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## TEL AVIV CITY BREAK

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**Country(ies):** Israel

**Tour type:** City Break

**Transport:** A/C Minibus

**Group size:** Min: 1 | Max: ANY

**Days:** 4

**Start location:** Tel Aviv, Israel

**End location:** Tel Aviv, Israel

**Departs On:** Any day

**Meals:** 3 Breakfast(s),

**Highlights:** Optional Massada & Dead Sea tours, optional Jerusalem & Bethlehem tours, optional Jerusalem & Dead Sea tours, optional Tel-Aviv City tour

**Places Visited:** Tel Aviv



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## Itinerary

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This short 4-day city break to Israel vibrant coastal city of Tel Aviv is design to allow you to do as much or as little as you like. All sightseeing tour are optional so you can pick and choose the things you want to see and do.

### Day 1 : Arrive in Tel Aviv, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv airport, we meet & greet you and transfer you to your hotel in the city. The rest of the day is free for you to rest and recover from your flight or head out and explore the local area.

**OVERNIGHT :** Tel Aviv hotel

**MEALS :** N/A

**EXTRAS :** Extra day in Tel Aviv - pre-tour

### Day 2 : Tel Aviv, free day for optional day trips

Today is completely free for you to explore the cosmopolitan city of Tel Aviv. There is an excellent free walking tour available that can be booked at your hotel reception.

This 3-hour, free city tour will take you to Tel Aviv's main sites, squares and streets, accompanied by a comprehensive audio-guide in 8 different languages. Places visited include:

- Old Jaffa
- Ha'tachana Complex
- Neve Tzedek
- The Shalom Tower
- Rothschild Blvd
- Independence Hall
- Bauhaus & The White City
- HaBima Square & The Mann Auditorium
- Dizengoff Square
- Rabin Square & Tel Aviv City Hall
- The Tel Aviv Art Museum
- Golda Center - Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center
- Sarona Complex
- Azrieli Towers
- The Diamond Exchange

**OVERNIGHT** : Tel Aviv hotel

**MEALS** : Breakfast

**EXTRAS** : N/A

### **Day 3 : Tel Aviv, free day for optional day trips**

Today is also free for you to explore on your own or take one of our optional day trip.

These include:

- Massada & Dead Sea tour
- Jerusalem & Bethlehem tour
- Jerusalem & Dead Sea tour
- Tel-Aviv City tour

**OVERNIGHT** : Tel Aviv hotel

**MEALS** : Breakfast

**EXTRAS** : N/A

### **Day 4 : Tel Aviv, tour ends with transfer to airport**

Our tour ends after breakfast, when the rest of your time is free before we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight.

**OVERNIGHT** : N/A

**MEALS** : Breakfast

**EXTRAS** : Extra day in Tel Aviv - post-tour

### **Included**

- All accommodation in hotels as stated in the itinerary
- All transport and transfers in AC vehicles
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- English speaking guide during touring days
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (3 breakfasts)

### **Excluded:**

- International flights (available on request)
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Entrance fees
- Optional tours in Tel Aviv
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips
- Any other items not mentioned above

## **Accommodation**

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The hotels and accommodations listed below are the ones we use most often on this tour. From time to time we may exchange these for similar properties at the same level. In general, specific hotels cannot be guaranteed on our group tours, but you may select your preferred options if you are booking a tailor-made trip.

### **Israel - Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv**

Located in a prime location, the heart of the bustling city of Tel Aviv, the Grand Beach Hotel offers you spacious rooms, stylish urban design, and the unmatched sensation of a truly relaxing vacation.

Website: [Grand Beach Hotel](#)

Tripadvisor: [Grand Beach Hotel trip advisor rating](#)

### **Israel - Prima Tel Aviv Hotel, Tel Aviv**

Just 100 yards from the beach, Prima Tel Aviv Hotel offers a dining hall overlooking the sea, where an Israeli buffet breakfast is served each morning. The en suite rooms have a TV with 100 satellite channels.

Website: [Prima Tel Aviv Hotel](#)

Tripadvisor: [Prima Tel Aviv Hotel trip advisor rating](#)

### **Israel - Market House Hotel, Tel Aviv**

Offering a buffet restaurant & free bikes, Market House Boutique Hotel is located in the Old Jaffa neighbourhood of Tel Aviv and provides air-conditioned accommodation with free WiFi access. A sandy beach strip and a seaside promenade are 350 yards.

Website: [Market House Hotel](#)

Tripadvisor: [Market House Hotel trip advisor rating](#)

## Israel - Center Chic Hotel, Tel Aviv

This property is 10 minutes walk from the beach. Overlooking Dizengoff Square and a few steps from the shopping centre, the Center Chic Hotel was renovated in 2011. It offers free bike rental, and rooms with free WiFi and cable TV.

Website: [Center Chic Hotel](#)

Tripadvisor: [Center Chic Hotel trip advisor rating](#)

## Options

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Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

### Single Room Supplement (ISTMTC)

**Min numbers:**1

**Price From:** US\$535 per person

This option books a single room in all the accommodation throughout the tour. Room shares are not available on this tour, so if you are single traveller then you will need to add this option to your booking.

**Note:** The price shown is a low season price. Slightly higher prices may apply during high and peak seasons - the exact price for your dates will be shown on the online booking form and is always available on request.

### Extra day in Tel Aviv - pre-tour

**Min numbers:**1 person

**Price From:** On Request per person

This option adds an extra day to the start of your tour in Israel, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability at the time of booking). Your airport arrival transfer is NOT included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## Extra day in Tel Aviv - post-tour

**Min numbers:**1 person

**Price From:** On Request per person

This option adds an day to the end of your tour in Israel, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability at the time of booking). Your airport departure transfer is NOT included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## Masada & Dead Sea tour

**Min numbers:**1 person

**Price From:** On Request per person

This option leaves Tel Aviv via the Judean hills to visit the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Here we stop at a Dead Sea cosmetic shop, where you can find many products made from the mineral rich local mud. We take a drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to ancient Masada. We climb aboard a cable car to reach the mountain fortress built by King Herod. Here we visit the remains of the walls, palace, synagogue, water cisterns, mosaic floors, roman baths and other findings, and learn about how the Zealots of the first century made their last stand against the Romans. We continue to the Dead Sea, where you can enjoy a unique opportunity to float in the Dead Sea and perhaps cover yourself with the mineral rich mud that many believe has therapeutic effects.

## Jerusalem & Bethlehem tour

**Min numbers:**1 person

**Price From:** On Request per person

This option start with a drive to the Mount of Olives for a spectacular panoramic view of the city. We then head to Mount Zion to visit King David's Tomb, Room of Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey. We next enter the Old City and take a stroll through the Armenian and Jewish quarters to the recently excavated and restored Cardo, the Roman road. Our next stop is to visit the Jewish Wailing Wall, the Kotel, and then continue on to the Christian quarter, where we walk along the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of Holy Sepulchre.

Our final visit takes us to Bethlehem where Jesus was born, and we'll take a walk through the Manger square to visit the Church of Nativity, and view the Shepherds' field.

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We next take a drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Here we have the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea and perhaps cover yourself with the mineral rich, therapeutic mud.

## Tel Aviv City tour

**Min numbers:**1 person

**Price From:** On Request per person

This Tel Aviv City tour option start with a visit to the Diaspora museum, followed with a drive through the main streets of Tel-Aviv, centre of business & entertainment of Israel. Tel Aviv is also known as the "White City", and was declared by UNESCO as a world cultural heritage site for its Bauhaus style buildings.

Next we stop at Rabin Square, which is the place that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated. We then continue to Old Jaffa, one of the oldest port cities in the world, where we visit the ancient ruins and walk along the Artist's Quarter.

Fron Jaffa, we head across to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1887 and Nahalat Benyamin, the pedestrian mall of the city. Here you can enjoy live street music, arts, crafts and handmade jewelry.

Our final stop is to Sheinkin, a lively and colorful street specially known for its unique shops, cafe life and youthful ambiance.

## Tour Notes

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### Tel Aviv City Break tour notes

The detailed Tour Notes below have been written to give you some more detailed information about how the tour runs, what to expect, and how to prepare for your holiday. We recommend downloading an up to date copy of these shortly before you travel in case of any changes.

### 1 TRANSPORT

Our trips feature a mix of different transport options. We want you to feel like you're really experiencing the country you're travelling through, but at the same time we want you to finish journeys refreshed enough to enjoy the next stage of the tour. Our routes in Israel and the small distances involved mean that we use private vehicles throughout this tour.

### 2 TRANSFERS

Your airport transfers are only included on the first and last day of the set tour itinerary, plus on any additional

days if you book your hotel room with us. If you make your own arrangements for additional accommodation at either the beginning or the end of the tour then you will need to arrange your own airport transfers on these days.

### **3 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS**

We want to give you as much flexibility as possible when it comes to booking your holiday with us. So, to take account of people with varying travel plans, we don't include your international flights in the main tour price. We are however very provide suggestions for flights to go with your tour. Please contact us with your preferred dates and departure airport and we'll give you a selection of airlines, times and fares to choose from.

Your airport arrival & departure transfers are included on the first and last days of the tour. All our group tours in Israel start and finish at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv (TLV).

### **4 GROUP SIZE/TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES**

As we don't offer guaranteed group departures on this tour we can run the itinerary for however many people you happen to be travelling with, starting from 1 upwards. The prices given for this tour are based on a minimum of 2 passengers travelling, so if you have a different number of passengers in your group please contact us for a customised quotation.

In Israel we provide fully trained, local English-speaking guides to act as your tour guides for any sightseeing tours included in your itinerary. At Encounters Travel we only use local guides and reps. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing. Please check our website for more details and profiles of some of our most famous guides.

### **5 ENTRANCE FEES**

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. If you visit any sites not mentioned in the itinerary then you will need to cover the entrance fee costs.

### **6 TIPPING**

Tipping is common practice in Israel, as a sign of appreciation for services provided. You may therefore wish to tip your guide and driver at the end of the tour. You should not feel obliged to tip any particular amount, and should consider your personal budget. We are often asked to provide a guide however, and can suggest that approx. GBP 5 / USD 8 per person per day would be appropriate.

### **7 HEALTH AND VACCINATIONS**

You should ensure you are fully insured for medical emergencies including emergency evacuation and repatriation.

Recommended vaccinations and other health protection measures vary according to the country you are visiting and where you are travelling from. We recommend you contact your GP/medical practitioner or a travel clinic for current information on vaccinations needed for your destination. You should ensure that you are up to date with vaccines and boosters recommended for your normal life at home, including for example, vaccines required for

occupational risk of exposure, lifestyle risks and underlying medical conditions.

In addition, additional courses or boosters normally recommended for the countries in this region are:

Egypt: Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatitis A

Jordan: Tetanus, Hepatitis A

Israel: Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis

Lebanon: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A

Malaria is not generally present unless it has been contracted abroad; you do not need to take malaria prophylactics.

More information is available here: [Egypt](#), [Jordan](#), [Israel](#), [Lebanon](#)

Note: We are aware of some places in Egypt using 'black henna' instead of pure brown henna. Black henna contains a chemical dye PPD (paraphenylenediamine) which can result in severe allergic reactions and resultant scarring. To be safe we recommend avoiding any henna tattoos while in Egypt unless you are certain they are using pure brown henna.

## **8 PASSPORTS & VISAS - ISRAEL & OPT**

Passports should be valid for at least six months after your departure from the country. Please do not bring an almost full or almost expired passport. Visa arrangements are the responsibility of the traveller, and requirements are subject to change by the local authorities.

Many nationalities (including UK, European, USA, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, South African) do not need to obtain a visa to enter Israel as a period as long as your stay is for less than 3 months. Other nationalities should check with their local consulate.

Most of our tours visiting Israel also enter the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). No special visas are required but check points and border posts are operated by the Israeli authorities and access is sometimes limited or restricted.

## **9 TIME**

The time in Egypt, Jordan and Israel is GMT plus 2 hours. Daylight saving adjustments have historically been applied in some years but not others. At present it appears that there will be no daylight saving changes in Egypt 2016 and beyond, though this may change at short notice (with a resulting impact on flight times and schedules). In Jordan and Israel, daylight saving of one hour is generally applied between the end of March and the end of October, making it GMT plus 3 hours. Exact dates vary from year to year and sometimes the changes may be scrapped altogether.

## **10 VOLTAGE**

Sockets are two round pronged and 220 volts (Type C). Universal adaptors are available in most airport shops if you don't have one already. Standard European adaptors will work fine, though sometimes they may feel a little loose in the sockets. All hotel rooms have electrical sockets where you can re-charge cameras, phones etc. Hair dryers are normally available on request from the hotel reception if not in your room already.



If you have US appliances (110 volts) you will need a voltage converter as well as a plug adapter.

## 11 MONEY - ISRAEL

The local currency in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is the Israeli Shekel (ILS). You do not need to arrange to bring any Shekels with you as exchange facilities are available in the international airports and in most hotels, banks and bureau de changes in major towns. You should try to obtain and keep hold of small denomination notes or coins on you during the tour as these are useful for toilets, tips and small purchases. ATMs are readily available in major towns and many local shops will accept VISA/Mastercard or Amex, but may charge fees of up to 10% - check before you pay. Travellers cheques are not recommended as they can not be changed in many places now, and can incur high fees.

While in Israel and the OPT you will need sufficient funds to cover meals not included in the itinerary, drinks, snacks, souvenirs and personal expenses such as laundry. These should generally all be paid for in local currency, though tips for guides and drivers may be paid in hard currency (GBP, USD, EUR).

It is difficult to recommend a level of personal spending money which will suit everyone as this can differ greatly, but as a guideline, we would suggest allowing USD 25-35 per person per day as a minimum. Allow more if you plan on doing lots of shopping, or buying many alcoholic drinks.

## 12 WHAT TO TAKE

**Luggage:** Suitcases, rucksacks or fabric holdalls are all fine to bring with you to Israel. You should also bring a small daypack/bag to take out during the day. Your main luggage will normally be left in the hotel during your sightseeing trips &ndash; you will not need to carry it far, and there are nearly always hotel porters to assist.

**Luggage limits:** There is no luggage limit for this tour. However, most airlines restrict you to between 20kg and 25kg for your hold luggage and between 5kg and 10kg for hand luggage. Please check with your airline before travelling to the airport.

**Clothing:** The climate in Israel varies widely from hot days in the summer to cool and sometimes wet days in the winter months. At night, especially in the deserts, the temperatures can drop quite dramatically. So you must pack for cool conditions. Formal dress (eg. suits & ties) is not required. When visiting any mosques, legs and arms should be covered.

**Other items:** We also recommend you bring a sun hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, a basic first aid kit, toiletries, money belt, small torch, camera & charger.

## 13 DATES & PRICES

This tour is designed as a sample tailor-made tour itinerary. As such we do not offer set group departure dates that you can join. Rather, the tour is available for you to do privately starting on any date of the year. Guideline seasonal prices are given below, based on 2 people travelling. If you would like to adjust the tour itinerary, or there will be more or less people travelling, please contact us and we will customise a price for you.

## 14 BOOKING & PAYMENT

If you would like to book a place on this tour, please complete the online reservation form on our website (via the Dates & Prices tab on the tour page). You can pay your deposit or full balance online, or just hold a reservation if you prefer. We will then contact you with more details about how to complete your booking. Payments may be made by debit or credit card (subject to a card processing fee), or by making a bank transfer or posting us a cheque/bank draft. Full details will be provided in your booking confirmation email. Please [contact us](#) if you would like any more information or have any questions before making a booking.

## 15 TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours and needs to cover personal accident & liability, medical expenses and repatriation, travel delay & abandonment. We also strongly recommend that you take out cover against cancellation and lost/stolen baggage. Personal medical insurance does not normally provide sufficient cover and is generally not suitable for travel on our tours. You will not be able to join your tour if you have not provided us with details of your insurance or if you arrive without cover in place (no refunds will be due in this event). [More information...](#)

You may arrange your own insurance, or you can take advantage of a comprehensive policy that we can arrange for you through Endsleigh Insurance which has been designed to be suitable for our tours. The policy is available to travellers of all nationalities and you do not need to live in the UK to take out the policy. For full details of cover provided, prices and to apply for one of our policies, please complete [travel insurance application form](#).

Note: Any country that borders the Mediterranean is considered as 'Europe' for the purposes of travel insurance (including Turkey, Israel, Egypt and Morocco). If you are doing a tour that visits one country in 'Europe' and one that is 'Worldwide' (for example, an Egypt and Jordan tour), then you need a 'Worldwide' policy. When completing the form you should enter your travel dates including any extra days involved in overnight flights or connecting travel between your home and the tour. Our policies are not able to cover any extra time or activities other than your tour and options booked with us and your travel to & from home.

If you plan to arrange a hot air balloon flight locally, or do some scuba diving during your tour, you should check the small print in your policy to make sure these are covered (these are covered in our policy). Please also check the maximum altitude that you will be reaching and that full cover including emergency evacuation is provided up to this altitude.

*IMPORTANT: We must have your travel insurance details (policy number and type of insurance) before you depart or you may not be allowed to join the tour. If you haven't told us already, please let us know the details when you can. You should take a paper copy of your insurance policy with you as you may be asked to show this at the start of the tour.*

## 16 FINANCIAL SECURITY

We are a UK registered company and an ABTA Member (Y4447) and you can be confident when booking with us that your money is safe and protected. Financial failure insurance is provided through Affirma to protect all customers for the land portion of their tour.

Please see [our website](#) or [booking conditions](#) for more information.

## 17 RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

It is impossible not to have an impact on the local environment, cultures and eco-systems when you travel. However, it is very possible to try and ensure that these impacts are as limited, or positive as possible. We are committed to ensuring that we try to leave our host countries in a better state than we found them and encourage and assist our travellers to help us with this.

The following are a few simple tips that require very little effort on your part but which will help ensure that any effect you have on the locations you visit is positive rather than negative.

- Don't prejudge: Things in different countries will almost certainly be different. That doesn't make them worse or inferior, just different.
- Communicate: Don't expect locals to speak your language. Take the trouble to learn a few words or phrases of the local language. Don't worry about sounding silly. Most locals are patient and accommodating and appreciate you making the effort to communicate in their language.
- Conserve energy: Be careful not to waste valuable resources. Use local resources sparingly. Switch off lights, air-conditioning and fans when you leave the hotel room and don't waste water. Remove superfluous packaging. Many countries have far less efficient waste disposal systems than ours. Remove packaging from newly acquired items before leaving home.
- Don't litter: No matter how untidy or dirty the country you're travelling in may look to you, avoid littering, as there is no need to add to the environment's stress. Many of the countries we visit have a tough challenge dealing with rubbish and waste. Please consider taking home as much plastic waste as you can (e.g. water bottles).
- Choose environmentally friendly products: By using environmentally friendly (bio degradable) sun creams, shampoos and detergents you can help reduce pollution.
- Respect local customs and traditions: As you are a guest in these countries, you should also comply with the local customs. If you are friendly and well mannered, the locals will reciprocate and it will only enhance your experience. It's important to follow dress and behaviour guidelines especially when visiting religious or sacred sites (your tour leader will advise you how best to do this).
- If a client commits an illegal act the client may be excluded from the tour and Egypt Uncovered shall cease to have responsibility to/for them. No refund will be given for any unused services.

All porters are employed and equipped following guidelines set by the International Porter Protection Group (IPPG).

## **18 FOLLOW US ONLINE**

You can stay in touch with us online by following us on Facebook and Twitter. We post updates on relevant travel news in our destination countries, special offers and discounts and other interesting travel related news and information.

[www.facebook.com/EgyptUncovered](http://www.facebook.com/EgyptUncovered)

[www.twitter.com/encounterstravl](http://www.twitter.com/encounterstravl) (yes, without the 'e')

## **19 BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**

It is important when considering and preparing to travel anywhere in the world that you have a good understanding of the country you are visiting, its laws and customs, and the possible risks and situations that may occur. This includes specific risks related to your itinerary (eg. does it involve water & can you swim, are you fit enough for the activities included), as well as more general risks such as terrorism and natural disasters.

General details and links to more information about health risks, visa requirements, money, and travel insurance are given in these tour notes. We recommend that you re-read all these before your departure as well as the small print of your travel insurance policy so you know exactly what is covered and what is not.

You should take copies of your important travel documents with you and ideally also store them online securely as a backup. Make sure that you have given us your emergency contact details and told that person where and when you are travelling. Ensure you take enough money with you and that you have access to emergency funds.

Finally, you should read through and stay updated with the current [official government travel advice](#) for your destination. We are registered partners with the UK Foreign Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign which provides further useful and invaluable information.



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