Dead Sea. Check into our Dead Sea spa hotel. (B, D)

July 27 - Friday - For those desiring an early morning hike, we will ascend Masada via the Snake Path, built by Roman slaves in 73 CE. For those who prefer, you may ascend Masada by cable car to tour the 2000-year-old fortress and palace built by King Herod where 960 Jewish defenders decided to sacrifice their own lives rather than fall slave to the attacking Romans. We will see excavated ruins of palaces, baths, an ancient synagogue and a chapel built by Byzantine monks. Return to hotel for balance of morning - float in the mineral-rich Dead Sea - at 1400 ft. below sea level, the lowest place on earth. One of the trip's favorite photo opportunities occurs when we take a mud-bath and benefit from the therapeutic qualities of the natural Dead Sea mud!



Following lunch we will then drive via Ein Gedi to Qumran, overview the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Check into our Jerusalem hotel, get ready for the traditional Shabbat Dinner at Beit Shmuel – The headquarters of the Reform Movement in Jerusalem. The evening can also be spent at the Kotel ( Western Wall) where groups gather to dance and celebrate the Jewish Shabbat. (B,L, D)



July 28 - Saturday – Morning departure for those interested in attending Shabbat morning services at local synagogues (opportunity to attend Orthodox, Conservative or Reform services). Your guide will provide you with times, addresses and instructions as to how to get to the various synagogues as well as escort a group to one of the services.

This afternoon we depart for a walking tour in the New and Old City, including Jerusalem as the Center of Three Religions. We will walk the Via Dolorosa and see the Stations of the Cross as we travel to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on a hill believed to be Golgotha, or Calvary, the site of the Crucifixion. We will gather for a beautiful Havdalah service (to indicate the end of Shabbat and the beginning of the new week) where we will reflect on the wondrous sites we have seen, as well as the adventures that await us. Free evening to enjoy Ben Yehuda district. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)



July 29 - Sunday - Morning departure for those interested in attending Sunday morning services at local churches (opportunity to attend Roman Catholic, Protestant, Armenian, Anglican or Russian Orthodox services). Your guide will provide you with times, addresses and instructions as to how to get to the various churches as well as escort a group to one of the services.

12:00 noon we meet our guide at Jaffa gate to visit the Tower of David and continue with touring of the area: Via the Armenian Quarter enter The Western (Wailing) Wall square via the local Shuk (bazaar) where you are welcome to bargain for the goods you wish to buy. Walk along the 1700 year old Byzantine main street, the Cardo and the renovated Jewish Quarter. Ascend to Mt. Zion- visit the Hall of the Last Supper & David's tomb, or panoramic overview from the Mount of Olives, overlook Jerusalem-new city and the Temple Mount Esplanade of the Old city.

Travel along the Kidron Valley to view the Garden of Gethsemane and the walls of the city. We continue with a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, including the Yad la Yeled Children's Memorial (not suitable for children under 10 years) and the Avenue and Garden of the Righteous Among the Nations which honors the non-Jews who acted according to the noblest principles of humanity and risked their lives to help Jews during the Holocaust. We will then proceed to Mount Herzl National Cemetery to pay respect to the founders and past leaders of Israel including Theodor Herzl, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin. Overnight stay in Jerusalem (B, D)

July 30 - Monday – Possible visit to Bethlehem – church of the Nativity. We travel to Beit Guvrin to take part in a "hands on" archaeological dig. Visit Mini Israel then on to Latrun Tank Corps Memorial – (optional Jeep ride along the Burma Road), view Neve Samuel – Mosque and synagogue overlooking Jerusalem. Farewell dinner and on to the airport for our night flight back to the USA (B,D)

July 31- Tuesday - Morning arrival back home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.

**TRAVEL TIPS**

**Health** - Visitors entering Israel are not required to undergo vaccinations prior to their arrival. You can drink tap water. But, you will also find mineral water everywhere. It is important to make sure you drink a lot, especially when out walking and on hot days.

**Electricity** - The Israeli power supply is single phase 220 volts at 50 Hertz. Visitors who want to use shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances may need both transformers and adaptor plugs.

**Israeli Currency** - The State of Israel's currency is the New Israel Shekel (NIS). However, the US dollar is used throughout Israel.

**Required Documentation:** A valid passport is required. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date and have a few blank pages. Reservations must be made in the name that appears on your passport and a copy of your passport is required for ticketing.

**RESERVATIONS AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**DEPOSIT:** \$750.00 per person plus insurance premium if chosen and a copy of your passport.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due May 1, 2012. *Passport copies required before or with final payment.*

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Viking Travel Service

**MAIL PAYMENTS TO:** Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont, IL 60559

**FORM OF PAYMENT:** Checks or credit card. *Note: 3% fee if paid by credit card.*

**PRICING/OPERATION:** The tour price and operation is based on 20 full paying participants, therefore should participation fall below 20 passengers the tour would be cancelled and clients would receive full refunds. All prices are subject to currency fluctuations, taxes and fuel surcharges and/or other surcharges imposed by the airline, hotels or governments. Note some hotels may not be able to accommodate a triple or quad, therefore two rooms would be necessary. Air rates are estimated and subject to change.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Air add-ons, all international taxes, fees and fuel surcharges, items not listed or of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages, optional sightseeing, jeep rides, gratuities to drivers/guides or services other than those specifically mentioned as well as baggage fees and insurance. Transferred are based on group arrival and departure. Therefore, those arriving independently from the group are subject to transfer costs.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Flight Schedule: TBA

Flight schedules subject to change. Once tickets are issued, they are non-refundable, non-transferable. Deviations are subject to fees and availability. Seat requests cannot be guaranteed. **LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS:** One suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is recommended along with carry-on.

**CANCELLATION/TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly urge all participants to protect their investment and well-being with the purchase of the optional cancellation/travel insurance. For maximum coverage including the pre-existing waiver and default, insurance must be purchased at time of deposit. If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing (letter, fax or email) to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty. Insurance, deviation fees, processing or ticketing fees and tickets once issued are non-refundable.

Cancellations made from time of reservation to March 1, 2012 = Full refund.

Cancellations made from May 2 to June 1, 2012 = 75% penalty

Cancellations made from March 2 to May 1, 2012 = Deposit amount

Cancellations made June 2 or after = 100% penalty.

**Travel Guard Protect & Assist Gold Insurance Coverages & Rates**

**Family Coverage** – At no additional charge, the plan automatically covers all children age 17 and under who are traveling with and related to the primary adult named on the enrollment form.

<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Maximum Benefits</b>	<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Maximum Benefits</b>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$500,000
Travel Delay	\$750 ( <i>Maximum of \$150 per day</i> )	Baggage Delay	\$300
Baggage/Personal Lost	\$1000 ( <i>includes lost, stolen or damages luggage or travel documents</i> )		

Trip Cost PP	Age & Cost						
	0-34 YRS.	35-59 YRS	60-69 YRS	70-74 YRS.	75-79 YRS	80-84 YRS	85+
\$3501-\$4000	\$148	\$164	\$244	\$414	\$455	\$580	\$632
\$4001-\$4500	\$165	\$187	\$308	\$445	\$490	\$616	\$693
\$4501-\$5000	\$184	\$209	\$346	\$476	\$524	\$697	\$765

Insurance rates are based on total tour cost and age of participant at the time of booking. Insurance may be purchased by credit card with no additional charges or fees.

For more information visit [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) or call 1-800-549-9037

**RESERVATION FORM**

**Please indicate:** \_\_\_\_ \$3,999.00 pp, Double Occupancy    \_\_\_\_ ADD \$799.00 for Single Supplement

**Air add-on:** \_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_ Yes, Air City \_\_\_\_\_

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**Passenger 1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Name)                      First                                      Middle                                      Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary, physical restrictions or special occasions we should be aware of?

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**Roommate if not traveling with spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE USE SEPARATE RESERVATION FORMS WHEN NOT TRAVELING WITH SPOUSE OR FOR ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS**

**Passenger 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Name)                      First                                      Middle                                      Last

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary, physical restrictions or special occasions we should be aware of?

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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

### DEPOSIT

Enclosed is deposit for \_\_\_\_\_ people (person) @ **\$750 per person:**      **Deposit amount:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: 3% fee if paid by credit card.*

### INSURANCE

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have chosen to purchase the offered insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) are aware of the penalties but choose **not** to purchase the offered cancellation/travel insurance.

Insurance amount for name 1.      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance amount for name 2.      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Insurance processing fee – per transaction*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *7.00* \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHARGE CARD PAYMENTS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa    \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard    \_\_\_\_\_ American Express    .

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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**I (we) have read, understand and am (are) in agreement with the Terms & Conditions of this tour.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Group # E4943

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