

Jaffa Walking Tour

📍 Jaffa Clock Tower, 2 Mrzuk Azar Street, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel



Step back 4,000 years on this expert-led **Jaffa Walking Tour** through one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited port cities. This 2-hour Jaffa Walking Tour reveals the hidden history beneath the picturesque alleys, weaving together Canaanite, Greek, Roman, Ottoman, and modern Israeli stories. Start at the iconic [Jaffa Clock Tower](#), a 1900 Ottoman landmark commemorating Sultan Abdul Hamid II, and end at the vibrant Jaffa Flea Market where antiques, vintage finds, and Tel Aviv's coolest cafes share the same alleys.

The Jaffa Walking Tour traces the ancient Canaanite port that hosted King Solomon's cedars from Lebanon, Jonah's biblical voyage, and Napoleon's brief 1799 occupation. Pause at [Jaffa Port](#) to see Andromeda's Rock, where Greek mythology says the princess was chained as a sacrifice to a sea monster before being rescued by Perseus. Visit beautiful [St. Peter's Church](#), a Franciscan Catholic landmark tied to the apostle Peter's vision recorded in Acts 10. Cross the famous Wishing Bridge, see the renowned [Jaffa Orange Tree](#) suspended in mid-air, and walk through the Zodiac alleys of the Artists' Quarter.

The Jaffa Walking Tour is perfect for first-time visitors to Tel Aviv who want context for the modern White City, families with kids age 8 and above, photographers chasing golden alleyway light, and Christian travelers retracing the apostle Peter's footsteps. The walk is easy and flat with cobblestone sections, fits all fitness levels, and runs Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 09:00 in English. Pair the Jaffa Walking Tour with our [Tel Aviv Graffiti Tour](#) for street art the same afternoon, our [Jerusalem Half Day Tour](#) for biblical Old City context the next day, or our [Dead Sea Relaxation Experience](#) for a relaxing day trip. Meeting point at the Tourist Information Center, 2 Mrzuk Azar Street, Jaffa.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
15

Language:
English

Duration:
2

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

09:00 AM : Meeting Point at Jaffa Clock Tower

Your Jaffa Walking Tour begins at 09:00 sharp at the Tourist Information Center, 2 Mrzuk Azar Street, directly across from the iconic [Jaffa Clock Tower](#). Please arrive 10 minutes early to meet your guide and the small group (maximum 15 people).

The Clock Tower is one of seven Ottoman-era clock towers built across historic Palestine to commemorate the silver jubilee of Sultan Abdul Hamid II in 1900. Built of local limestone with funds donated by Jews, Armenians, Maronites, and Arab Muslims of Jaffa, the tower symbolizes the rapid modernization of the city under late Ottoman rule.

Duration
0.25 Hour

09:15 AM : Clock Square and Ottoman Heritage

The Jaffa Walking Tour starts in Clock Square, the symbolic heart of Old Jaffa where Ottoman, British Mandate, and Israeli histories intersect. Your guide unpacks the square's transformation from an Ottoman commercial center to today's vibrant cultural crossroads.

Look closely and you will spot the Saraya Government House (now ruins), the historic Abulafia Bakery founded in 1879 and still baking 24 hours a day, and the elegant New Saraya building. The Clock Square was the original site of the Jaffa market before the Ottomans moved it to make room for administrative buildings, which is how the famous Flea Market came to its current location nearby.

Duration
0.25 Hour

09:30 AM : Jaffa Port and Andromeda's Rock

The Jaffa Walking Tour descends to the ancient [Jaffa Port](#), one of the oldest functioning harbors in the world with over 4,000 years of continuous use. This is the port that received the cedars of Lebanon for King Solomon's Temple, launched the prophet Jonah's ill-fated voyage to Tarshish, welcomed Christian pilgrims for the past 2,000 years, and shipped the world-famous Jaffa orange to Europe.

Out in the water you will see [Andromeda's Rock](#), the formation where Greek mythology says the Ethiopian princess Andromeda was chained as a sacrifice to the sea monster Cetus before being rescued by Perseus. Today the port is home to art galleries, seafood restaurants, and fishing boats that still bring in the morning catch. Time for great photos of the Tel Aviv skyline rising behind the ancient stones.

Duration
0.5 Hour

10:00 AM : St. Peter's Church and Kedumim Square

The Jaffa Walking Tour climbs to [St. Peter's Church](#), a beautiful Franciscan Catholic basilica completed in 1894 on the site of a Crusader citadel. The church commemorates the apostle Peter's rooftop vision recorded in Acts 10, where he received the message that the Christian gospel was for Gentiles too. Napoleon Bonaparte famously stayed here during his 1799 siege of Jaffa.

Step inside (modest dress required, shoulders and knees covered) to see the stunning rose stained glass window depicting Peter's vision, the gilded altar imported from Spain, and the Holy Family painting above the main altar. Continue to Kedumim Square outside, the central piazza of Old Jaffa with archaeological excavations visible through floor windows showing 2,500-year-old Hellenistic remains beneath your feet.

Duration
0.4 Hour

10:30 AM : HaPisga Garden, Zodiac Fountain, and Wishing Bridge

The Jaffa Walking Tour reaches the top of the hill at HaPisga Garden (Pinnacle Garden, also known as Abrasha Park), where you get the most spectacular panoramic view of the Tel Aviv coastline from the Mediterranean Sea to the modern skyscrapers in the north. Pass through the Ramses II Gate, archaeological remains of a 13th-century BCE Egyptian pharaonic gate that once welcomed sailors.

Cross the famous Wishing Bridge with its twelve bronze zodiac signs along the railing. Local tradition says if you touch your zodiac sign while looking out to sea and make a wish, it will come true. Pause at the beautiful Zodiac Signs Fountain in the courtyard, an artistic homage to the bridge tradition. Right above the bridge you will see the renowned [Jaffa Orange Tree](#), an actual orange tree suspended in mid-air inside a sculptural egg-shaped basket created by artist Ran Morin in 1993. It is a living symbol of Jaffa's most famous export.

Duration
0.4 Hour

10:45 AM : Artists' Quarter and Jaffa Flea Market

The Jaffa Walking Tour winds down through the famous Artists' Quarter with its painted blue doors, hidden galleries, and zodiac-named alleys (Aquarius Street, Pisces Street, Aries Street, and so on). The narrow lanes were laid out in the 1960s and 1970s when Israeli artists and sculptors moved into the abandoned Arab houses and restored them.

The tour ends at the vibrant Jaffa Flea Market (Shuk HaPishpeshim in Hebrew), spread across Olei Tzion, Yehuda Margoza, Amiad, and Beit Eshel streets. Browse antiques, vintage clothing, Persian rugs,

mid-century furniture, and handmade jewelry from local designers. Trendy restaurants and cafes line Rabbi Pinhas and Ami'ad streets, perfect for lunch after the tour. See the [Israel Ministry of Tourism Tel Aviv-Jaffa guide](#) for more local recommendations.

Duration
0.25 Hour