

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

(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; 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; \$110 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 **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



Dead Sea

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**.

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – OVERTURE – THURSDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton (D-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Hilton (DSV)		Hilton (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 (SOC-E) ●		Inbal (SOC-E)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		Waldorf Astoria (D)		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 14	\$3625	\$5060	\$3705	\$5260	\$3745	\$5345	\$3805	\$5460	\$3995	\$5925	\$4135	\$6095	\$4485	\$6775	\$5060	\$7885
May 21*, 28, Jun 4, 11	3610	5030	3725	5295	3775	5405	3835	5520	3995	5925	4175	6175	4525	6850	5105	7975
Jun 18	3610	5030	3725	5295	3725^	5295^	3785^	5420^	3915	5745	4175	6175	4525	6850	5105	7975
Jul 2, 16, 30	3540	4895	3635	5120	3690	5230	3745	5345	3870	5680	3885	5620	4170	6145	4710	7235
Aug 20, 27, Sep 3, 10*	3550	4915	3635	5120	3690	5230	3745	5345	3915	5745	3975	5775	4130	6070	4665	7145
Oct 15, 22, 29, Nov 5	3610	5030	3725	5295	3775	5405	3835	5520	3895	5700	4035	5900	4525	6850	5105	7975
Nov 12	3610	5030	3635	5120	3690	5230	3745	5345	3785	5500	3985	5820	3855	5515	4395	6605
Dec 3	3330	4475	3550	4955	3635	5120	3695	5240	3705	5315	3845	5520	3765	5335	4300	6420
Dec 17	3560	4940	3840	5535	3925	5700	3985	5815	4020	5965	4075	5975	4430	6670	5010	7785
Dec 24	3620	5055	3840	5535	3925	5700	3985	5815	3920	5785	3995	5840	4430	6670	5010	7785
Dec 31	3330	4475	3550	4955	3635	5120	3695	5240	3730	5395	3830	5510	3695	5200	4235	6290
2021 Departure Dates																
Jan 14, Feb 11	3330	4475	3550	4955	3585	5025	3645	5140	3705	5315	3805	5430	3695	5200	4235	6290
Mar 4, 11	3550	4915	3725	5295	3775	5405	3835	5520	3870	5680	3985	5820	4130	6070	4665	7145
Apr 15, 22	3565	4940	3725	5295	3775	5405	3835	5520	3915	5745	4065	5955	4200	6210	4745	7295
Apr 29, May 6	3610	5030	3725	5295	3775	5405	3835	5520	3995	5895	4205	6230	4525	6850	5105	7975
May 13*, 20, 27																

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 18, 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.