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ISRAEL and PALESTINE

OCTOBER 10 - 23, 2021

14 DAYS

Explore the ancient port city of Jaffa. The Biblical sites at Haifa, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, and Jordan River. The Arabic village of Kufr Qasim. Meet deaf Palestinians in Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron. Sunrise climb at Masada. Float in the Dead Sea. Meet deaf Bedouins in a village in the Negev Desert.

OPTIONAL: 7 day extension in Jordan, including Amman and Petra.

B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

OCTOBER 10 • • •

Arrival into Tel Aviv. Transfer to hotel. Enjoy the beach alongside the Tel Aviv Promenade. Welcome dinner. Stay in Tel Aviv for 3 nights. *D*

OCTOBER 11 • • •

We spend two full days in and around Tel Aviv. Visit Ben Gurion House, Tel Aviv City Hall, Beit Hatfutsot History and Culture Museum, and Israeli Deaf Association at Helen Keller Center. Evening walkabout at hipster Florentin to see various graffiti and dinner at a Yemeni restaurant. *B*

OCTOBER 12 • • •

Visit “Invitation to Silence” exhibit at the Israel Children’s Museum in Holon. Explore the ancient port city of Jaffa, which is the oldest part of Tel Aviv. If possible, we may enjoy a show by the Nalaga’at Theater Deaf-Blind Acting Ensemble. *B*

OCTOBER 13 • • •

Drive to the city of Haifa in northern Israel. Visit the ancient Roman port city ruins of Casearea, Elijah’s Cave as well as Bahai Gardens with beautiful views over the harbor. In the afternoon we continue to Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, where Angel Gabriel visited Mary. Stay in Nazareth for 2 nights. *B*

OCTOBER 14 • • •

Today we explore Sea of Galilee and surroundings. We step ‘*in the footsteps of Jesus*’ and visit different places that are mentioned in the Bible including taking a boat trip on the lake where Jesus walked on water, held the sermon at Mount of Beatitudes, fed 5,000 people with loaves and fishes at Tabgha, and was baptized in the Jordan River. Enjoy a lunch at a local fish restaurant. Visit ancient town of Capernaum. *B,L*

OCTOBER 15 • • •

Early in the morning, we visit Golan Heights, see Mount Hermon and stop in the Arabic village of Kufr Qasim, which is the hometown of one of our local deaf guides. Kufr Qasim has a lively Deaf community, who will be happy to welcome us for lunch at the community center. Arrive into Jerusalem late in the afternoon. Stay in Jerusalem for 3 nights. [B,L](#)

OCTOBER 16 • • •

With local deaf guide, we explore the old city of Jerusalem including the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al Aqsa Mosque. It is a holy place for all world religions. If time allows, we explore the new modern city and Mount of Olives. [B](#)

OCTOBER 17 • • •

Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Second time at the old city of Jerusalem to visit other sectors. Walk through the ultra-orthodox Haredim Jewish neighborhoods. [B](#)

OCTOBER 18 • • •

Leave Jerusalem and enter the Palestinian territories. Visit Ramallah, the defacto capital of Palestine. We visit a deaf school. Spend time with the deaf association for an introduction to the Palestinian deaf community and their way of life. Overnight in Ramallah. [B,L](#)

OCTOBER 19 • • •

We travel further to the town of Bethlehem, the place where Jesus was born. Visit the Church of Nativity and the Shepard's Fields. Palestinian lunch at a deaf family's home. Overnight in Bethlehem. [B,L](#)

OCTOBER 20 • • •

In the morning, we visit Hebron with our deaf Palestinian guides. It is a holy site for both Judaism and Islam. Meet a deaf ceramic painter at a glass blowing studio. Visit the tomb of Abraham. Roam the local markets. By the end of morning, we drive to Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world. Take a cable car ride up to the cliff to visit the Monastery of the Temptation. After lunch, we continue towards Dead Sea, which is almost 10 times as salty as the ocean. Stay at Ein Gedi for 2 nights. [B](#)

OCTOBER 21 • • •

Visit one of most spectacular and intriguing historical sites in Israel: Masada. Optional pre-sunrise climb to the top of the mesa-like plateau. This is to escape the mid-day heat but primarily to enjoy spectacular views over the desert at sunrise. A once in a lifetime experience! Alternative ascent by cable car. In the afternoon, we relax in a spa or visit the nature reserve of Ein Gedi. Float ourselves in the salty Dead Sea. [B](#)

OCTOBER 22 • • •

Head into the Negev Desert. Visit a deaf Jewish settler in Susya. Stop at the village of Al-Sayyid to meet Deaf Bedouins. Learn a bit of Al-Sayyid Bedouin Sign Language. Visit the Museum of Bedouin Culture in Be'er Sheva. Explore the desert while riding on camels at a ranch. Overnight at Be'er Sheva. [B,L,D](#)

OCTOBER 23 • • •

Return back to Tel Aviv for your flights back home. Or continue with our optional 7 day extension in Jordan. [B](#)

ISRAEL and PALESTINE TOUR PRICE

\$4,150 per person/double occupancy

\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space.

The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis.
100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

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GROUP LEADER: Dan Brubaker

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

- Small tour group size.
- 13 nights in 3 star accommodations.
- 19 meals: Breakfast (13), Lunch (4), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses connected with the tour itinerary. International flights are not included.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Most tips connected with the tour itinerary, except for your group leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 credit off your next full tour with Hands On Travel.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included.
- Israeli exit tax is not included. Currently at ILS 102 = USD \$30.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.
- Please consult the HOT terms and conditions before booking.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is needed.
- Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.
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