



Second Temple-era catacomb Beit She'arim declared UNESCO World Heritage site

The incomparable catacombs from the Ancient Jewish town of Beit She'arim, located on a hill in the Lower Western Galilee in Israel, joined the UNESCO World Heritage List last Sunday.

Beit She'arim was once the headquarters of the Sanhedrin- the Jewish council and leadership, a city covering some 100 dunams (25 acres) that flourished as part of the Roman Empire from the second to the fourth century A.D.

Visitors can tour some of the most impressive cave- tombs dug into soft the limestone rock, were many ornamented stone coffins are still on display. The site's archaeological findings include hundreds of inscriptions

Beit She'arim is the ninth Israeli site to be declared a UNESCO world heritage site. Akko/Acre which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2001 is located on a peninsula at the northern part of the only natural bay in the Israeli coastline

The ancient walled port city of Akko is where you can experience a mosaic of multi culture of Christians, Muslims and Jews

Walking along the alleys soaked in heritage you can sense and see traces of the many people who benefited from this location as a gateway to the region with continuous settlement from the Phoenician period.



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The present city is characteristic of a fortified town dating from the Ottoman 18th and 19th centuries, with a citadel, mosques, khans and baths. The remains of the Crusader town, dating from 1104 to 1291, lie almost intact, both above and below today's street level, providing an exceptional picture of the layout and structures of the capital of the medieval Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem.

Here are some of the additional activities we will be glad to provide to guarantee your pleasure

- Sail with us on a luxurious and indulging sailing yacht, whose crew will sail you to a special and unique perspective of Israel.
- Feast at the local gourmet restaurants with young and famous chefs where traditional and original flavors are creating a new atmosphere: Dalal Tapas Bar, Uri Buri fish and seafood restaurant, El Marsa bistro bar and Svida Seafood bar
- Celebrate at festivals such as the "knights' festival" or the Acre Fringe Theatre Festival held in the restored Knights' Halls.
- Meet a local Christian resident whose family has lived in Akko for generations. He is familiar with every lane and alley, and his exciting stories that reflect Akko's long heritage will revive the images of the people who roamed this ancient town.
- Relish at the splendor and hospitality of the magnificent Efendi hotel. The exceptional structure of this hotel combines two ancient houses, meticulously reconstructed and merged into one building before being converted into a boutique hotel.



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All of these experiences will create an unforgettable impression of Akko a meeting place for East and West, new and old, beauty and ruins, all adding to its uniqueness.