

# Israel Rhapsody

**Wednesday Departures**  
**12 Days • 10 Nights**

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour  
Limited to 28 participants*

## Tour Includes:

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 7 Days of Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Walking Tour of Tel Aviv
- Arrival and Departure Transfers

## 15 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Friday Dinner Get-together in Tel Aviv
- 2 Dinners in Haifa
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv
- Restaurant Dinner in Jerusalem
- Traditional Friday Night Dinner-Israeli home in Jerusalem

## Special Features

- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Dinner and special presentation in Haifa
- Descend to the Underwater Grottos at Rosh Hanikra
- Enjoy wine tasting at a Golan Winery
- Visit an Army Bunker in the Golan
- Tour the spectacular FOZ Heritage Center
- Night Tour of "illuminated" Jerusalem
- Tour Herodian Mansions or Hasmonean Tunnel
- Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem
- Shabbat Dinner with Home Hospitality in Jerusalem
- WiFi enabled buses and Free WiFi at all hotels
- Tips to all restaurant staff
- Express Airport Check-in Service & Dan VIP Lounge at Ben Gurion Airport (upon return to the USA)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



Tel Aviv by Night

## ITINERARY

### Wednesday: En Route

Depart the U.S.A. on your flight to Israel.

### Thursday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in trendy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Balance of the afternoon and evening at leisure in the "city that never sleeps".

### Friday: Tel Aviv

Today, a great adventure! Spend the morning digging and excavating at the **Tel Maresha Dig** at **Beit Guvrin National Park** (weather permitting). Continue to the 4,000-year-old port city of **Jaffa**. Explore the magnificently reconstructed **Artists' Quarter** with its galleries and boutiques. Afterwards, on to Tel Aviv's bustling **Carmel Market** and lively **Nachlat Benjamin Street** with its delightful cafes and craft stalls — definitely the place to be on Friday afternoon! Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (B,D)

### Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour includes **Ben Gurion House**, former home of Israel's first Prime Minister; see his personal belongings and expansive library. Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this seaside city. Tel Aviv's museums and restaurants are world-class. Don't miss Tel Aviv's hip port neighborhood, with its yachts, eateries and café-filled boardwalk. (B)

### Sunday: Tel Aviv/Haifa

Depart Tel Aviv. Drive to the extraordinary **Israeli Museum** at the **Yitzhak Rabin Center** chronicling the life of the late Prime Minister and the development of the State of Israel. Continue to ancient **Caesarea**; explore the

Roman and Crusader ruins including the impressive 2,000-year-old theater (still in use!) and aqueduct. Then, visit **Caesarea Harbor**: a fascinating, multimedia presentation brings ancient history to life! Arrive in **Nazareth**, the sacred town where Jesus spent part of his youth; visit the Church and view **Mary's Well**. On to the sparkling port city of **Haifa**; check into your hotel atop **Mt. Carmel**. Evening: Enjoy **Dinner** and a special presentation on the multicultural traditions and religions in Israel (*subject to minimum 10 tour participants*). (B,D)

### Monday: Haifa

View the golden-domed **Baha'i Shrine** and their breathtaking "hanging gardens," — a UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive along the coast to **Rosh Hanikra**; descend by cable car to see the magnificent underwater grottoes. Continue through the picturesque seaside town of **Nahariya** to the timeless Crusader city of **Acce**; walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful middle Ages. Then, to **Safed**, one of Judaism's holiest cities, where the Kabbalah was developed in the 16th.-century; visit the ancient synagogues and the charming **Artists' Quarter**. Return to your hotel for **Dinner**. The balance of the evening is at leisure to enjoy a stroll under the Carmel skies and the glow of this beautiful port city. (B,D)

### Tuesday: Haifa/Jerusalem

We'll depart Haifa driving first to **Capernaum** to see the fantastic ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th-century. Ascend the strategic **Golan Heights** and learn about the 20th century battles that protected Israel's future. On to **Katzrin**, capital of the Golan and to the **Monument of the 7th Brigade**. It is here, in the

magnificent strip of the Golan that has become known for producing the finest wines in the world, that we will enjoy a tour of the wine making process as well as sample some of the Golan's tastiest wines. Continue for a visit to a former Syrian army bunker at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv, settled by Americans and Israelis together; view of the fertile valleys below as you tour the kibbutz and enjoy lunch in the communal dining room. Visit the remains of an 8th century Roman city at Bet Shean (daylight time permitting). Then drive south and rise through the mountains to "golden" Jerusalem celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the reunification of the city, stopping first for a blessing and a toast to our arrival in the eternal city. Overnight in Israel's capital. (B,L)

### Wednesday: Jerusalem

Drive to Hadassah Medical Center to see the sublime Chagall Windows. On to Yad Vashem, Israel's national Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, with its Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. Then, to Mount Herzl to pay respects to Israel's founders and heroes. Pass the post-modern Supreme Court and the Knesset (Parliament) en route to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Time to walk through the New Israel Museum and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden; see the Scale Model of ancient Jerusalem. Evening: Night Tour of illuminated Jerusalem followed by a

Restaurant Dinner and the "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting). (B,D)

### Thursday: Jerusalem

Enter the Old City from the Dung Gate; walk to the Western Wall, last remnant of the Second Temple. Witness joyous Bar Mitzvah ceremonies! View the Dome of the Rock. Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Proceed to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Visit the Herodian Mansions, a completely excavated residential quarter from 2000 years ago, or, walk through the extraordinary Hasmonean Tunnel (tunnel schedule permitting.) Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; walk through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas. End today with a visit to the fabulous new Friends of Zion Heritage Center celebrating the Christian heroes who have contributed to the Jewish people and the State of Israel. These heroes come alive through, cutting edge, high tech imaging, audio-visual presentations, holograms and much more. Or, an optional visit to Bethlehem may be arranged. A free night tonight. The shops are open late as it's the start of the Israeli weekend. Enjoy the many eateries along the outdoor Mamilla Mall, Ben Yehuda Street, or the "Tachana". (B)

### Friday: Jerusalem

Descend through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, lowest point on Planet Earth. Ascend Masada by cable car and see this last stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod the Great's palace, synagogue and bathhouse. Then, opportunity to enjoy an "unsinkable" swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea. Drive via the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, on your return to Jerusalem. Evening: You will be deeply moved as you join Jerusalemites welcoming the Sabbath at the Western Wall. Tonight, a unique and memorable evening as we join an Israeli family at their home to enjoy the traditional Friday dinner together. (B,D)

### Saturday: Jerusalem

Enjoy a full day at leisure for relaxation and on your own exploration. For those still craving to see and do as much as possible, your tour manager will provide entrance tickets to the Museum of the History of Jerusalem in the Old City—definitely worth a visit. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

### Sunday: En Route

Transfer to the Airport for your international departure flight. Enjoy our Express Check-in Service and complimentary entrance to the exclusive Dan VIP Lounge.

## LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – RHAPSODY – WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		SILVER		TOPAZ		OPAL		SAPPHIRE		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Crowne Plaza (C) Dan Carmel		Sheraton (DS-C) Dan Carmel		Carlton (E) Dan Carmel		Carlton (E) Dan Carmel		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E)	
	Dan Panorama (D-E)		Inbal (ENC)		Inbal (ENC)		David Citadel ■		Orient (OE) ◆		King David ▲		Waldorf Astoria (D)		King David (DOC)	
2017 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 3	3520	4915	3385	4640	3520	4945	3970	5905	3915	5740	3960	5830	4220	6345	4510	6900
May 10, 17, 24*	3530	4940	3425	4725	3500	4910	3865	5695	3900	5705	4175	6260	4230	6370	4725	7325
May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21	3495	4905	3540	4955	3620	5140	3865	5695	3900	5705	4175	6260	4230	6370	4725	7325
Jun 28, Jul 5, 12, 19	3485	4880	3540	4955	3620	5140	3885	5730	3890	5685	3995	5905	3875	5660	4550	6970
Jul 26, Aug 2, 9, 16	3465	4845	3425	4725	3500	4910	3865	5695	3970	5845	4060	6025	4125	6160	4595	7065
Aug 23, 30, Sep 6	3465	4845	3425	4725	3500	4910	3865	5695	3920	5750	3945	5795	4010	5935	4490	6855
Oct 11, 18, 25	3495	4905	3610	5090	3745	5395	3865	5695	3865	5640	4065	6040	4195	6300	4595	7065
Nov 1, 8	3495	4905	3540	4955	3620	5140	3810	5575	3765	5440	4065	6040	3840	5590	4595	7065
Nov 15	3395	4705	3540	4955	3620	5140	3810	5575	3745	5395	3825	5565	3820	5545	4375	6625
Nov 22	3315	4545	3330	4535	3465	4840	3775	5510	3710	5325	3790	5495	3785	5475	4350	6580
Dec 13	3375	4630	3750	5370	3885	5675	3875	5720	3885	5675	3995	5900	3945	5795	4550	6980
Dec 20	3540	4960	3850	5575	3990	5880	4030	6040	4000	5905	4130	6170	4585	7075	4685	7250
Dec 27	3265	4405	3445	4765	3585	5070	3775	5510	3745	5395	3790	5495	3820	5545	4350	6580
2018 Departure Dates																
Jan 24, Feb 14	3265	4405	3445	4765	3510	4930	3705	5365	3710	5325	3725	5365	3785	5475	4280	6440
Mar 7, 14, Apr 11*, 18	3465	4845	3540	4955	3620	5140	3865	5695	3865	5640	3945	5795	4025	5955	4490	6855
Apr 25, May 2	3465	4845	3540	4955	3620	5140	3865	5695	3915	5740	3945	5795	4245	6400	4490	6855
May 9																

RATES TO BE ADVISED

Tel Aviv: (C) Club Room/Crowne Plaza Lounge access (DS-C) Deluxe Room, Sea View/Club Lounge access (E) Exec. Room Sea View/Exec. Lounge access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (DCL) Deluxe Room, City View/King David Crown Lounge access Jerusalem: (D-E) Deluxe Renovated Room/Exec. Lounge Access (ENC) Executive Room, New City View/Exec. Lounge access (OE) Orient Room, Executive Lounge Access (D) Deluxe Room (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room Haifa: (E) Executive, Bay View Room/Exec. Lounge Access

#### UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

■ David Citadel: Upgrade to Deluxe Pool View/Old City View Room \$300

◆ Orient: Old City View \$375 (except Xmas at Orient, please inquire)

▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City Room \$240

\* Revised touring due to holiday. Please inquire for Special rates for child or adult as third in room.

Tour is guaranteed on a minimum of 4 passengers. Should the tour fall below 4 passengers, you'll be offered the option of touring by Share-a-car at a supplement of \$495 per person (3 persons minimum)

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