

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-Israeli home in Jerusalem

Special Features

- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- 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
- Shabbat Dinner with Home Hospitality 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



Jaffa Port, Tel Aviv

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Wednesday: En Route

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

Thursday: 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 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 cafes and craft stalls — definitely the place to be on Friday afternoon! Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (B,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. 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, 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 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. Evening: Join **Jerusalemites** welcoming the Sabbath at the **Western Wall** (during daylight savings time only). Tonight, a unique and memorable evening as we join an Israeli family at their home to 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 **Express Check-in Service** and complimentary entrance to the exclusive **Dan VIP Lounge**.

LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – RHAPSODY – WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		SILVER		TOPAZ		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Crowne Plaza (C) Dan Carmel		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E)	
	Dan Panorama (D-E)		Inbal (OC)		Inbal (OC)		David Citadel ■		Orient (OE)		Waldorf Astoria (D)		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2018 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 9	3695	5205	3875	5525	3950	5710	4075	6025	4045	5905	4400	6610	4280	6375	4865	7495
May 16*, 23, 30	3740	5260	3910	5630	3965	5735	4090	6045	4045	5905	4405	6625	4475	6765	5085	7945
Jun 6, 13, 20	3740	5260	4025	5860	4080	5965	4090	6045	4045	5905	4405	6625	4475	6765	5085	7945
Jun 27	3720	5215	3795	5400	3850	5500	4010	5880	4045	5905	4200	6210	4335	6480	4935	7645
Jul 4	3705	5190	3725	5260	3780	5360	4010	5880	4015	5835	4030	5870	4225	6265	4820	7415
Jul 18, Aug 1	3705	5190	3910	5630	3965	5735	4010	5880	4115	6040	4130	6075	4225	6265	4820	7415
Aug 15	3705	5190	3910	5630	3965	5735	4010	5880	4115	6040	4130	6075	4355	6520	4935	7645
Aug 29	3705	5190	3710	5225	3760	5325	4010	5880	4070	5950	4085	5985	4225	6265	4820	7415
Sep 26*, Oct 3	3705	5190	3950	5705	4045	5895	4010	5880	4030	5870	4220	6245	4225	6265	4820	7415
Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7	3740	5260	3910	5630	3965	5735	4010	5880	4030	5870	4220	6245	4465	6745	5070	7915
Nov 14	3680	5140	3795	5400	3850	5500	3950	5765	3890	5595	4165	6145	4170	6155	4780	7330
Dec 12	3605	4985	3840	5490	3940	5680	3915	5690	3970	5750	4130	6070	4210	6230	4820	7415
Dec 19	3785	5350	4035	5875	4130	6065	4170	6220	4145	6095	4280	6365	4430	6670	5040	7855
Dec 26	3545	4865	3710	5225	3805	5415	3915	5690	3890	5590	3990	5795	4135	6080	4750	7270
2019 Departure Dates																
Jan 16, Feb 13	3485	4745	3715	5235	3750	5300	3850	5565	3855	5520	3960	5725	3990	5790	4600	6970
Mar 6, 20, 27, Apr 3	3705	5190	3795	5400	3850	5500	4010	5880	4015	5835	4200	6210	4225	6265	4820	7415
Apr 24*	3970	5725	4000	5805	4190	6200	4235	6345	4260	6400	4585	7055	4355	6520	4935	7645
May 1*	3705	5190	3910	5630	3965	5735	4010	5880	4065	5940	4425	6660	4225	6265	4820	7415
May 8, 15, 22, 29	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 & TEL AVIV (Per Room, Total Stay):

- ▲ King David - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City Room \$260
- David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Old City View Room \$300
- Carlton - Tel Aviv: Upgrade to Executive Sea 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 42.