

## Acre

### Tours to Acre and the Crusader Castle of Richard the Lionheart

Richard the Lionheart lived here and you can see his castle and his harbor, see the great mosque of Abu Jazar and take a boat ride on the Mediterranean from the harbor of Roman Times

#### 2 hour Walking Tour

Enter old Acre by the opening in the ancient wall, through the parking ground to the entrance into the courtyard of fountains and gigantic wild fig trees. Here you will find the information centre, where you can see a very informative, 10 min, film of Acre's history. Continue to the ticket office. You can purchase various kinds of tickets here: 1) Entrance to the Crusader Castle. 2) Entrance to the Turkish Bath (well worth seeing) 3) A combined ticket to the Crusader Castle, Bath House and the Grottos of Rosh Hanikra (This is about 15KM from Acre, but well worth visiting)

At the entrance to the Crusader Castle you can hire an audio guide, if you don't have a tour guide, but you want historic information)

Before entering the castle, you will see the entrance to the Acre Fortress, which is a separate site, with it's own entrance fee. This is where the British administration held prisoners who had been convicted of acts of terrorism. Today these Jews aren't considered terrorists but freedom fighters.

After visiting the castle and the bathhouse, continue to the market (shuk). A very colorful and noisy place indeed, with lots of goodies to delight the eye and the palette, e.g. Arabic pastry called Knafeh. Continue to the Crusader Tunnel, which will bring you out at the lighthouse. From here you can walk back to the parking lot, along the ancient sea wall with magnificent views of Haifa Bay and Mt. Carmel.

This tour can be included in a one day tour from Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, including also, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel and Rosh Hanikra.



