# Sights, Sounds and Tastes of Israel by Private Car

Explore Israel by Private Car with your own Private Guide on this exceptional itinerary specially designed for you to enjoy unique cultural and culinary experiences as well as visits to the high points of interest throughout Israel.

# Wednesday Departure 12 Days • 10 Nights

# **Tour Includes:**

- Professional Expert Guide
- Luxury Hotels
- 8 Days of Private Car Touring with Private Guide
- Private Arrival and Departure Transfers with Special Assistance at Ben Gurion Airport (International Flights)

# 19 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Lunch at a Chef Restaurant in Akko
- 2 Dinners at Mitzpe Hayamim
- Home hosted lunch in Galilee
- Lunch at a Dead Sea Spa Hotel
- Traditional Friday Night Dinner in Jerusalem
- Tasting Tour in the Old City, Jerusalem

# **Special Features:**

- Golan Heights Jeep Ride and Tour an Army Bunker
- Cheese Making Workshop and Winery in Northern Israel
- Galilee Village Tour including Cooking instruction and Meal
- Visit Old Gesher
- Mahane Yehuda "Shuk Bites" Experience
- Knesset (Parliament) Visit
- Tasting Tour with a Culinary Expert in the Old City
- Tour the Hasmonean Tunnel
- "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem

# Hotels:

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City	Night	Hotel				
Tel Aviv	3	Isrotel Royal Beach-Bella Vista Room/Bus.Lounge Access				
Rosh Pina	2	Mitzpe Hayamim Spa Hotel-Jasmin Room				
Jerusalem	n 5	Orient – Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access				
(B) Breakfast (D) Dinner		(L) Lunch or (LM) Light Meal				



Galilee View from Mitzpeh Hayamim

# ITINERARY

#### Wednesday: En Route

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

#### Thursday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting and assistance by our representative and transfer to the spectacular Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel on Tel Aviv's sparkling Mediterranean Sea. Balance of the day at leisure. Enjoy dinner on your own, at one of Tel Aviv's top restaurants or try the fine Chef restaurant at the Royal Beach Hotel (it's one of our favorites).

# Friday: Tel Aviv

Begin your day with 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. 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 including a stroll through trendy Sheinkin Street adjacent to the market. Return to your hotel. This

evening at leisure for you to choose from one of the many excellent restaurants in Tel Aviv. (B)

#### Saturday: Tel Aviv

Visit to Machon Avalon the reconstructed underground munitions factory located under the kibbutz bakery. It was built and operated during the years 1946-1948. This special clandestine factory was prepared secretly in less than a month. Its openings were covered by a 10 ton oven and a large washing machine that camouflaged the noise of manufacturing bullets. The Ayalon institute was the largest IMI factory to operate underground and produced over 2,500,000 9mm bullets mostly for Sten guns during its three years of operation. Drive to the military junction at Latrun, once the border with Jordan; see the French Trappist Monastery and visit the Tank Division Memorial. Return to Tel Aviv and visit Sarona, an old German Templar colony meticulously restored, preserving the original architecture and converted to a lively pedestrian area with a booming culinary arena. After a walking tour, enjoy free time exploring the new urban complexes including various shops, cafés and art galleries. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure in vibrant Tel Aviv. (B)

#### Sunday: Tel Aviv/Rosh Pina (Galilee)

Drive to ancient **Caesarea** to explore the Roman and Crusader ruins. On to the port city of **Haifa** for a view of the golden-domed **Baha'i Shrine** and visit the breathtaking **"hanging gardens**," – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to the Crusader city of **Acre**. Enjoy lunch at famous Uri Buri Restaurant. Afterwards, walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful middle Ages. Drive along the coast to Rosh Hanikra; descend by cable car to see the magnificent underwater grottoes. Continue to Mitzpe Hayamim in Rosh Pina, a natural health spa and resort unique in its concept and design with flourishing herbal and flower gardens and an organic farm with the tastiest cuisine. Enjoy farm to table dining this evening. (B.L.D)

#### Monday: Rosh Pina (Galilee)

Begin the day with a tour of 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. Continue to the Adir Winery for wine tasting, and to participate in a hands-on cheese making workshop. Ascend the Golan Heights and continue through the valleys and ranges on a thrilling Jeep ride; take in the breathtaking panoramic views and learn about the strategic importance of the area. Drive to wondrous Mt. Ben Tal for a magnificent view beyond the Israeli borders. Visit an army bunker and hear the fascinating story of the war fought in the Golan. Return to your hotel for dinner at The Wood Grill, the special restaurant of the Mitzpe Hayamim offering assorted meats grilled on various aromatic tree branches. (B.D)

#### Tuesday: Rosh Pina/Jerusalem

Drive to Capernaum to see the fantastic ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th-century. Continue to a local Galilee Village where you will have a taste of Galilean village life. Arrive at your hosts' home where you will prepare a meal together along with a selection of side dishes cooked especially for you by your host. Then on to Old Gesher to see a look-out onto the Jordan River scenery and the Gilad and Golan Mountain ranges. You will hear the moving story of the struggle of the kibbutz members during the War of Independence. The fighters' bunker located in the heart of the settlement has been converted into a unique visitors' center. We will then go on a journey through time at the Naharayim Experience, a large and first-of-its-kind model that demonstrates the operation of Israel's first and only hydroelectric power station which was established on the Jordan River, in the early 1920's. 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. Check in to the spectacular Orient Hotel built on the grounds of historic buildings preserved from the Templar Era of the 1880's. Overnight in Israel's capital. (B.L)

# Wednesday: Jerusalem

An exciting day today as we enter the Old City from the Dung Gate; walk to the Western Wall, last remnant of the Second Temple. View the Dome of the Rock. Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Proceed to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Walk through the extraordinary Hasmonean Tunnel (tunnel schedule permitting.) Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Join our culinary expert on a tasting tour through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas and down the Old City alleyways as we stop, taste and chat with the local vendors who have been there for decades. They take great pride in the traditional food, deserts, coffees, hot pitas and mouthwatering pastries that are made fresh daily and savored by all who are fortunate enough to find these hidden culinary hotspots. Evening: Restaurant Dinner at another one of our favorites where every dish has its origins in biblical scenes and all the spices and herbs grow in the surrounding hills of Jerusalem and Judea. The restaurant is set in an ancient stone building with a huge scenic balcony where you can enjoy the crimson sunsets as they hit the walls of the old city-the special ambiance of the evening is simply intoxicating. Afterwards, attend the "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting). (B.LM.D)

#### Thursday: Jerusalem

Begin the day with a tour of the Knesset (Parliament). Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's national Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, with its Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. This afternoon, we visit bustling and lively Machane Yehuda Market (Shuk), a microcosm of everything Jerusalem has to offer. The market is Israel's most sprawling and buzzing network of alleys and vending stalls. Enjoy the "Shuk Bites" experience where you'll sample and taste a variety of market products while you hear the intriguing tales from the vendors you'll meet. Time to shop the different areas of the Market (you may want to return on your own in the evening when the market area takes on a complete transformation and becomes a different experience altogehter with cafes, restaurants and some of the best cuisine the city has to offer. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.LM)

### 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. Continue to a Dead Sea Spa Hotel for lunch and to enjoy an "unsinkable" swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea at the hotel's private beach. Drive via the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, on your return to Jerusalem. Evening: Visit the Western Wall on this eve of the Jewish Sabbath before joining the traditional Friday Night Dinner at the hotel. (B.L.D)

# Saturday: Jerusalem

Enjoy a day at leisure at your beautiful hotel featuring a magnificent rooftop swimming pool, as well as an indoor pool in the spa complex where saunas, Turkish baths, and an array of pampering spa treatments are available. You may also wish to visit some of the museums that are open on Saturday, with the most prominent of them—the Museum of the History of Jerusalem (Citadel Museum) and the Israel Museum with the Shrine of the book. Endless activities in this magical city. (B)

# Sunday: En Route

Transfer to the Airport for your international departure flight; special assistance for check-in service. (B)

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) May '25 - May '26									
4-Seat Vehicle		7-Seat Vehicle							
#Passengers Per Vehicle	2		3		4				
2025 Wednesday Departures	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single			
May 21, Jun 4, 11, 18, Jul 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27	\$9625	\$11890	\$8280	\$10550	\$7345	\$9610			
Jun 25, Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, Sep 3, 10, Nov 19	9525	11695	8180	10350	7245	9415			
Nov 26, Dec 3, 10	9395	11450	8055	10105	7115	9170			
Dec 17	9795	12355	8455	11015	7515	10075			
Dec 24	9725	12190	8385	10845	7445	9910			
Dec 31	9380	11415	8035	10070	7100	9135			
2026 Wednesday Departures									
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18	9290	11235	7945	9895	7010	8955			
Feb 25	9405	11470	8065	10125	7125	9190			
Mar 4, 11, 18, Apr 22	9595	11845	8250	10500	7315	9565			
Apr 8	9655	11965	8310	10620	7355	9680			
Apr 29, May 6, 13*, 20	9625	11890	8280	10550	7345	9610			

\* Touring Revised due to Holidays in Israel.

Supplement for touring in Mercedes V Class (seats up to 5 passengers) available, please inquire. Prices for 3rd bed Adult & Child (over 10 years only) rates available upon request.