

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



Colorful Spices at Akko Market



Bahai Shrine and Gardens, 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 lunch in the communal dining room. Visit the remains of an 8th century Roman city at Bet Shean (not in winter due to early closure). 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



View to the Old City of Jerusalem

Friends of Zion Heritage Center celebrating the Christian heroes who have contributed to the Jewish people and the State of Israel. These heroes come alive through, cutting edge, high tech imaging, audio-visual presentations, holograms and much more. 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. Evening: Join Jerusalemites welcoming the Sabbath at the Western Wall (during daylight savings time only). 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		SILVER		TOPAZ		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)	
2018 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 12	2990	4125	3120	4410	3245	4725	3180	4525	3530	5235	3500	5165	3960	6050
May 19*, 26, Jun 2	2990	4125	3120	4410	3245	4725	3180	4525	3535	5245	3635	5440	4115	6355
Jun 9, 16, 23	2990	4125	3235	4640	3245	4725	3180	4525	3535	5245	3635	5440	4115	6355
Jun 30	2970	4080	3005	4180	3165	4560	3180	4525	3330	4835	3495	5150	3965	6055
Jul 7	2955	4055	2935	4040	3165	4560	3180	4525	3195	4560	3400	4960	3865	5855
Jul 21, Aug 4, 18, Sep 1	2955	4055	3120	4410	3165	4560	3180	4525	3195	4560	3400	4960	3865	5855
Sep 29*, Oct 6	2955	4055	3200	4575	3165	4560	3180	4525	3365	4905	3400	4960	3865	5855
Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10	2990	4125	3120	4410	3165	4560	3180	4525	3365	4905	3635	5440	4115	6355
Nov 17	2930	4005	3005	4180	3110	4440	3090	4355	3365	4905	3345	4850	3820	5765
Dec 15	2915	3975	3095	4360	3070	4365	3170	4510	3330	4830	3380	4925	3865	5855
Dec 22	3100	4340	3285	4740	3330	4900	3345	4855	3475	5125	3600	5365	4085	6295
Dec 29	2855	3855	2960	4095	3070	4365	3055	4280	3155	4485	3305	4775	3790	5705
2019 Departure Dates														
Jan 19, Feb 16	2795	3735	2965	4105	3070	4365	3055	4280	3155	4485	3235	4630	3715	5560
Mar 9, 23, 30, Apr 6	2955	4055	3005	4180	3165	4560	3180	4525	3365	4905	3400	4960	3865	5855
Apr 27*, May 4*	2955	4055	3120	4410	3165	4560	3180	4525	3535	5245	3400	4960	3865	5855
May 11, 18, 25	RATES TO BE ADVISED													

Haifa: (E) Exec. Bay View Room **Jerusalem:** (D-E) Deluxe Renovated Room/Exec. Lounge Access (OC) Superior 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 \$260
- David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Old City View Room \$300

* 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 42.