

Israel Serenade

Tuesday Departures
13 Days • 11 Nights

An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 participants

Tour Includes:

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

16 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

- Visit the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Visit the beautifully restored former Templar settlement—Saron
- 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



Mamilla Pedestrian Mall, Jerusalem – Courtesy IMOT-Noam Chen

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Tuesday: En Route

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

Wednesday: 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".

Thursday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to **Weizmann House**, the recently restored unique and grand home of Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel and founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The house is presented in a living way, as if its residents are still living on the premises. Continue to the pre-state underground Ammunitions Factory at **Machon Ayalon** (restored by JNF) to learn about the activities of the Hagannah. Then, on to the military junction at **Latrun**, once the border with Jordan; visit the **Tank Division Memorial**. Continue to **Saron**, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Saron looks and feels magical. On to your hotel in Tel Aviv. (B)

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

LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – SERENADE – TUESDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		AMBER		PEARL		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Renaissance (E) Dan Carmel		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel		Carlton (P-E) 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)	
2019 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 7	4440	6210	4480	6325	4610	6575	4590	6605	4645	6645	4990	7325	5000	7350	5640	8610
May 14, 21, 28, Jun 4*	4460	6255	4560	6485	4645	6655	4685	6800	4645	6655	4970	7275	5275	7870	5915	9160
Jun 11, 18	4460	6255	4620	6630	4705	6800	4605	6665	4645	6655	4970	7275	5275	7870	5915	9160
Jun 25	4445	6220	4620	6630	4705	6800	4605	6665	4560	6480	4695	6730	5160	7650	5800	8930
Jul 2, 16	4375	6075	4360	6080	4445	6250	4605	6665	4560	6480	4660	6660	4980	7285	5610	8550
Jul 30, Aug 13	4375	6075	4505	6370	4590	6535	4605	6665	4560	6480	4730	6800	4995	7315	5625	8590
Aug 27, Sep 3	4375	6075	4360	6080	4445	6250	4605	6665	4560	6480	4830	7000	4960	7250	5590	8515
Sep 10, 17	4375	6075	4360	6080	4445	6250	4605	6665	4645	6655	4820	6975	4960	7250	5590	8515
Oct 22, 29, Nov 5	4460	6255	4535	6440	4625	6605	4585	6605	4610	6585	4785	6910	5240	7805	5875	9085
Nov 12	4460	6255	4505	6370	4590	6535	4550	6515	4560	6480	4735	6805	4885	7095	5515	8365
Dec 10	4125	5575	4500	6365	4645	6650	4550	6530	4520	6395	4610	6560	4605	6540	5235	7800
Dec 17	4385	6100	4665	6690	4810	6975	4705	6850	4810	6975	4805	6950	5200	7720	5835	9000
Dec 24	4230	5785	4260	5880	4400	6165	4500	6420	4575	6510	4670	6675	4595	6570	5075	7525
2020 Departure Dates																
Jan 14	4125	5575	4260	5880	4305	5970	4450	6315	4420	6200	4565	6465	4470	6270	5105	7540
Feb 11	4125	5575	4405	6170	4450	6260	4450	6315	4420	6200	4565	6465	4470	6270	5105	7540
Mar 3, 17, 24	4375	6075	4505	6370	4590	6535	4605	6665	4645	6655	4760	6860	4960	7250	5590	8515
Apr 14, 21*, 28, May 5	4420	6170	4560	6485	4645	6655	4605	6665	4645	6655	5000	7340	4960	7250	5590	8515
May 12, 19*, 26*, Jun 2	RATES TO BE ADVISED															

Tel Aviv: (C) Club Room/Club. 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 Room/Exec. Lounge Access (OC) Standard Room, Old City View (OE) Orient Room, Exec. Lounge Access (D) Deluxe Room (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

▲ King David - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City Room \$290

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

* 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.