



CENTRAL ITALY & ISRAEL TOUR

15 Days / 14 nights

A journey across the beauties of Central Italy among Naples, Amalfi coastline, Caserta, Rome and Israel, the "Holy Land", with stages in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, places with a thousand-year-old history.

SCHEDULE:

Day 1 Rome/Naples

Included meals: none

You are going to arrive at Fiumicino airport and be transferred to Naples with a private bus. Accommodation and overnight in a hotel is then planned.

Day 2 Naples

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to have a guided walking tour of the city center, passing by Spacca Napoli district, the Cloister of ST. Claire, the Cathedral and San Severo Chapel with its astonishing Veiled Christ. Free time for lunch is planned. In the afternoon, you are going to have a sightseeing tour by bus starting from Caracciolo Street moving on to Mergellina and Posillipo districts, where there is a suggestive view of Vesuvio and the gulf. Finally, you will have a walk along the famous San Gregorio Armeno street and its workshops. Later on, you will return to the hotel, have free time for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 Trip to Pompei

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you will have a trip to Pompei and a guided visit to the archeological site, discovering the ancient splendours of Roman Empire: there are villas with perfectly preserved frescos, an amphitheater and much more. In the afternoon, you are going to visit the Sanctuary consecrated to the Rosary Virgin Mary of Pompei, which is one of the most frequented veneration sites of the Virgin in Italy. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel in Naples and overnight. Some free time for lunch and dinner is planned during visits.

Day 4 Trip to Amalfi Coastline

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you will have a guided trip to Amalfi Coastline. You will have a stop at "Madonnina" to take a panning shot to Positano, the jewel of the coast. Then you are going to continue to Amalfi, the first Maritime Republic with its natural and architectural beauties. There you will visit the sixteenth-century Cathedral consecrated to St. Andrew and with an eastern-manner façade, the eighteenth-century Arabic-styled Cloister of Paradise that preserves ancient sarcophagus, marbles and mosaics. Later on, you will go on a boat ride from Amalfi to Emerald cave and back. Some free time for lunch is planned. In the afternoon, you will leave for Ravello and visit the cathedral and one of the most precious villas of the coast. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel, have free time for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Naples/Caserta/Rome

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to visit the Caserta Royal Palace, the so-called "italian Versailles". The palace was demanded by Carlo Borbone in the XVIII century and it is considered one of the most luxurious palaces in Italy, due to its 1.200 rooms full of frescos, candle holders, wallpapers and history. The Royal Palace is composed by wonderful gardens that surround the 75 meters-high fall that is also visible from 3km distance, where the palace is. In the afternoon, you are going to leave for Rome, check-in at the hotel and overnight. Free time for lunch and dinner is planned during visits.

Day 6 Rome

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to meet the guide and visit the "eternal city". First of all, a stop to St. Peter's Basilica, the emblem of Christianity: the Basilica has been built upon a previous Constantinian temple, on the same place where the first

Apostle Peter is told to have been buried after his crucifixion. There, you could admire the famous “Pietà” by Michelangelo, the Berninis’s canopy and tombs of the major popes. Among them are that of St. Jean Paul II and that of St. Peter. You will have free time to go up to the dome and for lunch. In the afternoon, you are going to visit Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel, have free time for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 Rome

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you will meet the guide, catch the bus and have a sightseeing tour of Rome: Gianicolo Belvedere, Sisto bridge upon Tevere river, Massimo Circus, Colosseum (externally), Romano court, Venezia Square and the Patria Altar. Then you will have some free time for lunch and in the afternoon you will visit the mundane center of the city, passing by Navona Square, Trevi fountain, governmental palaces and the Pantheon. Finally, you will return to the hotel, have free time for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 Rome

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel. Wednesday is the daily week dedicated to the Papal Hearing in St. Peter’s Square. After that, you are going to visit the St. Paul’s papal church where is the grave of this Saint. Then, you will visit San Callisto catacombs, return to the hotel and overnight. Some free time for lunch and dinner is planned during visits.

Day 9 Rome/Tel Aviv/Nazareth

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, the driver is going to help you loading your luggage onto the private bus and you will be transferred to Fiumicino airport. There, you should deal with customs checks and then boarding on a flight to Israel. When landed in Tel Aviv, you are going to meet the local guide who will assist you for the entire stay. Finally, you are going to reach Nazareth and check-in at the hotel. Free time for dinner and overnight is planned.

Day 10 Nazareth

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you will visit the major meaningful sites of Galilee: Beatitudini mount, Tabga, where Jesus multiplied breads, and the church of Peter’s *Primato*; Cafarnao and its excavations with ruins of Peter’s house, the sixteenth-century Synagogue. In the afternoon, you are going to take a taxi in small groups and reach Tabor Mount, the mount of transfiguration of Christ. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel and overnight. Free time for lunch and dinner at your disposal during visits.

Day 11 Nazareth/Bethlehem

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to visit the village of Nazareth passing by Annunciation Basilica, Saint Joseph church, the souk and the Virgin fountain. During the morning, you are going to visit Cana to celebrate the marriage miracle. In the afternoon, you are going to leave for Judea across the Jordan Valley with a stop along the river to renew baptismal promises. Finally, you are going to reach Bethlehem in the evening, check-in at the hotel and overnight. Free time for lunch and dinner is planned during visits.

Day 12 Trip to Jerusalem

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to leave for Jerusalem and admire Omar and El Aqsa Mosque, passing by the Wailing Wall and the Jewish district. In the afternoon, you are going to cover the Via Crucis through the souk ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel in Bethlehem and overnight. Some free time for lunch and dinner is planned during visits.

Day 13 Trip to Jerusalem

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you will come back to Jerusalem to visit the Mount of Olives passing by the Ascension niche, Paternoster cave, Dominus Flevit, the Getzemani Basilica and garden, the Virgin Mary’s grave. During the afternoon, you are going to visit the Christian Sion with Saint Peter in Gallicantu, Cenaculum and the Dormition of the Virgin. Finally, you will return to the hotel in Bethlehem, have free time for dinner and overnight.

Day 14 Bethlehem

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to leave for Judas’ desert, where you will see the Monastery of Saint George of Koziba from a distance. During the trip, you will stop in Jericho and then Qumran, along the Dead Sea banks, where the ancient Bible’s roll

had been discovered and nowadays preserved at the Books Museum. Later on, you are going to return to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds' Field. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel and overnight. Some free time for lunch and dinner is planned during visits.

Day 15 Bethlehem/Tel Aviv

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, the driver is going to help you loading your luggage onto the private bus and transfer at Tel Aviv airport, where you will take off for your city of origin.

Note: The itinerary could change due to organizational reasons. Visits will be respected or substituted with others with the same value, if necessary.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON STARTING FROM:

€ 1.690	with minimum 20 persons
€ 1.580	with minimum 30 persons
€ 560	single supplement (limited availability)

Tour price includes:

- Transfers from/to airport in Italy
- Sightseeing and transfers with private coach during the journey
- Minibus for Amalfi coastline trip
- Assistance at the airport in Italy and Israel
- Accommodation in double occupancy at 3 stars hotels as indicated in itinerary with private bath or shower
- Meals: breakfast as indicated in itinerary
- Guide: professional English-speaking local guide in Italy and professional tour escort/guide in Israel as per program
- Wireless head-phones
- Taxes: all taxes charged by local government on services which are part of the land program are included except those imposed by airports or accommodation
- Not refundable administration fee

Tour price DOES NOT include:

- Flight ticket to Italy, flight ticket Rome-Tel Aviv, flight ticket from Tel Aviv to your city of origin
- Any meals and beverages not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, excess baggage charges, travel insurance and travel documentation.
- Tour escort in Italy
- Entrance tickets in Italy and Israel to museums, archeological sites and so on
- Visa to enter Italy and Israel, if required by your nationality
- Any local accommodation charges in Italy which must be paid locally
- Tips to coach driver, guide and local guides will be collected by the tour escort from each participant
- Any other items not indicated as included on the itinerary

Documents:

Regular Passport valid for 6 months beyond the conclusion of the trip. You will be informed if there will be any change about it.
Visa: you will be given any information to obtain it, if necessary