



## Family Interest Itineraries

### 7 Day Itinerary

#### Day 1

Start your visit at [Caesarea National Park](#), on the coast, with its magnificent remains of Herod's city, the Roman capital and port and fortified Crusader town. Tour the Roman Theater and the renovated port area surrounded by 800-year-old walls, where you can see the [Caesarea Experience](#), a multimedia presentation about the city's history that uses advanced computer techniques to bring the city's history alive.



Dip your feet in the Mediterranean next to the ancient aqueduct before continuing north to [Acre](#). This historic walled port-city has lots of interesting tunnels and towers to explore going back to Crusader times and beyond.

Visit the [Knights Halls](#), the [Al-Jazaar Mosque](#), the bathhouse with its multi-media display and the new ethnic museum, built right into the rooms of the old wall, showcasing the everyday implements people used in the old days. Have lunch at a seaside Mediterranean restaurant.

Drive to [Rosh Hanikra](#), where the rocky cliffs descend steeply into the sea, allowing the waves to carve grottos of a thousand shapes. Take the cable car down to the grottos for fun exploring through the rocky passageways.



Drive along the scenic Upper [Galilee](#) road 899, through the forested mountains, stopping for an incredible view of the towering [Crusader fortress of Montfort](#) overview in Nahal Kziv and continue to the [Sea of Galilee](#) area for dinner in [Tiberias](#) on the waterfront or in a country-style restaurant nearby.

Overnight in the Sea of Galilee area

#### Day 2



Head for Israel's far north today, stopping at the [Hula Valley Nature Reserve](#). The reserve has lovely walking trails, including a "floating bridge" over the wetland, and special lookout points where visitors can observe the avian wildlife. While at the reserve, include Oforia, a fun, experiential multimedia display that tells the story of the migratory route across the region and the millions of birds that use it.

Drive to the [Manara Cliff](#) and enjoy adventures including a cable-car ride, mountain-slide coaster cars, rappelling and a zip-line.

Continue to the [Golan Heights](#) and Mount Bental, a volcanic cone with a fabulous view into Syria, and explore real army bunkers. Get an overview of the Syrian city of Kuneitra and enjoy the featured whimsical outdoor exhibit of "found art" by a local artist.

Then, it's on to the Talmudic village of [Katsrin](#) to visit the restored house and synagogue and see the audiovisual presentation linking past and present in a way that's fun for all ages.

Overnight: in the Tiberias area

### Day 3

Start out today in the mystical city of [Safed \(Tzefat\)](#), where you can walk the old streets, tour historic synagogues and art galleries, and even visit a candle factory and store. At the charming Meiri House Museum, see artifacts of daily life dating back a century and more.

Continue to [Tsippori National Park](#), with its remains of a Jewish city from Talmudic times, where you'll see beautiful mosaics of a synagogue and the famous "Mona Lisa of Galilee," and you can wander through its cave-like water system. Look into the possibility of joining a mosaic-making workshop on weekends and holidays .

In the late afternoon drive via the coastal road to [Jerusalem](#).

Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Day 4

Visit the [Israel Museum](#) where among many other treasures you can delve into the mysteries of the [Dead Sea Scrolls](#) at the [Shrine of the Book](#) and see the [Model of ancient Jerusalem](#). Don't miss the short movie at the Shrine of the Book that tells the story of the tumultuous days of the Second Temple period through the eyes of two youths of the time.

Visit the astounding new museum at the [Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial](#) (Volunteers at the entry pavilion can help with age-appropriate exhibits and approaches.)

Spend the afternoon at the [Biblical Zoo](#), enjoying a peek at animals from the Bible that Israel is working to bring back, the Noah's Ark Visitor Center and other attractions.

In the early evening or after dinner, visit the [Western Wall](#) in the Old City, sacred to the Jewish People as the last remnant of the Second Temple.

While at the Western Wall, arrange your schedule to join a public tour of the [Western Wall Tunnels](#) by enquiring at the Western Wall Heritage Foundation.

Overnight in Jerusalem

### Day 5

Spend the first part of the morning the [Jewish Quarter](#), including the Broad Wall; the Cardo and the [Burnt House](#), with its captivating audiovisual presentation.

Visit the Southern Wall Excavations, walking on the original two thousand-year old street and climbing the ancient steps. At the [Davidson Center](#), in the basement of an eighth-century-CE palace, look into the possibility of seeing its virtual-reconstruction, high-definition interactive model, and enjoy

the high-definition film open to all visitors that depicts ancient pilgrimage to the Temple in a unique way.

Tour the [City of David](#), including Warren's Shaft, the new Visitor's Center and [Hezekiah's Tunnel](#). An unforgettable Jerusalem adventure is walking along in the tunnel through which water has flowed since the days of King Hezekiah some 2,700 years ago. There are also some newly discovered dry tunnels whose dramatic lighting also highlights this amazing ancient feat of engineering.

In the late afternoon, explore some of the interesting churches in the Old City, including the [Russian Orthodox Church](#) with its basement ruins, and the tranquil Ethiopian courtyard and humble chapel.

Wander the Old City markets, steeping yourself in its sights, sounds and aromas, and try your hand at hunting and bargaining for treasures.

Overnight in Jerusalem

## **Day 6**

Drive to the [Dead Sea](#) area and visit [Qumran](#), where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Walk through the ruins with their signs illustrating how people used the various buildings, and see the audiovisual presentation that shows how the ancients lived and prospered in the desert and also has an exciting "flyover" segment.

Continue to [Ein Gedi](#) and hike through its [Nature Reserve](#) to the beautiful waterfall.

Check in at a hotel or bed and breakfast in the Dead Sea area and enjoy the rest of the day floating in the Dead Sea and relaxing in the hotel.

Overnight at the Dead Sea

## **Day 7**

Hike up to [Massada](#) via the Snake Path right after sunrise while the weather is still cool, (or sleep in a bit and take the cable-car up!) and explore the fortress built by Herod the Great, which was the scene of the epic stand by Jewish rebels at the end of the Great Revolt against Rome nearly 2,000 years ago. The new museum at the visitor's center reveals the secrets of the rebels' daily life, the story of the excavations, and how the site became one of Israel's most important symbols.

Continue to [Tel Aviv](#) via [Be'er Sheba](#) and Arad or via Jerusalem