



October 8, 2015

Optional Excursions in Jerusalem

THE EXCURSIONS LISTED BELOW ARE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE PRICE.

Day Two in Jerusalem - Thursday October 8

Optional Tour 1 **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF REBELS AND KINGS** **MASADA & DEAD SEA**

October 8, 2015 — *Duration of the tour approx. 10 hours*
Cost per person is \$215 US (based on a minimum of 10 participants)

Our luxury tour-bus will depart from the port of Ashdod across the Negev Desert to the one of Israel's most dramatic sites – Masada. It was here that the Zealots made their final, desperate stand against the might of Rome's formidable Tenth Legion some 2000 years ago, following the destruction of the Temple. The Roman commander, Flavius Silver, constructed huge siege-works as well as a massive ramp leading to the top of the mountain. A battering ram was used to destroy part of the defending wall leaving the mountain open to an unstoppable attack. Faced with the prospect of Roman subjugation, the Jewish defenders chose to take their own lives rather than submit.

Masada has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site & the archeological remains are as dramatic as the story they convey. Bath-houses, mosaic floors, cisterns, palaces, defense works and store-houses built by King Herod, stand silent witness to the epic battle that transpired here.

We will descend the mountain by cable-car and make our way to the southern shores of the Dead Sea for a delicious lunch at one of the hotels. Here at the lowest place on Earth we will experience the extraordinary sensation of floating in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea. The spa is available for health & beauty treatments as well as massages (subject to availability). This is an opportunity to pamper yourself & take advantage of spa amenities at your leisure. Energized & rejuvenated we will return to the cruise ship in Ashdod with memories of a lifetime.

What to bring:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Protection against the sun (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, light blouse as a cover-up)
- Bathing suit
- Water-shoes (sandals/ crocs/ flip-flops)

Package includes:

- Transportation in fully air-conditioned luxury bus
- Professional English-speaking experienced guide
- Entrance to sites (as per itinerary)
- Lunch at a Dead Sea Hotel
- Entrance to spa
- Towels to be provided

Not included:

- Health & beauty treatments or massages are based on availability. A list of treatments will be provided for prebooking.
- Tips are encouraged and appreciated for Guides.

TIME FRAME FOR MASADA & DEAD SEA TOUR

9:00 am	Depart from Ashdod
11:00 am	Ascend Masada by cable-car & tour of the desert fortress
1:00 pm	Descend Masada by cable car & drive to Ein Bokek
1:30 pm	Lunch at a Dead Sea Hotel
2:30 pm	Float in the Dead Sea and / or enjoy spa treatments
5:00 pm	Depart for Ashdod
7:00 pm	Arrive at cruise ship



This tour is NOT recommended for wheelchair bound passengers or guests with walkers or limited mobility of any kind. Only the Tourist Center is wheelchair accessible in Masada. The ruins and landscape of Masada are not accessible to guests with limited mobility.

Optional Tour 2

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF JERUSALEM JERUSALEM IN-DEPTH

October 8, 2015 — Duration of the tour approx. 10 hours

Cost per person is \$180 US (based on a minimum of 10 participants).

Ascending once more to the timeless city of Jerusalem we will begin our tour with a panoramic lookout from Mt Scopus. From here it is possible to gain a perspective of the complexities of the city, the contrast between Old & New, East & West as well as the ties of the Jewish, Christian & Moslem religions to the area.

We will travel back in time to the days of the Bible as we visit the fascinating Room of the Last Supper & the Tomb of King David on Mt. Zion. Thereafter, we will ascend the Temple Mount also known as Haram Al Sharif (the Noble Sanctuary). While entry inside the Dome of the Rock & Al Aksa Mosque is NOT permitted to non-Muslims, we will be able to view these grand buildings from up-close & see where the First & Second Temples once stood. Since the Temple Mount is a major tourist attraction & has very limited visiting hours, we will be sure to arrive early to wait in line & (hopefully) beat the crowds...

Thereafter, we will take a break for lunch & shopping time in the Old City before continuing to the Via Dolorosa & the Jewish Quarter.

What to bring:

- Comfortable walking shoes (This is an old city with stone walkways — No heeled shoes)
- Protection against the sun (hat, sun-glasses, sunscreen)

Important for Women!

- A shawl that covers head & shoulders is mandatory for the Western Wall & sites in Jerusalem.
- No shorts – Capri pants ok
- No tank tops or halter tops. Tops must have long or short sleeves.

Important for Men!

- A cap, hat or yarmulke for men is mandatory for the Western Wall and sites in Jerusalem.
- Long pants recommended. No shorts.
- No tank or sleeveless shirts — short sleeves ok.

Package includes:

- Transportation in fully air-conditioned luxury bus
- Professional English –speaking experienced guide
- Entrance to sites (as per itinerary)

Not included:

- Lunch
- Tips are encouraged and appreciated for Guides.

TIME FRAME FOR JERUSALEM TOUR

9:00 am	Depart from Ashdod
10:30 am	Lookout from Mt Scopus
11:30 pm	Room of the Last Supper & Tomb of King David
12:45 pm	Wait in line to ascend the Temple Mount
1:30 pm	Temple Mount
2:30 pm	Lunch & Shopping time in the Old City
3:30 pm	Via Dolorosa
5:00 pm	Jewish Quarter
6:00 pm	Depart for Ashdod
7:00 pm	Arrive at cruise ship



This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility, wheelchair bound passengers or guests with walkers.

Optional Tour 3

DISCOVER THE GATEWAY TO THE ANCIENT AND MODERN MIDDLE EAST JAFFA, TEL AVIV & CAESAREA

October 8, 2015 — *Duration of the tour approx. 10 hours*

Cost per person is \$175 US (based on a minimum of 10 participants).

Travelling along the Mediterranean Coast we will visit the picturesque Old Port of Jaffa with its winding alleyways, art galleries and stunning views. From Jonah the Prophet, through Peter, Napoleon, the Turks & the British – all have left an indelible impression on the city that is engaging and intriguing. After we explore the sites we will continue to do some shopping at Carmel Market & trendy Gan HaHashmal to get a taste of local culture.

We will stop for lunch on your own at the trendy Tel Aviv Port before continuing northwards, where we will discover the magnificent port of Caesarea built by the megalomaniac King Herod, including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace and multi-media presentation. According to the ancient teachings – Caesarea is diametrically opposed to Jerusalem, and the balancing of the two forces leads to true harmony. We will learn about the influential philosophers & thinkers who attempted to bridge the divide between the physical & spiritual – to nourish both body & soul at the same time.

What to bring:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Protection against the sun (hat, sun-glasses, sunscreen)

Package includes:

- Transportation in fully air-conditioned luxury bus
- Professional English –speaking experienced guide
- Entrance to sites (as per itinerary)

Not included:

- Lunch
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TIME FRAME FOR JAFFA, TEL AVIV & CAESAREA TOUR



9:00 am	Depart from Ashdod
10:30 am	Old Jaffa Tour
11:30 pm	Tel Aviv Markets
12:30 pm	Lunch in Tel Aviv Port
2:00 pm	Departure for Caesarea
3:00 pm	Caesarea Maritima
5:00 pm	Depart for Ashdod
7:00 pm	Arrive at cruise ship

These optional tours are NOT included in your cruise price.

The two tours that are included in your cruise price are on October 7th in Jerusalem (Ashdod) and on October 9th in Nazareth (Haifa).

**These optional tours can only be arranged with Life Journeys
(they are not available with Celebrity Cruise Lines.)**

These tours can be reserved while making your cruise reservations or can be added to your existing reservation by logging into your Life Journeys account.