# Israel Symphony

# Sunday Departures 15 Days • 13 Nights

An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour Limited to 28 participants

#### **Tour Includes:**

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

#### 18 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 in Jerusalem

## **Special Features**

- Tour the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Visit the Unique Diaspora and Palmach Museums
- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Visit the beautifully restored former Templar settlement—Sarona
- 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
- WiFi enabled buses and Free Wifi at all hotels
- Tips to all restaurant staff
- Expedited Arrival and Departure Services at Ben Gurion Airport (international flights)

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



Old Street, Jaffa

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Sunday: En Route

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

#### Monday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special 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".

#### Tuesday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to the Diaspora Museum on the campus of the Tel Aviv University. Here, your private guide will present you with the unique and ongoing story of the Jewish People throughout the generations, using murals, dioramas, three dimensional reconstructions, films and interactive multimedia presentations. Drive to the town of Zichron Yaacov; the magnificent gardens are dedicated to Baron Rothschild, one of Israel's great benefactors. Then, on to Atlit, the detention camp where "illegal" Jewish immigrants fleeing from Nazi persecution in Europe were incarcerated during the British Mandate. The JNF helped to restore this site. See the replica of a ship (when available for visits) illustrating the conditions that the thousands of survivors endured during their transport to Israel. Visit Ein Hod, when daylight hours permit, the only artists' village in Israel, and one of the few of its kind in the entire world. Return to Tel Aviv for overnight. (B)

### Wednesday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to Ben Gurion House in Tel Aviv, which served as one of the residences of the First Prime Minister of Israel; see his personal belongings and expansive library. Continue to the Palmach Museum (subject to appointment confirmation), for a virtual tour of the history of the underground organization. We'll then have a great discovery of Tel Aviv as we drive through the main streets

of this city known as the "White City". Tel Aviv has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its splendid Bauhaus Architecture and has the largest number of buildings in this unique style of any city in the world! Continue past the Charles Bronfman Auditorium, (Israeli Philharmonic), Habimah Theatre, the impressive Opera House and Yitzhak Rabin Square, dedicated to the late Prime Minister. We'll visit the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel's largest art museum and award winner for its unique structural design. Onward to charming and quaint Neve Tzedek (Tel Aviv's "Soho"), the first neighborhood constructed outside Old Jaffa; the old buildings are amazing! Just down the road is the newly developed open-air pedestrian mall—the "Tachana" converted from an old railroad station. You'll have some time to stroll through the shops here and perhaps enjoy coffee or an ice cream in one of the many cafes before we head back to your hotel (those wishing to spend some more time here can taxi back to the hotel, just minutes away). (B)

#### 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 Sarona, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Sarona looks and feels magical. On to your hotel in Tel Aviv. (B)

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#### 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. 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



Grottoes at Rosh Hanikra

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, 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.

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LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – SYMPHONY – SUNDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (DSV) Dan Carmel Inbal (DRPV)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (DRPV)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Sheraton (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		David Kempinski (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2022 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 8	\$5825	\$7920	\$5980	\$8265	\$6125	\$8590	\$6180	\$8705	\$6255	\$8885	\$7260	\$10935	\$7345	\$10980	\$8230	\$12700
May 15	5860	8000	6020	8345	6330	9005	6385	9120	6380	9140	7385	11190	7615	11510	8560	13355
May 22, 29*	5860	8000	6255	8825	6530	9410	6430	9205	6415	9215	7385	11190	7660	11595	8615	13465
Jun 5, 12, 19	5860	8000	6390	9090	6645	9640	6430	9205	6435	9250	7385	11190	7660	11595	8615	13465
Jun 26	5715	7710	6075	8455	6330	9005	6330	9005	6435	9250	7350	11120	7065	10395	7950	12125
Jul 10, 24, Aug 14, 21, 28, Sep 4, 11	5750	7775	6075	8455	6330	9005	6330	9005	6235	8840	7075	10560	6930	10075	7815	11850
Oct 16, 23	5860	8000	6275	8860	6530	9410	6430	9205	6435	9250	7275	10970	7660	11595	8615	13465
Oct 30	5860	8000	6275	8860	6530	9410	6430	9205	6175	8720	7015	10440	7660	11595	8615	13465
Nov 6	5860	8000	6275	8860	6530	9410	6430	9205	6175	8720	7015	10440	6765	9810	7645	11525
Nov 13	5750	7775	5985	8280	6240	8830	6430	9205	6175	8720	7015	10440	6765	9810	7645	11525
Nov 27	5480	7240	5840	7945	6165	8680	6255	8855	6030	8385	6780	9960	6480	9175	7365	10960
Dec 11	5605	7490	6080	8435	6410	9165	6455	9250	6325	9000	6910	10245	7020	10250	7950	12125
Dec 18	5800	7875	6245	8760	6575	9490	6585	9520	6400	9155	6985	10400	7380	10965	8340	12900
Dec 25	5480	7240	5840	7945	6165	8680	6255	8855	6030	8385	7055	10510	6480	9175	7365	10960
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Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19	5750	7775	6075	8455	6330	9005	6430	9205	6235	8840	6930	10265	6930	10075	7815	11850
Apr 16*	5860	8000	6390	9090	6645	9640	6430	9205	6435	9250	7385	11190	7455	11115	8415	13050
Apr 30	5860	8000	6275	8860	6530	9410	6430	9205	6435	9250	7385	11190	7660	11595	8615	13465
May 7, 14*, 21*						R	ATES	ТО В	E AD\	/ISED						

Tel Aviv: (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (P-E) Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (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 (DRPV) Deluxe Renovated Pool View Room (OE) Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

- UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

   David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$335

  ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$280

  \* 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 34.



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