

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
- Arrival and Departure Transfers with Express VIP service at Ben Gurion Airport
- Dan VIP Lounge at Ben Gurion Airport (upon return home)

18 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-Israeli home in Jerusalem
- Light Lunch Tasting at Mea Shearim, 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
- Organic Kibbutz Visit
- Mahane Yehuda "Shuk Bites" Experience
- Knesset (Parliament) Visit
- Mea Shearim Neighborhood Tasting Tour
- Tour the Hasmonean Tunnel
- "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem

Hotels:

City	Night	Hotel
Tel Aviv	3	Isrotel Royal Beach-Bella Vista Room/Exec.Lounge Access
Rosh Pina	2	Mitzpe Hayamim Spa Hotel-Yasmin or Galil Room
Jerusalem	5	Orient – Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch or (LM) Light Meal
(D) Dinner



Restored House in Saron, Tel Aviv

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Wednesday: En Route

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

Thursday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; meeting and assistance by our Express service 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 Ayalon 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 Saron, 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 their 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 dinner in the quaint dining room. (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 Muscat, the Chef restaurant of the Mitzpe Hayamim. (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. Continue to Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu for a tour throughout the Kibbutz with your feet in the soil and nothing but green in your thoughts. The tours show how everyday living is merged with nature as a way of life. The combination of a Jewish Orthodox lifestyle with organic farming, in a vibrant, versatile and cooperative community, is something worth seeing and experiencing. 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 newest hotel in Jerusalem, 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

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; walk through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas. We'll then drive to Machane Yehuda Market 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 back stories of the vendors you'll meet. 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 visit Mea Shearim for a Culinary Tour. Here, in this ultra-Orthodox neighborhood, it's like time stood still. Everything is so

different from the modern Jerusalem that we see elsewhere. The "Ashkenazi" food is the same as it was hundreds of years ago. Here you'll savor the taste of "Cholent", "kugel", "Blintzes" and delight in the most perfect Herring you'll ever have not to mention the Challahs which are baked in 150-years-old-ovens. 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 illuminated Western Wall on this eve of the Jewish Sabbath before joining an Israeli family at their home for the traditional Friday Night Dinner together, sure to be a most memorable evening. (B.L.D)

Saturday: Jerusalem

Enjoy a day at leisure at your beautiful hotel featuring a magnificent rooftop outdoor 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. Or continue your exploration of Jerusalem on this final day in Israel. (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 at Ben Gurion Airport. (B)

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD)

May '19 - May '20

	4-Seat Vehicle		7-Seat Vehicle			
	#Passengers Per Vehicle		3		4	
	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
2019 Wednesday Departures						
May 15, 22, 29, Jun 12, 19, Jul 24 thru Aug 28, Sep 11, 18, and Oct 23	\$7395	\$9150	\$6360	\$8095	\$5625	\$7355
Jun 26 thru Jul 17, Sep 4, Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, and Dec 25	7335	8985	6280	7930	5540	7190
Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11	7240	8800	6185	7745	5450	7005
Dec 18	7545	9400	6485	8345	5750	7605
2020 Wednesday Departures						
Jan 1, Feb 26	7225	8780	6170	7725	5430	6985
Jan 8 thru Feb 19	7140	8605	6080	7550	5345	6810
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	7395	9110	6340	8055	5600	7315
Apr 29, May 6	7420	9150	6360	8095	5625	7355

Prices for 5 Passengers and over plus 3rd bed Adult & Child (10 years and above) - rates available upon request. Supplement for Touring in Mercedes V Class Available, please inquire.