

Christian Galilee Tour

📍 Sea of Galilee, Galilee, Israel



Discover the **Christian Galilee Tour**, a one-day pilgrimage from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Herzliya to the very landscapes where Jesus lived, taught, and performed his first miracle. Walk through the recently excavated 1st-century synagogue at [Magdala](#) where Mary Magdalene once worshipped. Stand on the [Mount of Beatitudes](#) where the Sermon on the Mount was delivered to crowds of followers. The tour ends at the Cana Wedding Church, site of the water-into-wine miracle.

This one-day pilgrimage leaves the coastal plain and travels north through the rolling farmland of lower Galilee. Your licensed guide narrates Jesus' three-year Galilean ministry as you visit the actual locations described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Highlights include the Duc in Altum chapel at Magdala, the octagonal church on the Mount of Beatitudes designed by Antonio Barluzzi in 1939, and the Franciscan Wedding Church in Cana built in 1879. See the 2,000-year-old Jesus Boat preserved at the [Yigal Allon Museum](#) in Ginosar.

The Christian Galilee Tour begins with hotel pickup at 06:00 from Jerusalem, 07:00 from Herzliya, or 07:15 from Tel Aviv. Transport is in an air-conditioned vehicle. All entrance fees are included. Pair this Christian Galilee Tour with our [Christian Jerusalem Tour](#) for a fuller Holy Land pilgrimage, or our [Jericho and Dead Sea Tour](#) to walk the Jordan River. The tour operates Thursdays only with an English-speaking guide. Modest dress is required at all holy sites: shoulders and knees covered.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
20

Language:
English

Duration:
1

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

07:15 AM : Hotel Pickup

Your Christian Galilee Tour begins with comfortable hotel pickup. Pickup times: 06:00 from Jerusalem hotels, 07:00 from Herzliya hotels, and 07:15 from Tel Aviv hotels. Please be ready in your hotel lobby 10 minutes before scheduled pickup.

We travel north along Highway 6 through the coastal plain toward lower Galilee. Your licensed guide will introduce you to the geography of Jesus' three-year Galilean ministry described in the [Christian heritage trails of northern Israel](#).

Duration
1.25 Hour

10:30 AM : Magdala - Mary Magdalene's Hometown

Our first stop is [Magdala](#), the hometown of Mary Magdalene, situated on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Archaeologists discovered a remarkable 1st-century synagogue here in 2009.

A coin dated 29 AD found during the excavation proves the synagogue existed during Jesus' lifetime, making this one of the few authenticated places where he may have preached. Visit the modern Duc in Altum chapel and the famous Magdala Stone, the oldest known menorah depiction carved in stone.

Duration
1 Hour

11:45 AM : Ginosar - The Jesus Boat

The tour continues to Ginosar and the [Beit Yigal Allon Museum](#). Here you can see the famous Ancient Boat, a 1st-century fishing vessel discovered in 1986 when drought lowered the Sea of Galilee waterline.

The Jesus Boat, as it is popularly known, has been carbon-dated to between 100 BC and 70 AD. Jesus and his disciples would have sailed in vessels exactly like this one. The museum displays artifacts and a film that bring the Gospel stories of fishermen on the Sea of Galilee vividly to life.

Duration
1 Hour

01:15 PM : Mount of Beatitudes - Sermon on the Mount

Ascend to the [Mount of Beatitudes](#) overlooking the northern Sea of Galilee. This hillside is where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 to 7), the foundational ethical teaching of Christianity.

The octagonal Roman Catholic church here was designed by Italian architect Antonio Barluzzi and built in 1939. Its eight sides represent the eight Beatitudes spoken by Jesus. The peaceful gardens, colonnaded cloisters, and panoramic views across the lake make this one of the most spiritually moving stops on the entire Christian Galilee Tour.

Duration
1 Hour

03:00 PM : Cana - Wedding Church

Our final religious site is [Kafr Kanna \(Cana\)](#), where Jesus performed his first public miracle by turning water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1 to 11).

The Franciscan Wedding Church here was built in 1879 over what tradition holds is the site of the miracle. See the ancient stone jars said to commemorate the event. The [Custodia Terrae Sanctae](#) (Franciscan custodians of the Holy Land) manages this and many other Christian sites across the region.

Duration
1 Hour

04:30 PM : Return to Hotel

Our Christian Galilee Tour concludes with the journey back south through the rolling Galilee farmland and along the coastal highway.

Return drop-off at your hotel is approximately 19:00 in Tel Aviv or 20:00 in Jerusalem. The exact arrival time depends on traffic conditions. Bring a small snack and water for the return drive.

Duration
2.5 Hours