

# 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
- Expedited Airport Check-in Service & Dan VIP Lounge at Ben Gurion Airport (upon return to the USA)

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



Sarona Templar Colony

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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 **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 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 **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 **Expedited Check-in Service** and complimentary entrance to the exclusive **Dan VIP Lounge**.



Mediterranean Shore, Tel Aviv

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

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (D-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E) ●		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 11	\$4890	\$6730	\$5020	\$7060	\$5125	\$7270	\$5185	\$7385	\$5410	\$7910	\$5555	\$8105	\$5850	\$8685	\$6560	\$10065
May 18*, 25*, Jun 1, 8	4820	6605	5065	7150	5200	7420	5260	7535	5440	7970	5610	8220	5940	8870	6670	10285
Jun 15	4820	6605	5065	7150	5065^	7150^	5260^	7535^	5355	7790	5610	8220	5940	8870	6670	10285
Jun 29	4705	6385	4980	6975	5115	7245	5170	7360	5260	7655	5275	7595	5585	8165	6275	9545
Jul 13, 27	4715	6405	4980	6975	5115	7245	5170	7360	5240	7620	5255	7560	5495	7980	6165	9325
Aug 17, 24	4760	6490	4980	6975	5115	7245	5170	7360	5355	7790	5410	7820	5495	7980	6165	9325
Aug 31, Sep 7*	4760	6490	4980	6975	5115	7245	5170	7360	5240	7620	5295	7645	5495	7980	6165	9325
Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2	4820	6605	5065	7150	5200	7420	5260	7535	5295	7675	5440	7875	5940	8870	6670	10285
Nov 9	4820	6605	4980	6975	5115	7245	5170	7360	5155	7445	5355	7760	5270	7540	5960	8915
Nov 30	4505	5985	4850	6715	5060	7135	5115	7255	5025	7135	5170	7340	5125	7245	5800	8595
Dec 14	4735	6450	5140	7295	5350	7715	5405	7830	5340	7785	5400	7795	5795	8580	6510	9965
Dec 21	4795	6570	5140	7295	5350	7715	5405	7830	5290	7725	5360	7780	5795	8580	6510	9965
Dec 28	4505	5985	4850	6715	5060	7135	5115	7255	5100	7335	5200	7455	5060	7110	5735	8465
2021 Departure Dates																
Mar 1, 8	4760	6490	5065	7150	5200	7420	5260	7535	5240	7620	5355	7760	5495	7980	6165	9325
Apr 19	4775	6510	5065	7150	5200	7420	5260	7535	5355	7790	5500	8000	5565	8120	6245	9470
Apr 26	4820	6605	5065	7150	5200	7420	5260	7535	5355	7790	5640	8275	5865	8725	6580	10105
May 3	4820	6605	5065	7150	5200	7420	5260	7535	5440	7970	5640	8275	5940	8870	6670	10285
May 10*, 17, 24	RATES TO BE ADVISED															

**Tel Aviv:** (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (D-E) Deluxe Sea View room/Club Lounge Access (P-E) Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (DCL) Deluxe Room, City Side/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Executive Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access  
**Jerusalem:** (D-E) Deluxe Room/Exec. Lounge Access (SOC-E) Standard Old City View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (OE) Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access (D) Deluxe Room (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

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

- Inbal: Upgrade to Premium Old City View Room \$825
- David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$290
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$240
- ^ Jun 15, 2020 Departure – Turquoise & Pearl will utilize the Sheraton Tel Aviv.
- \* 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.



Unique Bauhaus Architecture, Tel Aviv