

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-Israeli home 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
- 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



Bahai Shrine, Haifa

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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; 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 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)

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



Jerusalem Old City

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

LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – PRELUDE – SATURDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		AMBER		PEARL		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2019 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 11	3170	4335	3305	4630	3415	4910	3340	4700	3630	5260	3715	5430	4185	6345
May 18, 25, Jun 1, 8*	3190	4375	3305	4630	3430	4945	3305	4630	3605	5210	3920	5805	4380	6730
Jun 15, 22	3190	4375	3360	4775	3350	4810	3305	4630	3605	5210	3920	5805	4380	6730
Jun 29	3175	4345	3360	4775	3350	4810	3215	4455	3335	4665	3810	5580	4265	6505
Jul 6, 20	3150	4295	3100	4225	3350	4810	3215	4455	3335	4665	3640	5250	4090	6160
Aug 3, 17	3150	4295	3245	4515	3350	4810	3215	4455	3335	4665	3640	5250	4090	6160
Aug 31, Sep 7	3150	4295	3100	4225	3350	4810	3215	4455	3435	4865	3640	5250	4090	6160
Sep 14, 21	3150	4295	3100	4225	3350	4810	3305	4630	3490	4980	3640	5250	4090	6160
Oct 26, Nov 2, 9	3190	4375	3280	4585	3325	4750	3270	4560	3435	4865	3920	5805	4375	6730
Nov 16	3190	4375	3245	4515	3290	4660	3215	4455	3435	4865	3565	5095	4015	6010
Dec 14	2975	3945	3300	4625	3350	4790	3175	4370	3340	4680	3285	4540	3735	5450
Dec 21	3235	4470	3465	4950	3505	5110	3465	4950	3535	5065	3875	5720	4335	6645
Dec 28	3080	4155	3060	4140	3300	4685	3230	4490	3340	4680	3270	4565	3575	5170
2020 Departure Dates														
Jan 18	2975	3945	3060	4140	3250	4575	3175	4370	3290	4580	3285	4540	3735	5450
Feb 15	2975	3945	3205	4430	3250	4575	3175	4370	3290	4580	3285	4540	3735	5450
Mar 7, 21, 28	3150	4295	3245	4515	3350	4810	3305	4630	3435	4865	3640	5250	4090	6160
Apr 18, 25*, May 2, 9	3150	4295	3305	4630	3350	4810	3305	4630	3605	5210	3640	5250	4090	6160
May 16, 23*, 30*, Jun 6	RATES TO BE ADVISED													

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

FOR HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS AND DETAILS ON OUR MIX & MATCH HOTEL PLANS, SEE PAGES 8-10. FOR TOURING BY PRIVATE CAR, SEE PAGE 40.