

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—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
- 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



Old Street, Jaffa

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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, 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)

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, 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) – SYMPHONY – SUNDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		SILVER		SAPPHIRE		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (D-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E) ●		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (SOC-E)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Hilton (DSV) Dan Carmel Waldorf Astoria (D)		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2020 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 10	\$5360	\$7335	\$5505	\$7710	\$5635	\$7965	\$5695	\$8080	\$5930	\$8630	\$6075	\$8825	\$6350	\$9370	\$7110	\$10840
May 17*, 24*, 31, Jun 7	5270	7180	5560	7815	5725	8140	5780	8255	5965	8700	6135	8950	6465	9595	7240	11105
Jun 14	5270	7180	5560	7815	5560^	7815^	5780^	8255^	5880	8520	6135	8950	6465	9595	7240	11105
Jun 28	5145	6940	5475	7645	5635	7965	5695	8080	5790	8385	5805	8325	6110	8890	6845	10365
Jul 12, 26	5155	6960	5475	7645	5635	7965	5695	8080	5745	8315	5755	8260	5995	8665	6715	10100
Aug 16, 23	5215	7065	5475	7645	5635	7965	5695	8080	5880	8520	5935	8550	5995	8665	6715	10100
Aug 30, Sep 6*	5215	7065	5475	7645	5635	7965	5695	8080	5765	8350	5825	8380	5995	8665	6715	10100
Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1	5270	7180	5560	7815	5725	8140	5780	8255	5810	8385	5955	8585	6465	9595	7240	11105
Nov 8	5270	7180	5475	7645	5635	7965	5695	8080	5655	8140	5855	8460	5795	8260	6530	9735
Nov 29	4945	6540	5330	7355	5580	7860	5640	7975	5520	7790	5660	7995	5630	7930	6350	9375
Dec 13	5180	7005	5620	7930	5870	8435	5930	8555	5830	8440	5890	8455	6300	9265	7060	10740
Dec 20	5235	7120	5620	7930	5870	8435	5930	8555	5780	8380	5850	8435	6300	9265	7060	10740
Dec 27	4945	6540	5330	7355	5580	7860	5640	7975	5605	8030	5705	8150	5560	7795	6285	9245
2021 Departure Dates																
Feb 28, Mar 7	5215	7065	5560	7815	5725	8140	5780	8255	5745	8315	5855	8460	5995	8665	6715	10100
Apr 18	5225	7085	5560	7815	5725	8140	5780	8255	5880	8520	6030	8730	6065	8810	6790	10250
Apr 25	5270	7180	5560	7815	5725	8140	5780	8255	5880	8520	6165	9005	6370	9410	7130	10885
May 2	5270	7180	5560	7815	5725	8140	5780	8255	5965	8700	6165	9005	6465	9595	7240	11105
May 9*, 16, 23	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 14, 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.



Montefiori neighborhood, Jerusalem