

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—Saron
- 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



Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv

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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

Begin the day with a visit to **Ben Gurion House** in Tel Aviv, which served as one of the residences of the First Prime Minister of Israel; see his personal belongings and expansive library. 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! 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 **Saron**, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Saron 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 craft stalls. Adjacent is **Sheinkin Street** one of the most popular streets in Tel Aviv, for the trendiest boutiques or just some coffee and people watching — definitely the place to be on Friday afternoon! Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (B,D)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour through the city's well known streets including **Dizengoff Square**. Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this Mediterranean paradise. 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 a late lunch in the communal dining room. 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. The cutting edge technology is amazing. 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. We'll stop at the **Western Wall**, beautifully illuminated on this **Sabbath eve** before arriving to the hotel (*time permitting*). 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**.



View of Jerusalem

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

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		AMBER		PEARL		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Renaissance (E) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Carlton (P-E) 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)	
2019 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 6	4880	6815	4910	6910	5055	7195	5020	7190	5090	7265	5455	7975	5445	7965	6130	9310
May 13, 20, 27, Jun 3*	4900	6855	4995	7080	5105	7290	5125	7395	5105	7290	5430	7925	5735	8520	6420	9900
Jun 10, 17	4900	6855	5055	7225	5165	7435	5045	7260	5105	7290	5430	7925	5735	8520	6420	9900
Jun 24	4885	6825	5055	7225	5165	7435	5045	7260	5020	7120	5160	7380	5625	8300	6305	9670
Jul 1, 15	4800	6655	4795	6675	4905	6885	5045	7260	5020	7120	5115	7295	5440	7935	6115	9290
Jul 29, Aug 12	4800	6655	4940	6965	5050	7175	5045	7260	5020	7120	5200	7465	5455	7965	6135	9330
Aug 26, Sep 2	4800	6655	4795	6675	4905	6885	5045	7260	5020	7120	5300	7665	5415	7885	6085	9235
Sep 9, 16	4800	6655	4795	6675	4905	6885	5045	7260	5105	7290	5275	7610	5415	7885	6085	9235
Oct 21, 28, Nov 4	4900	6855	4975	7035	5080	7245	5020	7200	5070	7225	5245	7550	5695	8440	6370	9805
Nov 11	4900	6855	4940	6965	5050	7175	4985	7115	5020	7120	5190	7435	5340	7730	6010	9085
Dec 9	4535	6120	4925	6935	5105	7290	4975	7095	4975	7035	5050	7165	5060	7175	5730	8520
Dec 16	4795	6640	5085	7260	5265	7615	5130	7415	5265	7615	5245	7555	5650	8355	6330	9720
Dec 23	4640	6330	4680	6450	4860	6805	4925	6990	5035	7150	5125	7310	5045	7200	5575	8245
2020 Departure Dates																
Mar 2, 16, 23	4800	6655	4940	6965	5050	7175	5045	7260	5105	7290	5215	7495	5415	7885	6085	9235
Apr 20*, May 4	4860	6775	4995	7080	5105	7290	5045	7260	5105	7290	5475	7995	5415	7885	6085	9235
May 11, 18*, 25*, Jun 1	RATES TO BE ADVISED															

Tel Aviv: (C) Club Room/Club. 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 Room/Exec. Lounge Access (OC) Standard Room, Old City View (OE) Orient Room, Exec. Lounge Access (D) Deluxe Room (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

- ▲ King David - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City Room \$290
- David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City 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 40.



Charming Jerusalem Neighborhood