

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

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



Haifa-Bahai Shrine & Persian Gardens

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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** (\$140 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, multi-media 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. Overnite 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.



Market at Acre

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

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

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton (D-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Hilton (DSV)		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 (SOC-E) ●		Inbal (SOC-E)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		Waldorf Astoria (D)		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 14, 21, 28, Jun 4, 11	\$3140	\$4280	\$3245	\$4510	\$3295	\$4620	\$3330	\$4690	\$3435	\$4940	\$3540	\$5090	\$3745	\$5490	\$4160	\$6285
Jun 18	3140	4280	3245	4510	3245^	4510^	3280^	4590^	3385	4835	3540	5090	3745	5490	4160	6285
Jul 2, 16, 30	3095	4190	3190	4410	3245	4515	3280	4585	3340	4765	3345	4730	3530	5065	3925	5840
Aug 20, 27, Sep 3, 10	3105	4210	3190	4410	3245	4515	3280	4585	3385	4835	3420	4850	3495	4990	3880	5750
Oct 15, 22, 29, Nov 5	3140	4280	3245	4510	3295	4620	3330	4690	3360	4790	3445	4905	3745	5490	4160	6285
Nov 12	3140	4280	3190	4410	3245	4515	3280	4585	3285	4660	3405	4850	3340	4690	3735	5460
Dec 3	2940	3885	3105	4240	3190	4410	3225	4480	3205	4470	3290	4595	3250	4510	3640	5275
Dec 17, 24	3115	4235	3280	4590	3365	4755	3400	4825	3420	4940	3455	4950	3650	5310	4065	6095
Dec 31	2940	3885	3105	4240	3140	4310	3175	4380	3235	4550	3295	4625	3185	4375	3575	5145
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Jan 14, Feb 11	2940	3885	3105	4240	3140	4310	3175	4380	3235	4550	3295	4625	3185	4375	3575	5145
Mar 4, 11, Apr 15, 22	3105	4210	3245	4510	3295	4620	3330	4690	3385	4835	3455	4920	3495	4990	3880	5750
Apr 29, May 6	3140	4280	3245	4510	3295	4620	3330	4690	3385	4835	3555	5125	3745	5490	4160	6285
May 13*, 20, 27	RATES TO BE ADVISED															

Tel Aviv: (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (D-E) Deluxe Sea View room/Club Lounge Access (P-E) Premium Sea View room/Exec. Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (DCL) Deluxe Room, City Side/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Executive Sea View Room/Exec. 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):

- David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$174
- Inbal: Upgrade to Premium Old City View Room \$495
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$144
- ^ Jun 18, 2020 Departure – Turquoise & Pearl will utilize the Sheraton Tel Aviv.
- * 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.