

# Israel Prelude

**Saturday Departures**  
**9 Days • 7 Nights**

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour  
Limited to 28 participants*

## Tour Includes:

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

## 11 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- 2 Dinners in Haifa
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv
- Restaurant Dinner in Jerusalem
- Traditional Friday Night Dinner in Jerusalem

## Special Features

- 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



Jerusalem Neighborhood

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### Saturday: En Route

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

### Sunday: Haifa

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in the seaport city of Haifa. Evening: Enjoy **Dinner** and a special cultural presentation (subject to minimum 10 tour participants). (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



Fortress at Masada

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 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) – PRELUDE – SATURDAY DEPARTURES												
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		PEARL		AMBER		OPAL		EMERALD	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Dan Carmel Inbal (DRPV)		Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2022 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 14	\$3675	\$5095	\$3550	\$4880	\$3605	\$4995	\$3825	\$5500	\$4720	\$7130	\$5325	\$8305
May 21	3715	5170	3585	4960	3645	5075	3945	5755	4755	7210	5375	8410
May 28, Jun 4*, 11	3715	5170	3835	5460	3685	5165	3945	5755	4755	7210	5375	8410
Jun 18, 25	3715	5170	3905	5595	3685	5165	3945	5755	4755	7210	5375	8410
Jul 2	3600	4945	3585	4960	3585	4960	3945	5755	4230	6170	4775	7210
Jul 16, 30, Aug 20, 27, Sep 3, 10, 17	3600	4945	3555	4935	3585	4960	3745	5345	4230	6170	4775	7210
Oct 22, 29	3715	5170	3790	5365	3685	5165	3945	5755	4755	7210	5375	8410
Nov 5	3715	5170	3790	5365	3685	5165	3690	5225	4755	7210	5375	8410
Nov 12	3715	5170	3790	5365	3685	5165	3690	5225	3860	5425	4405	6475
Nov 19	3600	4945	3500	4785	3685	5165	3690	5225	3860	5425	4405	6475
Dec 3	3365	4475	3425	4635	3510	4810	3615	5075	3785	5270	4330	6320
Dec 17	3495	4725	3670	5120	3710	5210	3910	5690	4320	6345	4915	7485
Dec 24	3685	5110	3830	5445	3845	5475	3985	5840	4680	7060	5305	8260
Dec 31	3365	4475	3425	4635	3510	4810	3615	5075	3785	5270	4330	6320
2023 Departure Dates												
Jan 14, Feb 18	3365	4475	3425	4635	3510	4810	3615	5075	3785	5270	4330	6320
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	3600	4945	3585	4960	3685	5165	3745	5345	4230	6170	4775	7210
Apr 15*	3670	5080	3905	5595	3685	5165	3945	5755	4545	6795	5135	7930
Apr 22*	3715	5170	3905	5595	3685	5165	3945	5755	4755	7210	5375	8410
Apr 29, May 6	3715	5170	3790	5365	3685	5165	3945	5755	4755	7210	5375	8410
May 13, 20*, 27*	RATES TO BE ADVISED											

Haifa: (E) Executive Room, Bay View/Executive 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.