

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

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



David's Citadel, 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 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, 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 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 Expedited Check-in Service and complimentary entrance to the exclusive Dan VIP Lounge.

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – SERENADE – TUESDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton (D-E)		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 (SOC-E) ●		Inbal (SOC-E)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		Waldorf Astoria (D)		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 12	\$4460	\$6170	\$4575	\$6455	\$4660	\$6625	\$4720	\$6740	\$4930	\$7240	\$5075	\$7430	\$5390	\$8045	\$6055	\$9335
May 19*, 26*, Jun 2, 9	4410	6075	4610	6530	4720	6740	4775	6860	4955	7285	5125	7535	5465	8195	6145	9510
Jun 16	4410	6075	4610	6530	4610^	6530^	4675^	6660^	4870	7105	5125	7535	5465	8195	6145	9510
Jun 30	4305	5875	4525	6355	4630	6570	4690	6685	4775	6970	4790	6910	5105	7490	5750	8770
Jul 14, 28	4315	5900	4525	6355	4630	6570	4690	6685	4775	6970	4790	6910	5035	7340	5660	8595
Aug 18, 25	4350	5960	4525	6355	4630	6570	4690	6685	4870	7105	4925	7135	5035	7340	5660	8595
Sep 1, 8*	4350	5960	4525	6355	4630	6570	4690	6685	4775	6970	4835	6995	5035	7340	5660	8595
Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3	4410	6075	4610	6530	4720	6740	4775	6860	4820	7015	4965	7215	5465	8195	6145	9510
Nov 10	4410	6075	4525	6355	4630	6570	4690	6685	4690	6790	4890	7110	4795	6860	5435	8145
Dec 1	4105	5480	4410	6125	4580	6460	4635	6575	4580	6525	4725	6730	4665	6605	5295	7870
Dec 15	4340	5945	4700	6705	4870	7040	4925	7155	4895	7175	4950	7185	5335	7935	6005	9235
Dec 22	4400	6060	4700	6705	4870	7040	4925	7155	4825	7075	4900	7130	5335	7935	6005	9235
Dec 29	4105	5480	4410	6125	4580	6460	4635	6575	4635	6685	4735	6805	4595	6470	5230	7740
2021 Departure Dates																
Jan 12, Feb 9	4105	5480	4410	6125	4480	6265	4540	6380	4580	6525	4680	6645	4530	6335	5165	7610
Mar 2, 9	4350	5960	4610	6530	4720	6740	4775	6860	4775	6970	4890	7110	5035	7340	5660	8595
Apr 20	4365	5985	4610	6530	4720	6740	4775	6860	4870	7105	5015	7315	5105	7480	5740	8745
Apr 27, May 4	4410	6075	4610	6530	4720	6740	4775	6860	4955	7285	5155	7590	5465	8195	6145	9510
May 11*, 18, 25																

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 16, 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.