

Israel Prelude

Thursday 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
- Walking Tour of Tel Aviv
- Arrival and Departure Transfers

11 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

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
- 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



The Mediterranean Shore

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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*). Or, take the *optional full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea* (\$136 per person based on locally scheduled bus tour). (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, multimedia 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 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



Tower of David, Jerusalem

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 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: 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 – THURSDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		AMBER		PEARL		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Renaissance (E)		Sheraton (C)		Carlton (P-E)		Sheraton (C)		Carlton (P-E)		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 (OC)		Inbal (OC)		David Citadel ■		Orient (OE)		Waldorf Astoria (D)		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2019 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 9	3140	4310	3180	4415	3245	4540	3240	4570	3280	4610	3480	5000	3405	4860	3805	5620
May 16, 23, 30, Jun 6*	3160	4355	3225	4495	3265	4580	3300	4685	3265	4580	3455	4945	3640	5305	4035	6085
Jun 13, 20	3160	4355	3255	4580	3300	4665	3250	4605	3265	4580	3455	4945	3640	5305	4035	6085
Jun 27	3160	4355	3255	4580	3300	4665	3250	4605	3215	4475	3295	4620	3640	5305	4035	6085
Jul 4, 18	3115	4255	3100	4250	3145	4335	3250	4605	3215	4475	3275	4585	3455	4940	3845	5705
Aug 1, 15	3115	4255	3190	4425	3230	4510	3250	4605	3215	4475	3310	4655	3475	4975	3865	5745
Aug 29, Sep 5	3115	4255	3100	4250	3145	4335	3250	4605	3215	4475	3370	4775	3455	4940	3845	5705
Sep 12, 19	3115	4255	3100	4250	3145	4335	3250	4605	3265	4580	3335	4705	3455	4940	3845	5705
Oct 24, 31, Nov 7	3160	4355	3225	4495	3265	4580	3250	4605	3265	4580	3350	4730	3625	5275	4015	6050
Nov 14	3160	4355	3190	4425	3230	4510	3215	4515	3215	4475	3310	4650	3505	5035	3895	5810
Dec 12	2955	3940	3110	4270	3185	4415	3145	4370	3170	4390	3205	4445	3225	4480	3615	5245
Dec 19	3110	4255	3275	4595	3345	4740	3300	4690	3345	4740	3350	4740	3585	5190	3975	5965
Dec 26	3060	4150	3030	4110	3100	4250	3195	4480	3230	4505	3285	4600	3585	5190	3975	5965
2020 Departure Dates																
Jan 16	2955	3940	3030	4110	3055	4155	3145	4370	3125	4295	3205	4445	3160	4345	3550	5115
Feb 13	2955	3940	3115	4285	3140	4330	3145	4370	3125	4295	3205	4445	3160	4345	3550	5115
Mar 5, 19, 26	3115	4255	3190	4425	3230	4510	3250	4605	3265	4580	3335	4705	3455	4940	3845	5705
Apr 16, 23*, 30, May 7	3140	4305	3225	4495	3265	4580	3250	4605	3265	4580	3475	4980	3455	4940	3845	5705
May 14, 21*, 28*, Jun 4																

RATES TO BE ADVISED

Tel Aviv: (C) Club Room/Club Lounge Access (P-E) Premium Sea View/Exec. Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (DCL) Deluxe Room, City View/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Exec. Room Sea View/Exec. 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 \$174

■ David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$174

* 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.