

Israel Fantasia

Monday Departures
14 Days • 12 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 participants*

Tour Includes:

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

17 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

- Tour the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Visit the unique Palmach Museum
- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Visit the beautifully restored former Templar settlement—Sarona
- 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



Jewish Quarter in Old City of Jerusalem

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Monday: En Route

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

Tuesday: 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".

Wednesday: Tel Aviv

Visit Independence Hall where Ben Gurion fervently proclaimed Israel's independence in 1948. Continue to the Palmach Museum (subject to appointment confirmation), for a virtual tour of the history of the underground organization. We'll then have a great discovery of Tel Aviv as we drive through the main streets of this city known as the "White City". Tel Aviv has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its splendid Bauhaus Architecture and has the largest number of buildings in this unique style of any city in the world! Continue past the Charles Bronfman Auditorium, (Israeli Philharmonic), Habimah Theatre, the impressive Opera House and Yitzhak Rabin Square, dedicated to the late Prime Minister. We'll visit the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel's largest art museum and award winner for its unique structural design. Onward to charming and quaint Neve Tzedek (Tel Aviv's "Soho"), the first neighborhood constructed outside Old Jaffa; the old buildings are amazing! Stop by the Suzanne Dallal Center. Just down the road is the newly developed open-air pedestrian mall—the "Tachana" converted from an old railroad station. You'll have some time to stroll through the shops here and perhaps enjoy coffee or an ice cream in one of the many cafes before we head back to your hotel (those wishing to spend some more time here can taxi back to the hotel, just minutes away). (B)

Thursday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to Weizmann House, the recently restored unique and grand home of Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel and founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The house is presented in a living way, as if its residents are still living on the premises. Continue to the pre-state underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon (restored by JNF) to learn about the activities of the Hagannah. Then, on to the military junction at Latrun, once the border with Jordan; visit the Tank Division Memorial. Continue to Sarona, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Sarona looks and feels magical. On to your hotel in Tel Aviv. (B)

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, multi-media 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 cultural presentation (*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 **Acre**; 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** (not available in winter due to early closure). Then drive south and rise through the mountains to "golden" Jerusalem, 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

Drive to **Mt. Zion** to visit the traditional **Tomb of King David** and the **Room of the Last Supper**. Enter the **Old City** to the restored **Jewish Quarter**; walk along the **Cardo**, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Walk to the **Western Wall**, last remnant of the **Second Temple**. View the **Dome of the Rock**. Proceed through the extraordinary **Hasmonean Tunnel** (*tunnel schedule permitting*) or tour the **Herodian Mansions**, a completely excavated residential quarter from 2000 years ago. Follow the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**; stroll through the exotic bazaars with their

wondrous aromas. End today with a visit to the fabulous **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: Join Jerusalemites welcoming the Sabbath at the **Western Wall** (during daylight savings time only). 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**.



Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalem - Courtesy IMOT-Naom Chen

LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – FANTASIA – MONDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		SILVER		TOPAZ		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Crowne Plaza (C) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2018 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 7	4480	6265	4700	6610	4825	6915	4950	7230	4945	7165	5300	7870	5120	7520	5780	8795
May 14*, 21, 28	4555	6355	4755	6785	4845	6955	4970	7270	4945	7165	5305	7880	5355	7990	6050	9345
Jun 4, 11, 18	4555	6355	4870	7015	4960	7185	4970	7270	4945	7165	5305	7880	5355	7990	6050	9345
Jun 25	4535	6315	4640	6550	4730	6720	4890	7100	4945	7165	5100	7470	5210	7700	5900	9045
Jul 2	4520	6285	4570	6410	4660	6585	4890	7100	4890	7050	4905	7080	5105	7490	5790	8815
Jul 16	4520	6285	4755	6785	4845	6955	4890	7100	4890	7050	4905	7080	5095	7475	5780	8795
Jul 30	4520	6285	4755	6785	4845	6955	4890	7100	5025	7325	5040	7355	5095	7475	5780	8795
Aug 13	4520	6285	4755	6785	4845	6955	4890	7100	5060	7390	5075	7425	5305	7895	5970	9180
Aug 27	4520	6285	4555	6375	4640	6550	4890	7100	5015	7300	5030	7335	5095	7475	5780	8795
Sep 24*	4520	6285	4765	6800	4925	7115	4890	7100	4915	7105	5105	7480	4975	7230	5650	8540
Oct 1	4520	6285	4755	6785	4845	6955	4890	7100	4915	7105	5105	7480	5095	7475	5780	8795
Oct 8, 15, 22	4555	6355	4755	6785	4845	6955	4890	7100	4915	7105	5105	7480	5335	7955	6030	9300
Oct 29, Nov 5	4555	6355	4755	6785	4845	6955	4830	6985	4830	6930	5105	7480	5335	7955	6030	9300
Nov 12	4500	6235	4640	6550	4730	6720	4830	6985	4765	6805	5040	7355	5040	7365	5735	8710
Dec 10	4380	6000	4660	6585	4820	6900	4795	6910	4825	6915	4980	7235	5080	7440	5780	8795
Dec 17	4560	6365	4850	6970	5010	7285	5050	7440	4995	7260	5130	7535	5300	7880	6000	9235
Dec 24	4320	5880	4525	6320	4685	6635	4795	6910	4765	6800	4865	7005	5005	7290	5705	8650
2019 Departure Dates																
Mar 4, 18, 25, Apr 1	4520	6285	4640	6550	4730	6720	4890	7100	4890	7050	5075	7425	5095	7475	5780	8795
Apr 22*	4970	7180	4900	7070	5220	7730	5265	7880	5300	7990	5625	8640	5305	7895	5970	9180
Apr 29*	4520	6285	4755	6785	4845	6955	4890	7100	4955	7185	5315	7905	5095	7475	5780	8795
May 6, 13, 20, 27																

RATES TO BE ADVISED

Tel Aviv: (C) Club Room/Exec. Lounge Access (P-E) Premium Sea View/Exec. Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (DCL) Deluxe Room, City View/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Exec. Room Sea View/Exec. Lounge Access **Jerusalem:** (D-E) Deluxe Renovated Room/Exec. Lounge Access (OC) Superior Room, Old City View (OE) Orient Room, Exec. Lounge Access (D) Deluxe Room (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM & TEL AVIV (Per Room, Total Stay):

- ▲ King David - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City Room \$260
- David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Old City View Room \$300
- Carlton - Tel Aviv: Upgrade to Executive Sea View Room \$290

* 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)

FOR HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS AND DETAILS ON OUR MIX & MATCH HOTEL PLANS, SEE PAGES 8-10. FOR TOURING BY PRIVATE CAR, SEE PAGE 42.



David's Tower Illuminated, Old City Jerusalem