

A MUSLIM EXPEREINCE OF THE HOLY LANDS

Excursion Program: 7 days / 6 nights

Sites to visit: Bethlehem » Jerusalem » Hebron » Ramla » Jaffa » Dead Sea » Mount of Olives » Akko

DAY 1 / Bethlehem - al-Aqsa Mosque

On arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, guests will undergo all necessary border formalities and meet with a representative of the receiving party. Guests will then travel to Bethlehem, check into their hotel and rest for the day. Later, guests will pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and have dinner at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 2 / Jerusalem

Guests will visit the holy places of Islam on the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), including the Golden Dome of the Rock (Qubbat al-Sakhra), where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven and spoke with Allah, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque ("farthest mosque"), where the Prophet Muhammad was miraculously transported before his ascension to the throne of Allah. Guests will also visit the Mosque of Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab, the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque, and have dinner at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 3/ Hebron (al-Khalil) - Bethlehem

Guests will visit the city of Al-Khalil, which contains the tombs of the prophets Ibrahim and his wife Sarah, Ishaq and his wife Rafki, Yusuf and his wife Likiya, and Yakub and his wife Ilya. Guests will pray at the Mosque of Ibrahim and attend Thuhr and Asr prayers. They will also visit workshops that produce Palestinian ceramics and glass products in the city. Guests will visit Bethlehem, the birthplace of the prophets Isa and Dawud, and the Mosque of Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab, the oldest mosque in Bethlehem. They will pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque and have dinner at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 4 / Ramla - Jaffa

Guests will visit the city of Ramla, the former capital of the caliphate of Harun al-Rashid, built by Caliph Sulayman ibn Abd al-Malik of the Umayyad dynasty, who made it his capital in 715 AD. Guests will visit the Grand Mosque and pray there, as well as the Mosque of the Forty, built in memory of Muslim martyrs. They will visit the underground "Pool of Arches" from the tales of "1001 Nights."

Guests will also visit the tomb of the prophet Salih and take a walk through the ancient streets of Jaffa - the "Bride of the Sea," an old seaport located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Guests will visit the old city and the Mosque of Hasan-bek. They will pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque and have dinner at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 5/ Dead Sea - Massada

Guests will take a trip to the Dead Sea - the lake of the prophet Lut (Bahr al-Lut). On the way, guests will visit the Ein Gedi Reserve, where they will see waterfalls, springs, and wildlife, and they will have the opportunity to take a dip in the natural pools. They will also visit Masada, the ancient fortress of King Herod. Guests will have dinner at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 6/ Jerusalem - Mount of Olives - Gethsemane

In the sixth day of the trip, the group begins the day with the collective Friday prayer at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. They then will enjoy the panoramic view of the holy city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The group also will visit the Salman Al-Farsi Mosque and the gravesite of Rabia Al-Adawiya. afterwards, they will visit the cave where Bibi Miriam disappeared forever, and the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was almost arrested. They also will have the chance to visit the birthplace of Bibi Mariam and the burial cave of Prophet Zakariya. The day ends with prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. then, overnight stay at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 7/ Akko

The group will visit the ancient coastal port city of Akko on the Mediterranean Sea. The city was captured by Salahaldin after his victory at the Battle of Hattin against the Crusaders. The group will also visit the Muslim quarter, the El-Jazzar Mosque and the it's main shrine which contains the Prophet Muhammad's hair. They will end the day with prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and an overnight stay at the hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 8/ Airport

On the eighth day, the group will have breakfast and be transferred to the airport for departure.



Included in cost:

- Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel Breakfast, dinner according to the program
- Transport and excursion services in Israel
- Guide accompaniment (Russian, Ukrainian)
- Accommodation in hotels in double rooms in 3* hotels. Discount for a child (2 adults + 1 child under 12 years old) -\$100. (4*5* - for an additional fee)

The price does $\underline{\text{not}}$ include:

- Air travel
- Additional costs for entrance fees, taxi to Tabor, tips for the guide and driver - \$45 Having medical insurance is a must.