

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



Colorful Image of Tel Aviv Beach

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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 includes **Ben Gurion House**, former home of Israel's first Prime Minister; see his personal belongings and expansive library. Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this seaside city. Or, take the **optional full-day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea***. (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 **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 **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



Ancient Alley in Jewish Quarter, Jerusalem

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)

Service and complimentary entrance to the exclusive Dan VIP Lounge.

Friday: En Route

Transfer to the Airport for your international departure flight. Enjoy our **Express Check-in**

* Masada and Dead Sea Tour: \$136 per person based on locally scheduled services on Saturday from Tel Aviv.

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

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		SILVER		TOPAZ		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Crowne Plaza (C) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2018 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 10	2935	4035	3045	4235	3095	4355	3170	4545	3155	4480	3365	4900	3235	4640	3610	5350
May 17*, 24, 31	2965	4075	3070	4305	3105	4370	3180	4560	3155	4480	3370	4910	3410	4990	3810	5755
Jun 7, 14, 21	2965	4075	3135	4440	3175	4510	3180	4560	3155	4480	3370	4910	3410	4990	3810	5755
Jun 28	2955	4060	3000	4165	3035	4230	3130	4460	3155	4480	3300	4770	3365	4895	3760	5650
Jul 5	2940	4030	2965	4095	3000	4165	3130	4460	3130	4430	3140	4450	3260	4690	3650	5435
Jul 19, Aug 2, 16	2940	4030	3070	4305	3105	4370	3130	4460	3200	4570	3210	4590	3345	4860	3725	5585
Aug 30	2940	4030	2945	4060	2980	4130	3130	4460	3155	4480	3165	4500	3260	4690	3650	5435
Sep 27*, Oct 4	2940	4030	3120	4405	3185	4535	3130	4460	3145	4455	3255	4680	3260	4690	3650	5435
Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8	2965	4075	3070	4305	3105	4370	3130	4460	3145	4455	3255	4680	3405	4975	3800	5735
Nov 15	2940	4030	3000	4165	3035	4230	3095	4390	3055	4280	3220	4610	3255	4685	3655	5440
Dec 13	2790	3730	2930	4030	2995	4160	3060	4315	3020	4210	3185	4540	3145	4460	3550	5235
Dec 20	2970	4090	3125	4415	3190	4540	3215	4635	3195	4555	3400	4970	3365	4900	3770	5675
Dec 27	2850	3850	2960	4090	3025	4215	3060	4315	3045	4255	3105	4380	3220	4610	3625	5380
2019 Departure Dates																
Jan 17, Feb 14	2790	3730	2930	4030	2955	4075	3020	4230	3020	4210	3080	4330	3095	4365	3500	5130
Mar 7, 21, 28, Apr 4	2940	4030	3000	4165	3035	4230	3130	4460	3130	4430	3245	4660	3260	4690	3650	5435
Apr 25*	3120	4390	3125	4420	3255	4680	3280	4770	3300	4810	3480	5175	3345	4860	3725	5585
May 2*	2940	4030	3070	4305	3105	4370	3130	4460	3165	4500	3380	4930	3260	4690	3650	5435
May 9, 16, 23, 30																

RATES TO BE ADVISED

Tel Aviv: (C) Club Room/Exec. 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 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 \$156
- David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Old City View Room \$180
- Carlton - Tel Aviv: Upgrade to Executive Sea View Room \$116

* 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.