

# **ISRAEL EXPERIENCE**

Masada - Dead sea - Ein Gedi



## **YOUR ITINERARY**

Embark on a carefully curated journey through Israel, tailored to you to provide an unforgettable experience. Let this trip bring your aspirations to life, exceed your expectations, and transform your vision into reality, thus uniting you with the land.

8.30 **Pickup from Your Hotel in a luxury vehicle** 

10.00 Arrive At Masada

> Masada is an ancient fortress on a plateau overlooking the Dead Sea, known for its historical significance in Jewish history and its remarkable views. Here we will learn the story of the Sicarii.

12.00 Lunch and Dead Sea Spa - We will enjoy a buffet lunch at Nevo Dead Sea Hotel.

- Dead Sea Swimming and Spa Experience There are changing rooms and indoor showers to wash off. 12.45 There is an option to go down to the Dead Sea and float in one of the wonders of the world, as well as an option for Dead Sea pools inside the spa.
- 15.00 Ein Gedi

We begin at Ein Gedi, a true oasis in the desert featuring spectacular waterfalls, a place where King David found refuge in the varied landscapes, and flowing brooks at the foot of the cliffs. It is home to ibexes and rock hyraxes. Beyond the natural beauty lies a rich history laid out in the Bible.

16.30 **Return to Your Hotel** 

Price: \$1200 This price includes transportation and entrance to all sites and the guiding fee.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

 I AM A CERTIFIED FIRST AIDER AND WILL BE ARMED THROUGHOUT THE TOUR

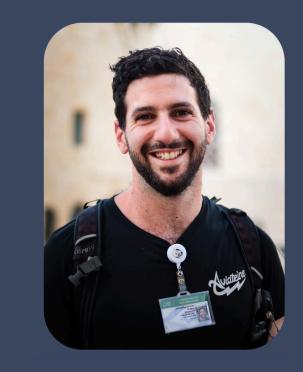


### <u>STRONGLY RECOMMENDED</u>

- CLOSED TOE SHOES
- WATER SHOES
- HAT

#### PLEASE ALWAYS HAVE PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE IF ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS.

- WATER BOTTLE 1.5L PER PERSON
- SWIMSUIT
- TOWEL
- SUNSCREEN



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### SUGGESTIONS AND LINKS







**Currency** The easiest way to obtain local currency is by using your ATM card. Most ATM cards are accepted in Israel, allowing you to withdraw both dollars and shekels. Credit cards are also widely accepted, although not everywhere. You can exchange your currency into shekels at various CHANGE kiosks, including one at the airport, which is recommended for your convenience. Changing currency in your hotel is not advised, as it often results in less favorable rates. Avoid going to a bank or post office to withdraw money in person, as this may lead to significant wait times. Traveler's checks are not recommended.

**Tipping** In Israel, it's customary to tip waitstaff, cleaning staff in hotels, bellboys, and waiters. When dining out, a tip between 10% and 20% of your bill is customary. Restaurants typically don't include a place on the credit card bill for leaving a tip; they prefer cash gratuities. However, you can request that the tip be added to the bill before receiving it, and most restaurants will accommodate this request. Additionally, it's customary to buy lunch for your driver and guide wherever you choose to dine. Of course, tipping is entirely at your discretion.

**Special Requests** The Tour with Levi team is dedicated to ensuring that your trip to Israel is not just a vacation but also the experience of a lifetime. If you have any specific needs during your stay, please don't hesitate to let us know. We will do our utmost to address any concerns, resolve any issues, and assist you in any way possible.

**Connectivity** Free WiFi is readily available in nearly every coffee shop and gas station in Israel. Most hotels also offer complimentary WiFi nowadays, without any additional fees. Israel provides excellent data service for both GSM and 3G phones. You can inquire with your service provider about using your smartphone or cell phone in Israel. Equipment, phone numbers, Israeli line rentals, SIM cards, and cell phones are also available for rent.

**Taxis** When using taxis in Israel, it's important not to trust price estimates given by drivers. Always insist on using the meter. There are three pricing ranges at different times of the day and week. You can refer to this taxi fare chart, but please note that charges may vary if you have luggage.

Markets In many shops, vendors may initially quote a high price as a bargaining tactic. It's a cultural practice, so don't hesitate to negotiate and try to reach an agreement, even if it means cutting their initial price in half. Bargaining is expected in this context.

**Public Transport** Frequently, purchasing a day pass proves to be more cost-effective than topping up credit on your ravkav (travel card). You can obtain a ravkav at the central bus station for 5nis or simply download the ravkav app to pay via your phone. All public transportation options have barcodes that you can scan with your app for convenience.

**Charity** Beggars in town can be quite assertive and may approach you while you're dining in a restaurant. While this may be considered rude, it's a cultural phenomenon. It's perfectly acceptable to firmly decline their requests.

**Tourist Attractions** Most tickets for tourist attractions can be purchased online in advance. For particularly popular destinations, it's advisable to book a few weeks ahead of time. If you plan to visit a tourist site on your own, please feel free to

**Locals** The majority of Israelis are delighted to welcome tourists and are willing to assist with directions or any other inquiries you may have. Don't hesitate to ask for help!

**Dress Codes** It's essential to be mindful of dress codes, as what might be acceptable attire in Tel Aviv may not be suitable in certain areas of Jerusalem, especially the Old City. Jerusalem, as a hub of three major religions, expects an element of respect and modesty in specific neighborhoods.