

Israel 360°

*North to South...East to West...
We're covering it all on Israel 360°
By Private Car*

Wednesday Departures 15 Days • 13 Nights

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotels
- 8 Days Sightseeing per Itinerary by Private Car/Microbus with Private Guide
- All Transfers by Private Car
- VIP Meeting by our host at the Jetway of the Aircraft upon arrival Israel
- Flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv
- Wine Tasting at a Golan Winery
- Jeep Ride in the Golan Heights
- Special Kibbutz Tour at Sde Eliahu
- "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem
- "Shuk Bites" tasting Experience at Machane Yehuda Market
- Jeep Ride at Mitzpe Ramon, Negev Desert in Israel
- Jeep Ride at Wadi Rum in Jordan
- "Petra Kitchen" Cooking class
- Express Airport Check-in Service and Dan VIP Lounge at Ben Gurion Airport (Upon return to U.S.)

20 Meals:

- Buffet Breakfast Daily
- "Tasting" Lunch at Mahane Yehuda Market
- Lunch at a Spa Hotel, Dead Sea
- 2 Dinners at Hotel at Mitzpe Ramon
- Lunch in Wadi Rum, Jordan
- Dinner in Petra
- Lunch in Petra

Hotels

City	Nights	Hotel
Tel Aviv	3	Carlton (Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access)
Haifa	1	Dan Carmel (Deluxe Bay View)
Tiberias	1	U Boutique (Sea View Room)
Jerusalem	5	David Citadel (Premium Superior Room, New City View)
Mitzpe Ramon	2	Beresheet (Standard Desert View)
Petra	1	Movenpick (Standard)

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



Cardo street in Old City Jerusalem

Celebrating Israel's 70th Anniversary, this Exclusive Tour by Private Car emphasizes the most significant sites which helped shape the country into what it is today - dynamic, progressive, intriguing and forever memorable. With unmatched natural beauty, Israel is like no other place on earth. Join us on this iconic journey.*

Includes the fabulous Beresheet Hotel (Mitzpe Ramon) Plus Petra (Jordan).

** Option to join "group touring" for special savings (with modifications), please inquire.*

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Wednesday: En route

Depart the USA on your flight to Israel.

Thursday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met at the Sleeve/Jetway of the aircraft for a VIP and swift transport through customs and baggage claim procedure. Transfer to your hotel on the Mediterranean Shore. Enjoy light snacks in the exclusive Executive VIP Lounge of the hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. Overnight Tel Aviv.

Friday: Tel Aviv

Begin with an elaborate buffet breakfast at your hotel. You will then meet your expert private guide and begin a great discovery of Tel Aviv known as the "White City" for its splendid Bauhaus Architecture from the 1930's, the largest number of buildings in this unique style of any city in the world. Drive on to **Machon Ayalon** (Ayalon Institute), the reconstructed underground bullet factory located under the kibbutz bakery. Built and operated during the years 1946-1948, this special clandestine factory was prepared secretly in less than a month. Continue to the old port city of Jaffa to explore the reconstructed Artists' Quarter with its galleries and boutiques. We'll head to Tel Aviv's popular **Nachalat Binyamin**, an open pedestrian Arts and Craft Fair where you will find a variety of hand made products as well as performance artists making this a lively

event and definitely the place to be on Friday afternoon in Tel Aviv. You'll visit the **Carmel Market**, a bustling open air bazaar and the lively **Sheinkin Street** with the latest in fashionable boutiques, trendy cafes and restaurants. A delightful afternoon. On your return to your hotel, your guide will point out and suggest to you a few more popular areas of Tel Aviv—**Neve Tzedek** (Tel Aviv's "Soho"), and one of the first neighborhoods in Tel Aviv built outside Jaffa. Or stroll through the "Tachana", an open pedestrian area converted from an old railway station also with shops, cafes and pubs. You may wish to visit these areas during leisure time in Tel Aviv. Return to your hotel for the balance of the evening. Tonight, you may wish to dine at the hotel enjoying a traditional Friday night dinner (optional). (B)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

A full day at leisure taking in the sights and sounds of this vibrant cosmopolitan city. Explorations are endless. Overnight in Tel Aviv. (B)

Sunday: Haifa

Our day will begin with a visit 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. We'll then continue to the ancient Roman port of **Caesarea**. See the huge theatre and ancient aqueduct which brought fresh water from the Carmel Mountains. On to the timeless crusader city of **Acre (Akko)**, with its

Middle Age fortress, subterranean city and bazaars. The old city of Acre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site on to the seaport city of Haifa draped on the sides of Mount Carmel. Stop at the Observation Point and view the Persian Gardens at the Bahai Center. We'll overnight at the lovely hotel in Haifa tonight. (B)

Monday: Tiberias

Depart Haifa heading to the very northern tip bordering with Lebanon to visit **Rosh Hanikra**: The grottos here are cavernous tunnels formed by sea action on the soft chalk rock. Drive to **Safed** a picturesque city of spiritual people and artists, wrapped in mysticism and mystery, and steeped in a sacred atmosphere. Visitors to Safed, spiritual center of the Kabbala, sense the city's warm embrace as they wander through its alleyways past charming stone houses with their artists' studios and workshops. Then, ascend the **Golan Heights** on a **Jeep Ride** for a greater understanding of the fierce battles that took place during the 1967 Six-Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War and learn about the strategic importance of the area. Continue through the valleys and ranges where you will take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the area. Drive to wondrous **Mt. Ben Tal** for a magnificent view beyond the border into Syria. Visit an **army bunker** and hear the fascinating story of the war fought in the Golan. Visit the **Golan Winery**, where, besides enjoying the elaborate presentation of the Golan area you will have the opportunity to taste some of Israel's excellent wines. **Overnight at your hotel in Tiberias.** (B)

Tuesday: Jerusalem

Drive to **Bet Shean**, an ancient city from the time of King Saul to see the excavated remains of a Roman city. Continue to **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu** for a private tour throughout



Overlooking Ramon Crater-Courtesy of IMOT-Dafna Tal

this very unusual kibbutz. You'll see how everyday living is merged with nature as a way of life. The combination of a Jewish Orthodox lifestyle with organic farming, in a vibrant, versatile and cooperative community, is something worth seeing and experiencing. Drive South and rise through the mountains to "golden" Jerusalem stopping first at **Mt. Scopus** for a spectacular view of Jerusalem where we'll toast and bless our arrival to the holiest of cities. **Overnight at your lovely hotel in the heart of Jerusalem.** (B)

Wednesday: Jerusalem

Today, we enter the **Old City** and walk to the **Western Wall**, the last remnant of the Second Temple and holiest site of Judaism. Proceed to the **Southern Wall Excavations** and to the original steps that lead to the Temple Mount. Visit the **Davidson Center** and explore the Herodian Temple as displayed in this modern Visitors Center

with its multimedia presentation. Within the Jewish Quarter, we'll visit the **Cardo**, once the main Byzantine shopping street. Walk through the extraordinary **Hasmonean Tunnel**, an underground tunnel excavated to expose the full length of the **Western Wall (tunnel schedule permitting)**. Exiting the Tunnel, you'll follow the steps of the **Via Dolorosa** through narrow alleys and souks to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Enjoy shopping in the exotic **bazaar**. Time to visit **Bethlehem** and the **Church of the Nativity (operated by the Palestinian Authority)**. **OR**, visit the **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. This evening, enjoy the "Night Spectacular" **Sound & Light Show** at the Citadel Museum. In this 45-minute state-of-the-art show, the walls of the museum come to life with a spectacular laser technology presentation about the History of the city. *(Tickets are provided. Transportation not included as the venue is within walking distance from your hotel)*. Following the show, we suggest you walk through the Mamilla open air pedestrian mall on your stroll back to the hotel. **Overnight Jerusalem.** (B)

Thursday: Jerusalem

This morning, visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel's National Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust where you will spend time touring the complex including the Children's Pavilion. Walk along the **Avenue of the Righteous** where trees have been planted in honor of those who risked their safety saving Jewish lives. Continue to the **Israel Museum** the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel. Visit the **Scale Model** of ancient Jerusalem which reconstructs the topography and architectural character of the city as it was during the Second Temple period. Enter the **Shrine of the Book** housing the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, the oldest biblical manuscripts in the world. You'll have time to walk through the **Israel Museum** and the **Billy Rose Sculpture Garden**. Afterwards visit **Machane Yehuda Market**, The market is conveniently located



Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

just minutes away from the city center and is a microcosm of everything Jerusalem has to offer. At the market, Israel's most sprawling and buzzing network of alleys and vending stalls, you'll enjoy the "Shuk Bites" experience; meet with the colorful vendors who will captivate you with their personal stories while you taste their Israeli grown vegetables, spices, freshly baked breads, meat delicacies, pastries and so much more! A culinary delight! Afterwards, your guide will take you on a panoramic drive and walking tour through the popular neighborhoods where you'll enjoy the vibrancy of Jerusalem as the locals prepare for the start of their weekend. Drive through the ultra-orthodox neighborhood of **Mea Shearim**; see the very popular **German colony** area and stroll through the "Tachana", yet another open pedestrian area converted from a former railway station; stroll through **Ben Yehuda Street (the Midrechov)** and **Nachalat Shiva**. At today's end, you'll feel like you're really familiar with this energetic city so venture out on your own tonight as everything is open late, and enjoy the many shops and eateries. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.LL)

Friday: Jerusalem

This morning travel south to **Masada** as you drive to the **Dead Sea region**, the lowest place on earth. Ascend by cable car up the mountain to this last stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. Masada was declared a "World Heritage site". Tour Herod's Palace, the synagogue and bathhouse. Descend and drive to one of the hotels on the shores of the Dead Sea for Lunch. You'll be able to use the spa facilities and enjoy an unsinkable swim in the buoyant, mineral-rich, salty waters of the Dead Sea. Drive to **Ein Gedi National Park** where a steady stream of water runs through this national reserve year round giving life to a narrow band of desert. A large number of Ibex and other desert mammals call Ein Gedi home and can nearly always be found along the water's edge. This short hike contains plenty of opportunities to swim and is especially relaxing and refreshing (stop at Ein Gedi is subject to time permitting due to early closure of the park in winter). Return to Jerusalem where you may wish to join the throngs of worshipers at the Western Wall welcoming the Sabbath followed by traditional Sabbath Dinner at your hotel (optional and not included). Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.L)

Saturday: Jerusalem

A wonderful day to relax and enjoy on your own explorations of the many areas of Jerusalem. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Sunday: Jerusalem - Mitzpe Ramon

Your transfer service will arrive around noon time and transport you to the most spectacular desert retreat—the **Beresheet Hotel**, one of Israel's newest and most luxurious hotels. Situated on the edge of a cliff overlooking the **Ramon Crater**, the **Beresheet** offers breathtaking views of this unique geological phenomenon that can only be found in the



Petra Treasury Carved out of Rock

Negev. Arrive around 3 P.M. for check in. Be sure to reserve ahead of time some of the fabulous spa treatments offered at the hotel. Tonight, a wonderful dinner at the hotel. Overnight Mitzpe Ramon. (B.D)

Monday: Mitzpe Ramon

This morning embark on a memorable jeep tour guided by a Desert Wilderness Specialist. Descend into the **Crater (Machtsh)** and cross most of its width climbing to the summit of **Mt. Gvanim**. After descending from this view point head west over the **Ra'af Hills** and then along the seasonal river bed that drains them to **Wadi Ramon** and the lonely **Acacia** that grows there. In the soft river sand we will show you how a **Crater** is formed and explain why they are so rare and special. *If you are an early riser, the jeep tour should be done just before and during sunrise so that you may be able to see the biblical wildlife.* This afternoon enjoy the facilities at your hotel, or participate in optional activities. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B.D)

Tuesday: Petra

This morning, transfer to the **Arava Border** crossing at **Eilat**. You will be assisted at the border and then you'll cross a very short distance to the **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** where our **Jordanian Guide and Driver** will meet you to begin this exciting adventure. Drive to **Wadi Rum**, a journey to another world. Board your **4X4 jeep**, driven by a professional **Bedouin driver** into an area almost surreal in its distinctive beauty. Cross red sand dunes and explore the beautifully eroded pillars of sandstone rock. Amongst the natural attractions is what has become known as 'The Seven Pillars'. It was this area of **Wadi Rum** that so inspired **T E Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia)**. Enjoy lunch hosted in an authentic **Bedouin tent**. Continue to your hotel in **Petra**. This evening, get ready to learn how to prepare a traditional **Middle Eastern meal** at the lively "**Petra Kitchen**", a relaxed atmosphere where you will work alongside local women under the supervision of a chef. You won't forget this experience. Overnight at your lovely hotel at the foot of the "Hidden City" in **Petra**. (B.L.D)

Wednesday: Petra – Tel Aviv – En Route

Your private guide will take you on a tour into the "rose-red city" of **Petra**. Start the visit with a horse ride, or, if you prefer, an exhilarating walk from the main gate to the **Siq's** entrance. Walk along the color rich canyons and at the end of the passage you'll see **Petra's** most beautiful monument – **The Treasury (Khazneh)**, carved out of a single piece of rock. You'll continue to discover soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a theatre, burial chambers and water channels. After lunch in **Petra**, drive back to the **Arava Border** for re-entry into **Israel**. You will be met by our transfer service for your transport to the airport in **Eilat**. Board an early evening flight to **Tel Aviv's Domestic Terminal** at **Ben Gurion Airport** where you will be met and transferred to the **International Terminal**. Enjoy our **Express check-in service** at **Ben Gurion International** and relax in the **Dan VIP Lounge** while you await your flight's departure announcement. (B.L)

Thursday: Arrival USA

LAND PRICES PER PERSON*:

From \$7950 Double Occupancy
(minimum 2 persons traveling)

Wednesday Departures 2018:

Mar 7 & 14

Apr 18 & 25

May 2 thru Aug 22

Oct 3 thru Dec 26

2019:

Jan 2 thru Apr 3

May 8 thru May 22

*All accommodations, tours and attractions are subject to confirmation. Price shown is the starting price for this program and will fluctuate according to the season and number of traveling companions in your party. Hotels reflected below may be changed, as well as room categories. Single supplements available upon request.

Jordan requires a visa which will be included in the cost of your trip and secured by **Isram Israel** on your behalf. Border crossing and assistance fees are NOT included on the Israeli side of the border and will be collected locally (approximately \$65 per person)