

Israel Overture

Thursday Departures
11 Days • 9 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
- Walking Tour of Tel Aviv
- Arrival and Departure Transfers

14 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 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
- WiFi enabled buses and Free WiFi at all hotels
- Tips to all restaurant staff
- Expedited Arrival and Departure Services at Ben Gurion Airport (international flights)

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



Gazing on to the Old City, Jerusalem

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Thursday: En Route

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

Friday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in trendy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Balance of the afternoon at leisure in the "city that never sleeps". Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (D)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour through the city's well known streets including Dizengoff Square ending at **Ben Gurion House**, former residence of the First Prime Minister. Early afternoon **Optional visit to Machon Ayalon**, the fascinating underground Ammunitions Factory (*must be pre-booked; \$120 per person including roundtrip transfers-minimum 2 persons required*). 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 Res-

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)



Dead Sea

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, 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.

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – OVERTURE – THURSDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton (DSV)		Carlton (P-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Sheraton (DSV)		David Kempinski (DSV)		Dan (DCL)		Dan (E)	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview)	Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel (E)	
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama (D-E)		Inbal (DRPV)		Inbal (DRPV)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		David Citadel ■		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2022 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 12	\$4045	\$5655	\$4010	\$5625	\$4060	\$5735	\$4115	\$5850	\$4285	\$6245	\$4620	\$6930	\$5245	\$8030	\$5945	\$9385
May 19	4080	5735	4050	5705	4150	5925	4210	6040	4410	6505	4745	7185	5375	8290	6105	9710
May 26, Jun 2*	4080	5735	4270	6150	4355	6330	4255	6130	4425	6540	4745	7185	5375	8290	6105	9710
Jun 9, 16, 23	4080	5735	4385	6380	4470	6565	4255	6130	4425	6540	4745	7185	5375	8290	6105	9710
Jun 30	3960	5485	4065	5745	4150	5925	4150	5925	4425	6540	4710	7115	4780	7090	5440	8375
Jul 14, 28, Aug 18, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15	3970	5505	4065	5745	4150	5925	4150	5925	4225	6125	4505	6700	4780	7090	5440	8375
Oct 20, 27	4080	5735	4270	6150	4355	6330	4255	6130	4425	6540	4710	7115	5375	8290	6105	9710
Nov 3	4080	5735	4270	6150	4355	6330	4255	6130	4170	6010	4450	6580	5375	8290	6105	9710
Nov 10	4080	5735	4270	6150	4355	6330	4255	6130	4170	6010	4450	6580	4480	6505	5135	7770
Nov 17	3970	5505	3980	5570	4065	5750	4255	6130	4170	6010	4450	6580	4480	6505	5135	7770
Dec 1	3720	5015	3880	5355	3990	5600	4075	5775	4070	5795	4265	6210	4335	6190	4990	7485
Dec 15	3850	5265	4125	5845	4235	6085	4275	6175	4370	6410	4565	4825	4875	7265	5575	8645
Dec 22	4040	5650	4285	6170	4395	6410	4410	6440	4440	6565	4640	6980	5230	7980	5965	9420
Dec 29	3720	5015	3880	5355	3990	5600	4075	5775	4070	5795	4410	6505	4335	6190	4990	7485
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Jan 12, Feb 16	3720	5015	3880	5355	3915	5455	4005	5630	4070	5795	4265	6210	4250	6045	4910	7315
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23	3970	5505	4065	5745	4150	5925	4255	6130	4225	6125	4460	6600	4780	7090	5440	8375
Apr 13*	4035	5640	4385	6380	4470	6565	4255	6130	4425	6540	4745	7185	5095	7715	5800	9095
Apr 20*	4080	5735	4385	6380	4470	6565	4255	6130	4425	6540	4745	7185	5305	8130	6040	9575
Apr 27, May 4	4080	5735	4270	6150	4355	6330	4255	6130	4425	6540	4745	7185	5375	8290	6105	9710
May 11, 18*, 25*																

RATES TO BE ADVISED

Tel Aviv: (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (P-E) Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (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 (DRPV) Deluxe Renovated Pool View Room (OE) Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

- David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$335
 - ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$280
- * 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 34.