

# Israel Symphony

Wednesday & Thursday Departures  
15 Days • 13 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour  
Limited to 28 participants*

## Tour Includes:

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 9 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

- Archeological "Dig" (Wednesday Itinerary)
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- 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
- Visit the unique Palmach Museum
- Visit the beautifully restored Templars at Saron Park
- Experience the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Tour the Tank Division Memorial at Latrun
- 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



Tel Aviv by Night

## ITINERARY

### Wednesday: En Route

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

### Thursday: 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".

### 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 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 val-

leys 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 **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: Jerusalem

A full day at leisure to enjoy this endlessly fascinating city on your own. (B)

### Monday: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

Depart Jerusalem to the military junction at **Latrun**, once the border with **Jordan**; visit the **Tank Division Memorial**. On to **Independence Hall** where **Ben Gurion** proclaimed Israel's independence in 1948. Continue to the **Palmach Museum** (subject to appointment confirmation), for a virtual tour of the history of this underground military organization prior to the establishment of the State of Israel. Proceed 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)

### Tuesday: 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**. Continue to the pre-state underground **Ammunitions Factory** at **Machon Ayalon** (restored by **JNF**) to learn about the activities of the **Haganah**. Then drive through the main streets of **Tel Aviv** 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! Pass 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 an open-air pedestrian mall—the "Tachana" converted from an old railroad station. Stroll through the shops and cafes before we head back to your hotel. (B)

### Wednesday: 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**.

## THURSDAY DEPARTURES

### Tour Includes:

9 Days of Sightseeing

### 18 Meals:

Breakfast Daily, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

## ITINERARY

**Thursday/En Route** — Depart the U.S.

**Friday/Tel Aviv** — Meeting, assistance, transfer to hotel. Evening: **Get Together Dinner**. (D)

**Saturday/Tel Aviv** — Morning walking tour. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

**Sunday/Haifa** — **Yitzhak Rabin Center**, **Caesarea**, **Nazareth**, **Haifa**, Dinner. (B.D)

**Monday/Haifa** — **Rosh Hanikra**, **Acre**, **Safed**. Evening: Dinner. (B.D)

**Tuesday/Jerusalem** — **Capernaum**, **Winery**, **Golan Heights**, **Army Bunker**, **Kibbutz Lunch**, **Bet Shean**, **Jerusalem**. (B.L)

**Wednesday/Jerusalem** — **Chagall Windows**, **Yad Vashem**, **Mt. Herzl**, **Israel Museum**, **Scale Model**. Evening: Dinner, **Night Tour**, **Sound & Light Show**. (B.D)

**Thursday/Jerusalem** — **Western Wall**, **Mt. Zion**, **Herodian Mansions** or **Hasmonian Tunnel**, **Via Dolorosa**, **Holy Sepulchre**. *Optional Bethlehem*. (B)

**Friday/Jerusalem** — **Masada**, **Dead Sea**. Evening: **Shabbat Dinner**. (B.D)

**Saturday/Jerusalem** — Day at leisure. Tickets provided to the **Citadel Museum**. (B)

**Sunday/Jerusalem** — Day at leisure. (B)

**Monday/Tel Aviv** — **Latrun**, **Independence Hall**, **Palmach Museum**, **Sarona**. (B)

**Tuesday/Tel Aviv** — **Weizmann House**, **Machon Ayalon**, **Tel Aviv City**, **Tel Aviv Museum of Art**, **Neve Tzedek**, **Tachana**. (B)

**Wednesday/Tel Aviv** — Drive to **Zichron Yaacov**; see the magnificent gardens dedicated to **Baron Rothschild**. Visit **Aharonson's House** before continuing to **Atlit**, the reconstructed detention camp where illegal immigrants and underground fighters were confined before 1948. Visit the old port city of **Jaffa**, magnificently restored. Explore the reconstructed **Artists' Quarter** with its galleries and boutiques. (B)

**Thursday/En Route** — Transfer to the airport for departure flight. Express check-in and complimentary entrance to **Dan VIP Lounge**.



## LAND PRICES (USD) PER PERSON – SYMPHONY – WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY DEPARTURES

| HOTEL PLAN   | CORAL  |               | RUBY                                     |               | TUROUOISE                                   |               | SILVER   |               | TOPAZ                                     |               | SAPPHIRE  |               | OPAL                                    |               | EMERALD                                       |               |
|--|--|---------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Tel Aviv</b><br>Haifa (Dlx, Bayview)<br>Jerusalem | Crowne Plaza (C)<br>Dan Carmel<br>Dan Panorama (D-E) |               | Sheraton (C)<br>Dan Carmel<br>Inbal (OC) |               | Carlton (P-E) ●<br>Dan Carmel<br>Inbal (OC) |               | Carlton (P-E) ●<br>Dan Carmel<br>David Citadel ■ |               | Hilton (DSV)<br>Dan Carmel<br>Orient (OE) |               | Hilton (DSV)<br>Dan Carmel<br>Waldorf Astoria (D) |               | Dan (DCL)<br>Dan Carmel<br>King David ▲ |               | Dan (E)<br>Dan Carmel (E)<br>King David (DOC) |               |
| <b>2018 Departure Dates</b>                          | <b>Twin</b>  | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                              | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                                 | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                                      | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                               | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                                       | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                             | <b>Single</b> | <b>Twin</b>                                   | <b>Single</b> |
| May 9, 10  | 4670   | 6580          | 4905                                     | 7030          | 5005  | 7255          | 5155   | 7635          | 5130                                      | 7505          | 5555  | 8355          | 5450                                    | 8160          | 6210  | 9630          |
| May 16*, 17*, 23, 24, 30, 31                         | 4700   | 6615          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5165   | 7650          | 5130                                      | 7505          | 5560  | 8370          | 5630                                    | 8510          | 6410  | 10035         |
| Jun 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21                             | 4700   | 6615          | 5065                                     | 7380          | 5155  | 7550          | 5150   | 7615          | 5130                                      | 7505          | 5560  | 8370          | 5630                                    | 8510          | 6410  | 10035         |
| Jun 27, 28   | 4675   | 6560          | 4790                                     | 6825          | 4875  | 6995          | 5070   | 7450          | 5105                                      | 7460          | 5260  | 7775          | 5430                                    | 8115          | 6200  | 9615          |
| Jul 4, 5   | 4660   | 6535          | 4700                                     | 6650          | 4790  | 6820          | 5070   | 7450          | 5070                                      | 7390          | 5090  | 7430          | 5325                                    | 7905          | 6085  | 9385          |
| Jul 18, 19   | 4660   | 6535          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5070   | 7450          | 5105                                      | 7460          | 5125  | 7500          | 5325                                    | 7905          | 6085  | 9385          |
| Aug 1, 2, 15, 16                                     | 4660   | 6535          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5070   | 7450          | 5240                                      | 7735          | 5260  | 7775          | 5450                                    | 8155          | 6200  | 9615          |
| Sep 26*, 27*   | 4660   | 6535          | 4980                                     | 7205          | 5095  | 7435          | 5070   | 7450          | 5100                                      | 7450          | 5325  | 7900          | 5275                                    | 7805          | 6035  | 9285          |
| Oct 3, 4   | 4665   | 6545          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5070   | 7450          | 5100                                      | 7450          | 5325  | 7900          | 5370                                    | 8000          | 6135  | 9485          |
| Oct 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25                           | 4700   | 6615          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5070   | 7450          | 5100                                      | 7450          | 5325  | 7900          | 5610                                    | 8475          | 6385  | 9985          |
| Oct 31, Nov 1, 7, 8                                  | 4700   | 6615          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5000   | 7310          | 4985                                      | 7215          | 5315  | 7875          | 5610                                    | 8475          | 6385  | 9985          |
| Nov 14, 15   | 4610   | 6435          | 4760                                     | 6765          | 4875  | 6995          | 5000   | 7310          | 4910                                      | 7070          | 5240  | 7730          | 5245                                    | 7745          | 6020  | 9255          |
| Dec 12, 13   | 4555   | 6320          | 4870                                     | 6985          | 5030  | 7300          | 5015   | 7340          | 5055                                      | 7360          | 5340  | 7925          | 5355                                    | 7965          | 6135  | 9485          |
| Dec 19, 20   | 4735   | 6685          | 5060                                     | 7370          | 5220  | 7685          | 5270   | 7870          | 5255                                      | 7750          | 5350  | 7950          | 5550                                    | 8355          | 6330  | 9875          |
| Dec 26, 27   | 4435   | 6075          | 4655                                     | 6560          | 4775  | 6790          | 4920   | 7150          | 4905                                      | 7060          | 5030  | 7310          | 5155                                    | 7570          | 5940  | 9090          |
| <b>2019 Departure Dates</b>                          |  |               |  |               |   |               |  |               |   |               |   |               |   |               |   |               |
| Mar 6, 7, 20, 21, 27, 28, Apr 3, 4                   | 4660   | 6535          | 4790                                     | 6825          | 4875  | 6995          | 5070   | 7450          | 5070                                      | 7390          | 5295  | 7840          | 5325                                    | 7905          | 6085  | 9385          |
| Apr 24*, 25*   | 4930   | 7070          | 5015                                     | 7275          | 5240  | 7735          | 5295   | 7915          | 5355                                      | 8025          | 5750  | 8820          | 5450                                    | 8155          | 6200  | 9615          |
| May 1, 2   | 4660   | 6535          | 4925                                     | 7100          | 5015  | 7270          | 5070   | 7450          | 5155                                      | 7560          | 5585  | 8425          | 5325                                    | 7905          | 6085  | 9385          |
| May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30                     |  |               |  |               |   |               |  |               |   |               |   |               |   |               |   |               |

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 \$312
- David Citadel - Jerusalem: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Old City View Room \$360
- Carlton - Tel Aviv: Upgrade to Executive Sea 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 42.**



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