

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



Tower of David Courtyard, Jerusalem

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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 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 **Restau-**

rant 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 "un-sinkable" 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 – SERENADE – TUESDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		SILVER		TOPAZ		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Crowne Plaza (C)		Sheraton (C)		Carlton (P-E) ●		Carlton (P-E) ●		Hilton (DSV)		Hilton (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 (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 8	4095	5740	4295	6075	4395	6320	4520	6635	4500	6540	4855	7250	4705	6955	5330	8150
May 15*, 22, 29	4155	5815	4340	6215	4410	6350	4535	6665	4500	6540	4860	7260	4920	7385	5575	8650
Jun 5, 12, 19	4155	5815	4455	6445	4525	6580	4535	6665	4500	6540	4860	7260	4920	7385	5575	8650
Jun 26	4135	5770	4225	5980	4295	6120	4455	6500	4500	6540	4655	6850	4775	7095	5425	8350
Jul 3	4120	5745	4155	5840	4225	5980	4455	6500	4455	6450	4475	6480	4670	6885	5310	8120
Jul 17, 31	4120	5745	4340	6215	4410	6350	4455	6500	4595	6725	4610	6755	4670	6880	5305	8115
Aug 14	4120	5745	4340	6215	4410	6350	4455	6500	4595	6725	4610	6755	4835	7215	5460	8420
Aug 28	4120	5745	4135	5810	4205	5945	4455	6500	4550	6630	4565	6665	4670	6880	5305	8115
Sep 25*, Oct 2	4120	5745	4365	6260	4490	6510	4495	6500	4480	6495	4665	6870	4670	6880	5305	8115
Oct 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6	4155	5815	4340	6215	4410	6350	4455	6500	4480	6495	4665	6870	4905	7355	5555	8615
Nov 13	4095	5695	4225	5980	4295	6120	4400	6380	4335	6205	4610	6755	4615	6770	5265	8025
Dec 11	4000	5500	4255	6045	4385	6300	4360	6305	4405	6340	4560	6660	4650	6840	5305	8115
Dec 18	4180	5865	4445	6430	4575	6680	4620	6840	4575	6685	4710	6955	4870	7280	5525	8555
Dec 25	3935	5380	4120	5780	4250	6030	4360	6305	4335	6200	4435	6410	4575	6695	5235	7965
2019 Departure Dates																
Jan 15, Feb 12	3875	5260	4130	5790	4175	5880	4280	6140	4285	6110	4390	6315	4405	6350	5055	7615
Mar 5, 19, 26, Apr 2	4120	5745	4225	5980	4295	6120	4455	6500	4455	6450	4645	6825	4670	6880	5305	8115
Apr 23*	4475	6460	4455	6445	4710	6970	4755	7120	4790	7205	5115	7855	4835	7215	5460	8420
Apr 30*	4120	5745	4340	6215	4410	6350	4455	6500	4525	6585	4885	7305	4670	6880	5305	8115
May 7, 14, 21, 28																

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 \$232

* 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.