

ELAH VALLEY (8 Hour Day Tour)

\$300.00* [17%VAT included]



Sites Visited:	Tel Beit Shemesh, Khirbet Qeiyafa, Tel Es-Safi (Gath)
Tour Time:	8 Hours (08:30-16:30)
Walking Difficulty:	Moderate (uphill hiking on nature trails)
Excluded from the Price:	Lunch at a local winery (typically from \$15-20 per person)
Transportation:	Customer provided**
Dress & Grooming:	Comfortable for walking on nature trails

Tour Description:

We can either meet in Jerusalem and travel together, or meet in the area of Bet Shemesh to begin the tour, the day is between 8 and 9 hours depending on the starting point.

We will begin exploring the relationships between the Israelites and Philistines from the vantage point of Tel Bet Shemesh and see the development from the Judges period and the life of Samson forward.

From here will head to an archaeological site that overlooks the Elah Valley, Khirbet Qeiyafa. This site has been the center of debate in Israeli archaeological circles because of its Biblical implications. We will examine the battle of the Elah Valley and how this ancient city plays into the Bible's account. This site will involve a hike up a hill along a gravel path.

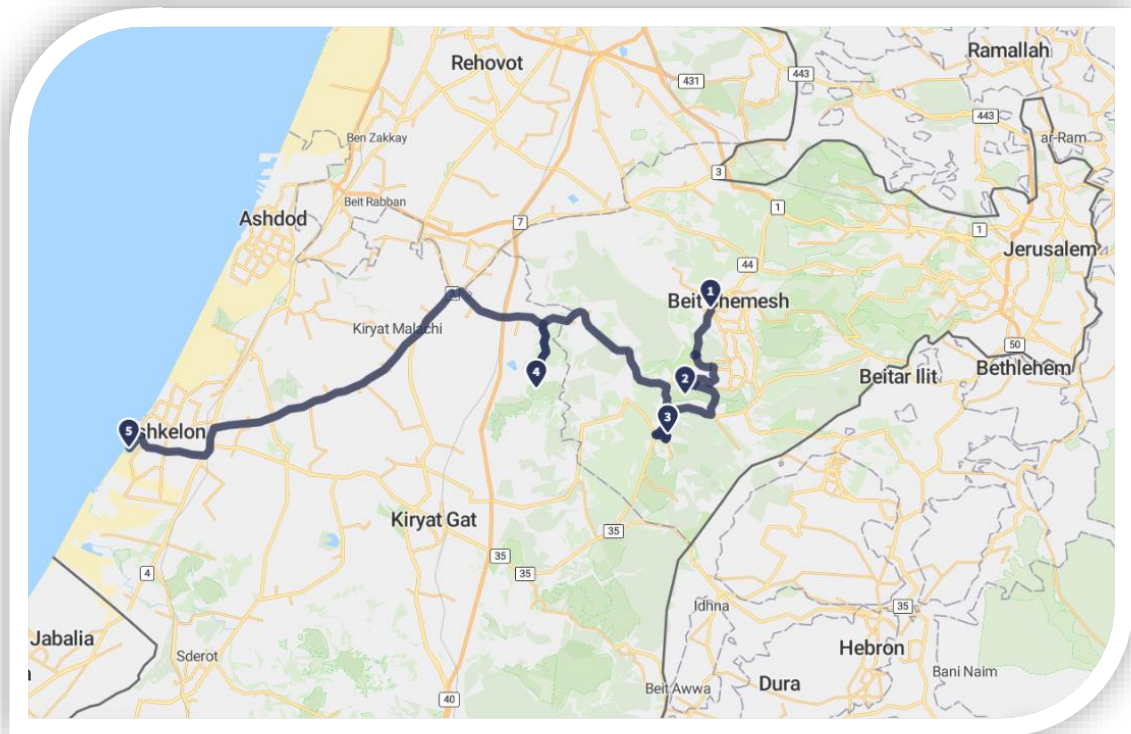
After lunch, we will head to Tel Es-Safi which is identified as Biblical Gath and get a visual for Goliath's hometown and the center of the Philistine culture. We will then drive to Ashkelon National Park to continue the dive into the Philistine history and Ashkelon's influence on world history.

We will conclude around 16:30 and from here you can return to where you are staying for the night, or remain in the city for dinner.

Itinerary Timeline:

Arrival	Departure	Location	Notes
8:30	9:45	Tel Beit Shemesh	Small Archaeological Park
10:00	11:45	Khirbet Qeiyafa	Small Archaeological Park
12:00	13:00	Adullam Area	Lunch
13:30	14:00	Tel Es-Safi (Gath)	Panoramic Stop
14:30	16:30	Ashkelon National Park	Medium Archaeological Park
17:30		Jerusalem or Tel Aviv	Drop-Off Location

Itinerary Map:



*All prices in US Dollar, VAT included.

**Due to insurance reasons, the customer must provide the transportation. If the customer rents a car, but wants us to drive, we will provide the information needed to be added as a secondary driver. However, this will increase the price of your rental by 17% (VAT).