**Historic Cities & Sites of Israel**

**Culture & History**

**Location**
Greece, Israel

**Duration**
5-Night Pre-Cruise | 5-Night Post-Cruise

Prices starting from
$5,499 USD/Per Person

This five-night immersive program provides an opportunity to experience many of Israel’s most emotive and moving sites and key landmarks, from the modern bars and beaches in Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean Sea to the vineyards on the Sea of Galilee, and from the heights of Masada to the lowest point on earth—the Dead Sea. Israel is a land of contrasts and breathtaking beauty, which never fails to leave a lasting impact on all who visit her.

**All Passport details should be confirmed at the time of booking. Sales of this program close 90 days prior: book early to avoid disappointment, as space is limited.**

**Highlights**

- **Tel Aviv:** Walk down Rothschild Boulevard through the central area of town known as the “White City,” and home to more buildings in the Bauhaus architecture style than any city in the world.

- **Nazareth & Bethlehem:** Visit Jesus’ boyhood town where Mary learned from the angel, Gabriel, that she was to have a child, as well as the site of the nativity.

- **Jerusalem:** Explore all four quarters of the Old City, and visit highlight attractions including Temple Mount, the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

- **Yad Vashem:** Located on the Mount of Remembrance, Israel’s official memorial to the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust is nothing short of powerful.

- **The Dead Sea:** Soothe in the natural minerals at the lowest point on earth.

- **Pre & Post Voyage:** Offered both pre- and post-cruise for a comprehensive overview of Israel’s history, culture, and diversity.

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Land Program Itineraries

Pre-Voyage Itinerary

**Day 1**
Arrive in Tel Aviv

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, you’ll be escorted to your hotel. Relax and enjoy lunch at your leisure before your Israel experience commences with a walk along Rothschild Boulevard to see its Bauhaus architecture, and visit artsy Neve Tzedek, one of the first established neighborhoods in Tel Aviv, passing by Independence Hall, where David Ben Gurion proclaimed the establishment of The State of Israel, along the way. Time permitting, you’ll be taken on a brief tour of Jaffa, too. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

**Day 2**
Nazareth

Meet your guide and travel to Nazareth, in Northern Israel’s Lower Galilee. Best known as Jesus’ boyhood home, and the town where Mary learned from the Angel Gabriel that she was to have a child. Today, it’s the largest Arab city in the country. Then, head to Capernaum to tour the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before traveling onwards to your hotel in Tiberias. This evening, dinner will be at a local restaurant, after which you can enjoy some time at your leisure. We suggest taking a walk along the seafront promenade.

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Day 3
Jerusalem

This morning, set out for Jerusalem, stopping at Qasr el Yahud, the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River, and continue onto Jericho which some consider to be the oldest city in the world. During your visit, take a cable car up to the Mount of Temptation, and see Zacchaeus’ Sycamore Tree and visit Tel Jericho (or Tell es-Sultan), a UNESCO-nominated archaeological site. After lunch at a local restaurant, journey onto Bethlehem, best known as the site of the nativity, where you’ll visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square, before making your way into Jerusalem. Dinner will be at your hotel this evening.

Day 4
Jerusalem

Today you’ll experience all four quarters of the Old City, whose history dates back more than 3,000 years. Highlights and attractions include Temple Mount (safety permitting), the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, the Tomb of King David, the Garden tomb, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher—the site of the crucifixion and Jesus’ tomb. You’ll have time to explore the Arab Market and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before proceeding to Yad Vashem, on the slopes of the Mount of Remembrance. Explore at your own pace before heading back to your hotel where dinner will be served this evening.
• **Day 5**  
The Dead Sea

Start your morning by taking in panoramic views of the city from the Mount of Olives before heading east, passing the Dead Sea, and the Qumran caves, where The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant en route to Masada, one of King Herod's desert fortresses, perched on a plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. The Northern Palace 'hangs' at three levels from the cliff face and offers breathtaking views over the Dead Sea and surrounding desert. After, you'll be escorted to the airport for your flight to Athens where, upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel. The balance of the evening is at leisure.

• **Day 6**  
Begin Your Azamara® Voyage

This morning, you’ll be met by your guide and driver, and assisted to the local cruise terminal, where you’ll board your Azamara® cruise.
Post-Voyage Itinerary

• **Day 1**
  Arrive in Athens

Upon arrival in Athens, you’ll be met at the pier for a panoramic tour of the city before embarking on your flight to Tel Aviv. Here, you’ll be escorted to your hotel. Relax and freshen up before your pre-dinner tour through Old Jaffa, a separate enclave of Tel Aviv with a 4,000-plus-year-old history. Invaded by everyone from pharaohs to Napoleon, it’s a city with a long timeline of battles, victories, and defeats. But today it’s a place in which Arabs, Christians, and Jews commingle, and where ancient and bohemian collide. This evening, dinner will be at your hotel.

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• **Day 6**  
Return Home  

This morning, you’ll be met by your guide and driver, and assisted to the airport for your homeward-bound flight.