# Israel Rhapsody

# Wednesday Departures 12 Days • 10 Nights

An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour Limited to 28 participants

# Tour Includes:

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 7 Days of Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Walking Tour of Tel Aviv
- Arrival and Departure Transfers

# 15 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
- Traditional Friday Night Dinner in Jerusalem

# **Special Features**

- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National
- 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 Arrival and Departure Services at Ben Gurion Airport (international flights)

(B) Breakfast

(L) Lunch

(D) Dinner





Port at Old Jaffa

### **ITINERARY**

# Wednesday: En Route

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

# Thursday: 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 and evening at leisure in the "city that never sleeps".

# Friday: Tel Aviv

Today, a great adventure! Spend the morning digging and excavating at the Tel Maresha Dig at Beit Guvrin National Park (weather permitting). Continue to the 4,000-year-old port city of Jaffa. Explore the magnificently reconstructed Artists' Quarter with its galleries and boutiques. Afterwards, on to Tel Aviv's bustling Carmel Market and lively Nachlat Benjamin Street with its delightful craft stalls. Adjacent is Sheinkin Street one of the most popular streets in Tel Aviv, for the trendiest boutiques or just some coffee and people watching — definitely the place to be on Friday afternoon! Tonight, Get Together Dinner. (B.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; \$120 per person including roundtrip transfers-minimum 2 persons required). Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this Mediterranean paradise. Tel Aviv's museums and restaurants are world-class. Don't miss Tel Aviv's hip port neighborhood, with its yachts, eateries and café-filled boardwalk. (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

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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 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, 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.

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – RHAPSODY – WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (DSV) Dan Carmel Inbal (DRPV)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (DRPV)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Sheraton (DSV)  Dan Carmel  David Citadel ■		David Kempinski (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2022 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 11	\$4445	\$6180	\$4460	\$6250	\$4530	\$6410	\$4590	\$6525	\$4735	\$6870	\$5240	\$7895	\$5725	\$8730	\$6475	\$10180
May 18	4485	6260	4500	6330	4655	6660	4710	6775	4860	7125	5360	8150	5905	9080	6690	10615
May 25, Jun 1*	4485	6260	4730	6790	4855	7065	4755	6860	4885	7180	5360	8150	5905	9080	6690	10615
Jun 8, 15, 22	4485	6260	4845	7020	4970	7295	4755	6860	4885	7180	5360	8150	5905	9080	6690	10615
Jun 29	4355	6005	4525	6385	4655	6660	4655	6660	4885	7180	5325	8075	5310	7875	6025	9275
Jul 13, 27, Aug 17, 24, 31, Sep 7, 14	4370	6035	4525	6385	4655	6660	4655	6660	4685	6765	5105	7625	5275	7795	5990	9205
Oct 19, 26	4485	6260	4730	6790	4855	7065	4755	6860	4885	7180	5305	8040	5905	9080	6690	10615
Nov 2	4485	6260	4730	6790	4855	7065	4755	6860	4630	6650	5050	7510	5905	9080	6690	10615
Nov 9	4485	6260	4730	6790	4855	7065	4755	6860	4630	6650	5050	7510	5005	7290	5720	8675
Nov 16	4370	6035	4440	6210	4565	6485	4755	6860	4630	6650	5050	7510	5005	7290	5720	8675
Nov 30	4115	5530	4325	5965	4490	6330	4580	6505	4515	6405	4810	7025	4830	6900	5545	8315
Dec 14	4245	5785	4570	6455	4735	6820	4780	6905	4815	7020	5105	7640	5365	7970	6125	9480
Dec 21	4435	6165	4735	6780	4895	7145	4910	7170	4890	7175	5180	7795	5725	8685	6515	10255
Dec 28	4115	5530	4325	5965	4490	6330	4580	6505	4515	6405	5030	7465	4830	6900	5545	8315
2023 Departure Dates																
Jan 11, Feb 15	4115	5530	4325	5965	4380	6115	4470	6285	4515	6405	4810	7025	4705	6685	5420	8065
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22	4370	6035	4525	6385	4655	6660	4755	6860	4685	6765	5035	7480	5275	7795	5990	9205
Apr 12*	4440	6170	4845	7020	4970	7295	4755	6860	4885	7180	5360	8150	5590	8420	6350	9925
Apr 19*	4485	6260	4845	7020	4970	7295	4755	6860	4885	7180	5360	8150	5800	8840	6590	10405
Apr 26, May 3	4485	6260	4730	6790	4855	7065	4755	6860	4885	7180	5360	8150	5905	9080	6690	10615
May 10, 17*, 24*						F	RATES	TO I	BE AD	VISEC	)					

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 View Room/Exec. Lounge Access

Jerusalem: (D-E) Deluxe Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DRPV) Deluxe Renovated Pool 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 \$335
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$280

\* 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 34.

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