

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

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



Port at Old Jaffa

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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 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; \$110 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 **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 il-

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

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

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (D-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E) ●		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single	Twinn	Single
May 13	\$4030	\$5605	\$4125	\$5850	\$4190	\$5975	\$4250	\$6090	\$4445	\$6560	\$4590	\$6750	\$4925	\$7400	\$5545	\$8600
May 20*, 27*, Jun 3, 10	3995	5545	4155	5900	4235	6060	4290	6180	4465	6595	4635	6840	4980	7510	5615	8735
Jun 17	3995	5545	4155	5900	4155^	5900^	4215^	6030^	4380	6415	4635	6840	4980	7510	5615	8735
Jul 1, 15, 29	3915	5385	4065	5725	4145	5890	4205	6005	4310	6315	4325	6255	4625	6805	5215	7995
Aug 19, 26, Sep 2, 9*	3940	5425	4065	5725	4145	5890	4205	6005	4380	6415	4435	6440	4570	6695	5150	7860
Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4	3995	5545	4155	5900	4235	6060	4290	6180	4345	6345	4485	6545	4980	7510	5615	8735
Nov 11	3995	5545	4065	5725	4145	5890	4205	6005	4225	6135	4425	6455	4310	6175	4900	7365
Dec 2	3705	4965	3965	5530	4095	5780	4150	5895	4125	5910	4270	6110	4200	5960	4785	7135
Dec 16	3935	5430	4255	6110	4385	6360	4440	6475	4440	6560	4500	6570	4870	7290	5495	8505
Dec 23	3995	5550	4255	6110	4385	6360	4440	6475	4360	6420	4435	6470	4870	7290	5495	8505
Dec 30	3705	4965	3965	5530	4095	5780	4150	5895	4170	6030	4270	6145	4130	5825	4720	7005
2021 Departure Dates																
Jan 13, Feb 10	3705	4965	3965	5530	4020	5635	4080	5750	4125	5910	4230	6025	4100	5755	4690	6940
Mar 3, 10	3940	5425	4155	5900	4235	6060	4290	6180	4310	6315	4425	6455	4570	6695	5150	7860
Apr 14, 21	3950	5450	4155	5900	4235	6060	4290	6180	4380	6415	4525	6625	4640	6835	5230	8010
Apr 28, May 5	3995	5545	4155	5900	4235	6060	4290	6180	4465	6595	4665	6900	4980	7510	5615	8735
May 12*, 19, 26																

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):

● Inbal: Upgrade to Premium Old City View Room \$825

■ David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$290

▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$240

^ Jun 17, 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.