

Working Itinerary

The following itinerary is a working document and is subject to change. (revised 10/25/2018)

December 10

Tuesday

Meals Included:
Per airline

Departure

- Group flight departs for Tel Aviv.

December 11

Wednesday

Meals Included:
Per airline
Dinner

Tel Aviv Accommodations:
[Tal By The Beach](#) (1 of 3)

Arrival and Acclimation in Tel Aviv

Welcome to Tel Aviv, the stunning “White City” on Israel’s Mediterranean Sea! The diplomatic and business capital of the nation, Tel Aviv charms visitors with its version of modern Israeli life – cosmopolitan, but famously relaxed; modern, but with a taste of Bauhaus history; artsy, but outdoorsy too.

- Meet your guide and board your private coach at the airport for transfer to the hotel.
- Arrive at your hotel and check in.
- In the evening, meet guide for transfer to a local restaurant.
- Taste the local cuisine with a Welcome Dinner.
- After dinner, return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

December 12

Thursday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Jerusalem Accommodations:
[Prima Park Hotel](#) (1 of 5)

Travel to Jerusalem! | Cultural Tour

- Private Meeting Space for Mass**– Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide and check out of your hotel. Board coach for transfer to Jerusalem and tour!
- Coach to Jerusalem**– Approximately 1 hour & 30 minutes

Welcome to Jerusalem! This spiritual mecca for Christians, Muslims, and Jews exudes history from every crack in its sidewalks. Marvel at the depth of time and place as you unpeel the complex layers of biblical, ethnic, and political past. And experience modern Jerusalem too – a distinct culture with foundations in history, but aspirations set firmly on a promising future.

Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane & Mt. Zion

Ascend the Mount of Olives for a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem with the Temple Mount. Walking down the Palm Sunday, you will reach the Church of Dominus Flevit and will proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was arrested, to see the old olive trees and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Cross the Kidron Valley to Mt. Zion. Visit the Upper Room, where the Holy Spirit descended on the first Jewish Believers. Conclude your tour with a visit to the Church of St. Peter’s in Gallicantu. (Entrance to the Church of St. Peter’s in Gallicantu included)

Private Mass at St. Peter’s in Gallicantu

Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue subject to availability and will be confirmed closer to departure).

- Enjoy lunch on own with a stop provided.
- After tour, transfer to hotel and check in. Enjoy a free evening.



December 13

Friday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Jerusalem Accommodations:
[Prima Park Hotel](#) (2 of 5)

Jerusalem: Full Day Tour

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**— Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide and board coach for a full day of sightseeing.

Old City of Jerusalem

Visit the Jewish Quarter, the Burnt House and the restored Cardo to get the feel of Jerusalem during the second Temple period. Continue to the Western Wall, the retaining wall of the Second Temple, and leave a note of prayer. Visit the Southern Wall excavations and walk down the Via Dolorosa, the path that Jesus walked on his way to his crucifixion. On the way visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured a cripple, the Church of Saint Anne, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Conclude your tour with a stop in the Exotic Bazaar. (Entrance to Burnt House, Southern Wall excavations, and Church of Saint Anne included)

Private Mass at Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue subject to availability and will be confirmed closer to departure).

- Enjoy lunch on own with a stop provided.
- After tour, return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

December 14

Saturday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel
Lunch

Jerusalem Accommodations:
[Prima Park Hotel](#) (3 of 5)

Masada & Dead Sea Excursion!

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**— Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide and board coach for a full day excursion.

Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea & Ein Gedi

Descend through the Judean Desert to the salty shores of the Dead Sea, the world's lowest point (390 meters below sea level). Stop at Qumran, the site where the first Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in November 1947. Continue to Masada- the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car to the spectacular Zealot fortress of Masada. Descend by cable car and continue to Premier Beach for lunch and to swim in the Dead Sea. Conclude with a visit to Ein Gedi Spring, where King David found shelter from the wrath of King Saul. (Entrance to Qumran, Masada, cable car, and Ein Gedi included. (Access to lockers, showers, and beach at the Dead Sea included.)

- Enjoy a group lunch at a local restaurant.
- After tour, return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

December 15

Sunday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Jerusalem Accommodations:
[Prima Park Hotel](#) (4 of 5)

Jerusalem: Free Day

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**— Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Enjoy free time to explore the city!
- Suggested Sites: Israel Museum and Yad Vashem Memorial
- Lunch and dinner on own.

Private Mass at Church of the Holy Sepulchre or Local Church Service

Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue subject to availability and will be confirmed closer to departure).



December 16

Monday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Jerusalem Accommodations:
[Prima Park Hotel](#) (5 of 5)

Excursion to Bethlehem!

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**– Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide and board coach for a full day excursion to Bethlehem!

Bethlehem Tour

Visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. Continue to the village of Ein Karem. Visit the Church of the Visitation where Mary proclaimed the Magnificat; and the Church of John the Baptist.

Private Mass at Church of John the Baptist

Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue subject to availability and will be confirmed closer to departure).

- Enjoy lunch on own with a stop provided.
- After tour, return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

December 17

Tuesday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Tel Aviv Accommodations:
[Tal By The Beach](#) (2 of 3)

Travel to Tel Aviv | Free Afternoon

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**– Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide and check out of your hotel. Board coach for transfer to Tel Aviv!
- **Coach to Tel Aviv**– Approximately 1 hour & 30 minutes
- Enjoy lunch on own with a stop provided.
- Check in to hotel, and enjoy a free afternoon and evening.

December 18

Wednesday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel
Dinner

Tel Aviv Accommodations:
[Tal By The Beach](#) (3 of 3)

Tel Aviv & Jaffa Tour | Farewell Dinner

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**– Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide and board coach for a half day cultural tour.

Tel Aviv & Jaffa Tour

In July 2003, UNESCO proclaimed the cluster of homes and public buildings of Tel Aviv's founding days as a World Heritage Site. A stroll through the main area of these monuments, known as the "White City," along Rothschild Blvd. and its side streets is a wonderful opportunity to savor life in the first Hebrew city, past and present. Then visit the Old Port City of Jaffa, just south of Tel Aviv for a beautiful panoramic view of Tel Aviv and a sense of the first Jewish city of the modern era, established in 1909.

- Return to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon.
- Enjoy lunch on own.
- In the evening, meet guide for transfer to a local restaurant.
- Reflect on your experiences with an authentic Farewell Dinner as a group.
- After dinner, return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

December 19

Thursday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel
Per airline

Return Home

- **Private Meeting Space for Mass**– Mass performed by Loyola University Maryland (venue & cost subject to availability).
- Meet your guide to check out of your hotel. Board coach and transfer to the airport for your return flight home.
- Group flight departs en-route to Washington D.C.

Program Ends



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Throughout your program

As part of our commitment to quality and value, we've included the following:

- English-speaking, trained professional tour guides, as noted
- Entrances for cultural sites, unless otherwise noted
- Ground transportation including:
 - Transportation in safe, clean motorcoach as noted in your itinerary - Full day = 10 hours; Half day = 5 hours
 - Meal transfers, as noted
 - Airport transfer for group flights
 - Intra-city transportation, as listed in your itinerary
- Intra-program coach transportation from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem
- Intra-program coach transportation from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv
- Gratuities for meals, guides, and drivers

Before your program departs

- Marketing website and resources to help promote your program to students
- Customized online registration portal to manage student registration, payments, dietary and health information collection, roommates, etc.
- A customized app with offline access to materials including your-day-to-day itinerary, group messaging, and important documents
- Digital guide books
- Customized pre-departure information for students and faculty

We thought of that too!

- Bottled water on coach rides
- One non-alcoholic drink at all included meals, unless otherwise noted