

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

(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; 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 who have contributed to the Jewish



Fortress at Masada

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

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

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E) ●		Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 16, 23*, 30, Jun 6, 13	\$3270	\$4500	\$3295	\$4580	\$3355	\$4695	\$3515	\$5080	\$3685	\$5330	\$4045	\$6020	\$4535	\$6960
Jun 20	3270	4500	3295	4580	3355	4695	3430	4905	3685	5330	4045	6020	4535	6960
Jul 4, 18, Aug 1, 22, 29, Sep 5, 12*	3215	4385	3210	4405	3265	4520	3430	4905	3485	4930	3690	5315	4140	6220
Oct 17, 24, 31	3270	4500	3295	4580	3355	4695	3430	4905	3570	5100	4045	6020	4535	6960
Nov 7	3270	4500	3295	4580	3355	4695	3340	4725	3540	5045	4045	6020	4535	6960
Nov 14	3270	4500	3210	4405	3265	4520	3340	4725	3540	5045	3375	4685	3825	5590
Dec 5	3015	3985	3155	4300	3215	4415	3290	4620	3430	4825	3320	4580	3775	5495
Dec 19	3245	4450	3445	4880	3505	4995	3605	5270	3660	5280	3990	5915	4485	6860
Dec 26	3305	4570	3445	4880	3505	4995	3475	5010	3550	5065	3990	5915	4485	6860
2021 Departure Dates														
Jan 2, 16, Feb 13	3015	3985	3155	4300	3215	4415	3290	4620	3390	4740	3320	4580	3775	5495
Mar 6, 13, Apr 17	3215	4385	3295	4580	3355	4695	3430	4905	3540	5045	3690	5315	4140	6220
Apr 24	3225	4410	3295	4580	3355	4695	3430	4905	3575	5115	3760	5455	4220	6365
May 1, 8	3270	4500	3295	4580	3355	4695	3515	5080	3715	5390	4045	6020	4535	6960
May 15, 22, 29	RATES TO BE ADVISED													

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

* 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.