

# Masada and Ein Gedi

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**BIBLICAL STUDY OF THE JEWISH WARS AT MASADA. STUDY OF THE VALLEY OF SALT AND ITS SPECIAL BIBLICAL PLANTS. STUDY OF EIN GEDI AND THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN DAVID AND SAUL**

## TIME

- ✓ All-day, approximately 7:00 am – 5:00 pm with a 1 hour lunch. Meet at the place of your Israel accommodations.

## TRANSPORTATION

- ✓ Your rental car or van

## COSTS

- ✓ Guide: Avinoam
  - \$350.00 USD. Tips: optional. Fee payable with Israeli Shekels, US Dollars, Euros, British Pounds, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Carte Blanche, or American Express. If you wish, split up the total costs among all participants ***If Avi has to meet the group in Jerusalem, approximately \$100.00 extra for time & travel costs will be added, unless Avi is already in the city. Overnight accommodations for Avi added to total group expense.***
- ✓ Lunch
  - Approximately 65 Shekel per person at Masada food court or 45 Shekel at Ein Gedi food kiosk
  - No need to purchase lunch for Avi
- ✓ Entrance costs
  - National Park card or approximately 35 Shekel for Masada and Ein Gedi.
  - Optional: cable car (round trip) - approximately 50 Shekel per person.
  - Optional cost add-ons: Dead sea float at Qaliya or Mineral Beach.

## DETAILS

- ✓ Bring with you:
  - Bible (book or digital), hat or umbrella, backpack, camera, recording device (if you wish), sunglasses (if you are accustomed to wearing them), energy snacks (if you wish), bottled water (generally 1.5 to 2 liters per person), good walking shoes/boots, shorts (if you wish).
- ✓ What to expect:
  - Hiking Masada and Ein Gedi involves dirt and rock paths. In the summer heat, it can be a challenge for many. Bring lots of water.
  - Hiking up and down the “serpent’s path” at Masada is for advanced hikers. Recommended: use the cable car unless you are fit for a strenuous hike.
  - Ein Gedi hike to the *Dudim Caves* – strenuous. Normal hiking on all other trails are easy to moderate in hiking and walking.
- ✓ Children accepted (above the age of 10). Not recommended for infants and young.

