

# Golan Heights Tour

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Discover the **Golan Heights tour** on this full-day journey from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Herzliya. You will climb Mount Bental, walk through Israeli army bunkers from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and look across 50 kilometres of basalt plateau toward Syria from one of the most strategic vantage points in the country. This Golan Heights tour pairs Biblical history with modern geopolitics in a way few places on earth can match.

The Golan is shaped by volcanoes and tectonic forces. Black basalt boulders are scattered across the plateau, ancient synagogues are built from the same dark stone, and the entire region rises 1,000 metres above the Sea of Galilee in a single dramatic slope. Your Golan Heights tour day starts at 06:30 from Tel Aviv and takes in six iconic stops: [Tel Megiddo](#), a Sea of Galilee viewpoint, Hamat Gader hot springs, the Shalom Observatory, the Talmudic synagogue at Katzrin, and Mount Bental.

Pickup is direct from your hotel. The vehicle is air conditioned. Your guide is licensed by the [Israel Ministry of Tourism](#). All entrance fees are included. If you want to extend your trip in Israel, see our [Jericho and Dead Sea tour](#) or our [Christian Jerusalem tour](#) for related itineraries that pair beautifully with this Golan Heights tour.

This Golan Heights tour is built for travellers who want depth and context, not just photos. The 1967 Six Day War redrew the map of the region, the 1973 Yom Kippur War was fought on the very ground you will walk, and the volcanic geology beneath everything goes back millions of years. Best for couples, history enthusiasts, and small groups. Operating Sunday and Wednesday only. English-speaking guide. Limited group size of 20. Book early to secure your spot.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**20**

Duration:  
**1**

Language:  
**English**

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

### 06:30 : Hotel Pickup from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Herzliya

Your Golan Heights tour begins with hotel pickup at 06:30 from Tel Aviv, 06:00 from Jerusalem, or 06:00 from Herzliya. Your guide and air-conditioned vehicle collect you directly from your hotel lobby. Exact pickup time and location are confirmed in your booking email; please be ready 10 minutes before your scheduled pickup.

The drive north takes around two hours, with commentary from your guide introducing the geography of northern Israel, the 1967 Six Day War, and what to expect at each of the six stops on this Golan Heights tour day. If you prefer to combine this with our [Jericho and Dead Sea Tour](#), ask our team about multi-day packages.

Duration  
**2 Hours**

### 08:30 : Tel Megiddo, the Biblical Armageddon

The first stop on the Golan Heights tour is [Tel Megiddo](#), a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most significant archaeological tells in the Levant. The Book of Revelation names this place Armageddon, from the Hebrew Har Megiddo (Mount Megiddo).

You will walk through layers of civilisation stacked on top of each other: a 9th-century BCE water system descending 36 metres into the rock, an ancient Canaanite altar, and the remains of King Solomon gates. From the top of the tell, the Jezreel Valley spreads out below you, exactly the strategic vantage point that made this site contested for over 3,000 years. [More background on Tel Megiddo](#).

Duration  
**1 Hour**

### 10:00 : Sea of Galilee Viewpoint and Photo Stop

From an elevated viewpoint above the Sea of Galilee, you see the entire lake spread out below: 21 kilometres long, 13 kilometres wide, sitting 213 metres below sea level. This is the lowest freshwater lake on Earth and, after the Dead Sea, the second-lowest body of water on the planet.

The town of Tiberias is visible on the western shore. Mount Arbel rises sharply on the southwest. On a

clear day you can pick out the basalt cliffs of the Golan plateau on the eastern shore, where your Golan Heights tour is heading next. The [Sea of Galilee region](#) features in many Gospel accounts of Jesus ministry. See our [Christian Jerusalem Tour](#) for a deeper dive into the holy land geography.

Duration  
**0.5 Hour**

### **10:45 : Hamat Gader Hot Springs and Roman Ruins**

[Hamat Gader](#) sits in a valley along the Jordan border, surrounded by Roman-era ruins and fed by five natural hot springs that have been used since antiquity. The Romans built one of the largest bathhouses in the eastern empire here, with a hypocaust system, mosaic-floored caldarium, and colonnaded approaches still walkable today. The hot springs are mineral-rich and reach 50 Celsius at the source.

This stop on the Golan Heights tour gives you time to walk through the archaeological park, see the alligator farm (one of the largest in the Middle East), and take in the dramatic valley setting with Jordan visible across the river. For a different angle on Israeli hot springs and mineral water, see our [Dead Sea Relaxation Tour](#).

Duration  
**1 Hour**

### **12:15 : Shalom Observatory Looking Toward Jordan**

The Shalom Observatory (Mitzpe Shalom, Peace Vista) sits 480 metres above the southern shore of the Sea of Galilee. From 1948 to 1967 this exact spot served as a Syrian outpost, used to shell Israeli kibbutzim on the plains below. Today it is a peaceful viewpoint with a grove of olive trees and panoramic views toward the Kingdom of Jordan, the Yarmuk River, the Jordan Valley, and the hills of Gilead.

Your Golan Heights tour guide walks you through the strategic significance of the position and how the geography of the Golan shaped the conflicts of 1948, 1967, and 1973. On a clear day you can see all the way to Mount Tabor on one side and the basalt cliffs of Gilead on the other. [More on the IDF and the Six Day War](#).

Duration  
**0.5 Hour**

### **13:30 : Katzrin Ancient Synagogue and Talmudic Village**

The reconstructed Talmudic-era village at [Katzrin](#) shows you what Jewish life in the Golan looked like during the 4th to 7th centuries. The centrepiece is an ornate basalt synagogue, one of the best-preserved ancient synagogues in Israel, with intricate carved doorways and a clear ground plan.

Around it, archaeologists have reconstructed several houses with their olive presses, wine presses, ovens, and weaving rooms, using only materials and techniques that would have been available at the

time. This Golan Heights tour stop sits in the modern town of Katzrin, the regional capital of the Israeli Golan. [More on Katzrin and the Talmudic period.](#)

Duration  
**1.5 Hour**

### **15:00 : Mount Bental Bunkers and Syria Border View**

[Mount Bental](#) is the dramatic climax of the Golan Heights tour. This 1,165-metre dormant volcano sits directly on the Israeli-Syrian armistice line and was the site of one of the most consequential tank battles in modern military history, the 1973 Battle of the Valley of Tears. You can descend into the underground IDF bunker system and walk through the trenches that Israeli soldiers held against the Syrian advance.

Above ground, the Coffee Anan cafe (a pun on both the Hebrew word for cloud and the former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan) serves coffee at altitude, and steel sculptures by a local kibbutz artist line the path to the summit. From the top, the view extends across 50 kilometres of Syrian territory, with the ghost town of Quneitra visible directly below and Damascus 60 kilometres distant. On clear winter days, the snow-capped [Mount Hermon](#) is visible to the north.

Duration  
**1 Hour**

### **17:30 : Return Drive to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Herzliya**

The drive south takes around two and a half hours, with a brief comfort stop along the way. Expected drop-off times: Tel Aviv 19:30 to 20:00, Jerusalem 20:00 to 20:30, Herzliya 19:30 to 20:00. You will be dropped at your hotel or at a central drop-off point depending on traffic.

Your Golan Heights tour guide will share dinner recommendations for your home city and answer any final questions about what you have seen during the day. If today has whetted your appetite for Israel and Jordan, ask our team about combining a Golan Heights tour with our [Petra Day Tour from Tel Aviv](#) on a longer trip.

Duration  
**2.5 Hours**