# Israel Minuet

Friday Departures
10 Days • 8 Nights

An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour Limited to 28 participants

## **Tour Includes:**

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 6 Days of Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Arrival and Departure Transfers

# 12 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- 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 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





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#### **ITINERARY**

## Friday: En Route

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

# Saturday: 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".

#### 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 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 the 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)

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## 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



Ancient Port of Acre

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.

LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – MINUET – FRIDAY 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 10	3295	4580	3405	4825	3435	4890	3515	5110	3470	4960	3775	5550	3845	5685	4355	6685
May 17, 24, 31, Jun 7*	3315	4620	3420	4855	3445	4910	3545	5170	3445	4910	3755	5500	4065	6095	4570	7110
Jun 14, 21	3315	4620	3480	5010	3495	5055	3470	5045	3445	4910	3755	5500	4065	6095	4570	7110
Jun 28	3300	4585	3480	5010	3505	5055	3470	5045	3360	4735	3480	4955	3955	5870	4455	6880
Jul 5, 19	3265	4515	3220	4460	3245	4505	3470	5045	3360	4735	3475	4935	3775	5525	4270	6520
Aug 2, 16	3265	4515	3365	4750	3390	4795	3470	5045	3360	4735	3490	4970	3785	5540	4280	6540
Aug 30, Sep 6	3265	4515	3220	4460	3245	4505	3470	5045	3360	4735	3590	5170	3775	5525	4270	6520
Sep 13, 20	3265	4515	3220	4460	3245	4505	3470	5045	3445	4910	3630	5250	3775	5525	4270	6520
Oct 25, Nov 1, 8	3315	4620	3395	4820	3425	4865	3445	4985	3410	4840	3580	5150	4055	6075	4555	7090
Nov 15	3315	4620	3365	4750	3390	4795	3410	4900	3360	4735	3560	5110	3700	5370	4195	6370
Dec 13	3070	4125	3410	4835	3445	4905	3460	5000	3315	4650	3465	4920	3420	4810	3915	5810
Dec 20	3330	4650	3570	5160	3605	5230	3615	5315	3605	5230	3660	5310	4015	5995	4515	7005
Dec 27	3175	4335	3165	4350	3200	4420	3405	4890	3375	4765	3480	4950	3410	4840	3755	5530
2020 Departure Dates																
Jan 17	3070	4125	3165	4350	3175	4370	3355	4785	3295	4605	3415	4825	3385	4745	3880	5740
Feb 14	3070	4125	3310	4640	3320	4660	3355	4785	3295	4605	3415	4825	3385	4745	3880	5740
Mar 6, 20, 27	3265	4515	3365	4750	3390	4795	3470	5045	3445	4910	3575	5135	3775	5525	4270	6520
Apr 17, 24*, May 1, 8	3275	4540	3425	4865	3445	4910	3470	5045	3445	4910	3760	5515	3775	5525	4270	6520
May 15, 22*, 29*, Jun 5						R	ATES	TO E	BE AD	VISED						

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)

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