# Israel Minuet

# **Friday Departures** 10 Days • 8 Nights

An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour Limited to 28 participants

## **Tour Includes:**

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 6 Days of Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Arrival and Departure Transfers with Special Assistance (International Flights)

#### 11 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Dinner in Haifa
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv
- Restaurant Dinner in Jerusalem
- Traditional Friday Night Dinner in Jerusalem

# **Special Features**

- 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
- Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem
- WiFi enabled buses and Free WiFi at all hotels
- Tips to all restaurant staff

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner





Jerusalem Neighborhood

#### **ITINERARY**

# Friday: En Route

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

# Saturday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special 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".

#### 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. 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 visit the 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. The balance of the evening is free to enjoy a stroll under the Carmel skies and the glow of this beautiful port city. (B)

# Tuesday: Haifa/Jerusalem

We'll depart Haifa driving first to Capernaum, by the Sea of Galilee, 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 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

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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, 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; special assistance is provided for check-in service.



Market at Acre

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – MINUET – FRIDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton (DSV)  Dan Carmel  Inbal (DR)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (DR)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Sheraton (DSV)  Dan Carmel  David Citadel ■		David Kempinski (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2023 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 12, 19*, 26	\$4200	\$5935	\$4190	\$5960	\$4260	\$6110	\$4185	\$5960	\$4430	\$6530	\$4625	\$6925	\$5210	\$7935	\$5935	\$9315
Jun 2	4210	5955	4115	5815	4145	5880	4205	5995	4470	6615	4625	6925	5210	7935	5935	9315
Jun 16, 23	4210	5955	4460	6510	4495	6575	4205	5995	4470	6615	4625	6925	5210	7935	5935	9315
Jun 30	4105	5750	4115	5815	4145	5880	4100	5795	4470	6615	4625	6925	4855	7225	5525	8500
Jul 14, 28, Aug 18, 25, Sep 1	4085	5710	4115	5815	4145	5880	4100	5795	4245	6140	4400	6450	4775	7070	5430	8315
Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3	4210	5955	4285	6160	4320	6230	4205	5995	4470	6615	4625	6925	5210	7935	5935	9315
Nov 10	4210	5955	4025	5610	4060	5680	4205	5995	4185	6025	4340	6335	5210	7935	5935	9315
Nov 17	4085	5710	4025	5610	4060	5680	4205	5995	4185	6025	4340	6335	4440	6395	5085	7625
Dec 1	3820	5175	3930	5410	3985	5530	4025	5645	4090	5825	4235	6115	4325	6165	4945	7345
Dec 15	3890	5320	4275	6130	4330	6245	4165	5920	4330	6320	4475	6615	4630	6785	5285	8020
Dec 22	4185	5910	4365	6310	4420	6425	4375	6340	4490	6650	4665	7010	5095	7705	5790	9035
Dec 29	3890	5320	4015	5590	4070	5705	4095	5780	4090	5825	4265	6185	4475	6475	5115	7685
2024 Departure Dates																
Jan 12, Feb 16	3820	5175	4015	5615	4015	5620	3970	5535	4090	5825	4235	6115	4275	6075	4890	7230
Mar 1	4085	5710	4115	5815	4145	5880	4205	5995	4245	6140	4370	6395	4500	6525	5145	7745
Mar 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr 5	4085	5710	4115	5815	4145	5880	4205	5995	4245	6140	4410	6475	4775	7070	5430	8315
Apr 12	4085	5710	4320	6230	4355	6300	4205	5995	4245	6140	4410	6475	5225	7970	5965	9380
May 3*	4210	5955	4285	6160	4320	6230	4205	5995	4470	6615	4640	6950	4775	7070	5430	8315
May 10*, 17, 24, 31*						F	RATES	TO I	BE AD	VISE	)					

Tel Aviv: (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (P-E) Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DCL) Deluxe Room, City Side/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Executive Sea Facing Room/King David Crown Lounge Access NOTE: Sea View Room at all hotels in Tel Aviv are Partial Sea View.

Jerusalem: (D-E) Deluxe Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DR) Deluxe Renovated Room (OE) Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

#### UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

- David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$390
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$295
- \* 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).

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