

# 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 with Special Assistance (International Flights)

## 10 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Friday Dinner Get-together in Tel Aviv
- Dinner 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 local 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

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



*View from the Ramparts, Jerusalem*

## ITINERARY

### Thursday: En Route

Depart the U.S.A. on your flight to Israel.

### Friday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special 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 with the group guide through the city's well known streets including Dizengoff Square and Ben Gurion House, former residence of the First Prime Minister. Or, take the *optional full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea (\$160 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. 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

Begin the day with a view of the golden-domed **Baha'i Shrine** and visit the 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. Time to enjoy some fine **wines at a local winery**. Then continue to the timeless Crusader city of **Acre**; walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful Middle Ages. Free evening to enjoy a stroll under the Carmel skies and the glow of this beautiful port city. (B)

### Tuesday: Haifa/Jerusalem

Depart Haifa en route 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**. On to **Capernaum**, by the Sea of Galilee, 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 and 21st century battles that protected Israel's future. Continue for a visit to a former Syrian **army bunker at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv**, settled by Americans and Israelis together; view 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 or 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



Market at Acre

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. 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; special assistance is provided for check-in service.

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – PRELUDE – THURSDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton Grand (DSV)		Carlton (P-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Sheraton Grand (DSV)		David Kempinski (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 (DNC)		Inbal (DNC)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		David Citadel ■		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2025 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
Jun 5, 12, 19, 26	\$4350	\$5890	\$4650	\$6495	\$4730	\$6665	\$4575	\$6350	\$4675	\$6610	\$4990	\$7255	\$5135	\$7430	\$5730	\$8510
Jul 3, 10	4260	5710	4425	6035	4505	6210	4510	6225	4675	6610	5065	7400	4880	6945	5435	7950
Jul 17	4260	5710	4425	6035	4505	6210	4510	6225	4595	6445	4985	7235	4880	6945	5435	7950
Jul 24, Aug 7, 21, 28 & Sep 4, 11	4275	5730	4460	6105	4540	6280	4510	6225	4555	6360	4810	6880	4800	6790	5370	7820
Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6	4350	5890	4460	6105	4540	6280	4575	6350	4675	6610	4990	7255	5135	7430	5730	8510
Nov 13	4350	5890	4460	6105	4540	6280	4575	6350	4555	6360	4870	7005	5135	7430	5730	8510
Nov 20	4200	5585	4325	5840	4465	6140	4500	6210	4420	6095	4700	6665	5060	7285	5630	8310
Dec 11	4070	5325	4290	5770	4430	6065	4440	6085	4370	5985	4645	6555	4500	6210	5035	7185
Dec 18	4300	5785	4515	6230	4660	6525	4660	6605	4630	6525	5005	7290	4985	7130	5560	8180
Dec 25	4300	5785	4440	6075	4585	6370	4660	6605	4540	6345	4920	7110	4985	7130	5560	8180
2026 Departure Dates																
Jan 1	4070	5325	4290	5770	4430	6065	4440	6085	4370	5985	4745	6755	4405	6020	4910	6900
Jan 15, Feb 12	4070	5325	4325	5840	4340	5890	4315	5840	4370	5985	4685	6630	4405	6020	4910	6900
Feb 26	4260	5710	4395	5985	4415	6035	4450	6105	4495	6235	4810	6880	4480	6165	5015	7105
Mar 5, 12, 19	4275	5730	4460	6105	4540	6280	4575	6350	4555	6360	4810	6880	4800	6790	5370	7820
Apr 16*, 23	4275	5730	4545	6285	4625	6455	4575	6350	4675	6610	5040	7355	4800	6790	5370	7820
Apr 30, May 7, 21	4350	5890	4545	6285	4625	6455	4575	6350	4675	6610	5040	7355	5135	7430	5730	8510

**Tel Aviv:** (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (P-E) Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DCL) Deluxe Room, City Side/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Executive Sea Facing Room/King David Crown Lounge Access; Executive Lounge access in Haifa  
**NOTE:** Sea View Room at all hotels in Tel Aviv are Partial Sea View.

**Jerusalem:** (D-E) Deluxe Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DNC) Deluxe New City View Room (OE) Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access (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 \$234
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$165
- \* Revised touring due to holidays. 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).*

**MIX & MATCH ABOVE HOTELS. CALL FOR DETAILS. FOR TOURING BY PRIVATE CAR, SEE PAGE 30.**