

# 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-Israeli home 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—Saronia
- 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



*Restored house in Saronia, Tel Aviv*

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### Sunday: En Route

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

### Monday: 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".

### Tuesday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to the **Diaspora Museum** on the campus of the Tel Aviv University. Here, you will be presented 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. Visit **Aharonson's House** and learn of the intriguing story of this family. 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**, (daylight hours permitting), 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

Visit **Independence Hall** where Ben Gurion fervently proclaimed Israel's independence in 1948. 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! Stop by the **Suzanne Dallal Center**. 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 **Haganah**. Then, on to the military junction at **Latrun**, once the border with Jordan; visit the **Tank Division Memorial**. Continue to **Saronia**, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Saronia 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, 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



Synagogue at Capernaum

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 the 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. 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 "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. 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 – SYMPHONY – SUNDAY DEPARTURES**

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		SILVER		TOPAZ		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Crowne Plaza (C) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (C) Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel Inbal (OC)		Carlton (P-E) ● Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2018 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 6	4875	6795	5110	7155	5260	7525	5385	7840	5395	7795	5750	8505	5540	8095	6245	9455
May 13*, 20, 27	4965	6910	5180	7365	5285	7570	5410	7880	5395	7795	5755	8515	5795	8605	6540	10050
Jun 3, 10, 17	4965	6910	5295	7595	5400	7800	5410	7880	5395	7795	5755	8515	5795	8605	6540	10050
Jun 24	4945	6865	5065	7130	5170	7335	5330	7715	5395	7795	5550	8105	5650	8320	6385	9750
Jul 1	4930	6840	4995	6990	5100	7195	5330	7715	5325	7660	5345	7690	5545	8105	6275	9520
Jul 15	4930	6840	5180	7365	5285	7570	5330	7715	5325	7660	5345	7690	5535	8085	6260	9490
Jul 29	4930	6840	5180	7365	5285	7570	5330	7715	5465	7935	5480	7965	5535	8085	6260	9490
Aug 12	4930	6840	5180	7365	5285	7570	5330	7715	5535	8070	5550	8105	5785	8590	6490	9955
Aug 26	4930	6840	4975	6960	5085	7165	5330	7715	5485	7980	5505	8015	5535	8085	6260	9490
Sep 23*	4930	6840	5175	7350	5365	7730	5330	7715	5360	7730	5550	8105	5385	7790	6105	9185
Sep 30	4930	6840	5165	7335	5285	7570	5330	7715	5360	7730	5550	8105	5510	8035	6235	9440
Oct 7, 14, 21	4965	6910	5180	7365	5285	7570	5330	7715	5360	7730	5550	8105	5770	8560	6510	9995
Oct 28, Nov 4	4965	6910	5180	7365	5285	7570	5275	7600	5275	7555	5550	8105	5770	8560	6510	9995
Nov 11	4910	6790	5065	7130	5170	7335	5275	7600	5205	7415	5480	7965	5480	7975	6215	9405
Dec 9	4770	6510	5065	7140	5260	7515	5235	7525	5250	7505	5410	7825	5515	8045	6260	9490
Dec 16	4950	6875	5260	7520	5450	7900	5495	8055	5425	7850	5555	8120	5735	8490	6480	9935
Dec 23	4710	6390	4935	6870	5125	7250	5235	7525	5190	7390	5295	7595	5440	7900	6185	9345
<b>2019 Departure Dates</b>																
Mar 3, 17, 24, 31	4930	6840	5065	7130	5170	7335	5330	7715	5325	7660	5515	8035	5535	8085	6260	9490
Apr 21*	5465	7910	5355	7710	5735	8500	5780	8645	5825	8790	6150	9440	5785	8590	6490	9955
Apr 28*	4930	6840	5180	7365	5285	7570	5330	7715	5395	7795	5755	8515	5535	8085	6260	9490
May 5, 12, 19, 26																

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 \$348  
 \* 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.



Panoramic View of the Mediterranean Sea, Tel Aviv