

Israel Prelude

Saturday Departures

9 Days • 7 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 participants*

Tour Includes:

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

10 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

- 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
- WiFi enabled buses and Free WiFi at all hotels
- Tips to all restaurant staff

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



Colorful Neighborhood in Safed

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Saturday: En Route

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

Sunday: Haifa

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in the seaport city of Haifa. Evening: Enjoy Dinner and a special cultural presentation (subject to minimum 10 tour participants). (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 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



Floating in the waters of the Dead Sea

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.

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – PRELUDE – SATURDAY DEPARTURES												
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		PEARL		AMBER		OPAL		EMERALD	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Dan Carmel Inbal (DR)		Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2023 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 13, 20*, 27, Jun 3	\$4065	\$5760	\$3985	\$5675	\$3945	\$5560	\$4245	\$6245	\$4930	\$7460	\$5595	\$8720
Jun 17, 24	4065	5760	4235	6140	3945	5560	4245	6245	4930	7460	5595	8720
Jul 1	3970	5565	3885	5445	3845	5355	4245	6245	4615	6830	5220	7970
Jul 15, 29, Aug 19, 26, Sep 2	3945	5520	3885	5445	3845	5355	4015	5770	4535	6675	5125	7780
Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4	4065	5760	4060	5790	3945	5560	4245	6245	4930	7460	5595	8720
Nov 11	4065	5760	3800	5240	3945	5560	3960	5655	4930	7460	5595	8720
Nov 18	3945	5520	3800	5240	3945	5560	3960	5655	4160	5920	4750	7030
Dec 2	3680	4990	3725	5090	3765	5205	3885	5505	4085	5770	4640	6815
Dec 16	3755	5140	4070	5810	3905	5485	4125	6000	4395	6390	4980	7490
Dec 23	4050	5725	4160	5990	4115	5900	4285	6330	4855	7310	5485	8505
Dec 30	3755	5140	3810	5270	3835	5345	3885	5505	4240	6080	4810	7150
2024 Departure Dates												
Jan 13, Feb 17	3680	4990	3810	5295	3765	5205	3885	5505	4085	5770	4640	6815
Mar 2	3945	5520	3885	5445	3945	5560	4015	5770	4310	6220	4900	7330
Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6	3945	5520	3885	5445	3945	5560	4015	5770	4535	6675	5125	7780
Apr 13	3945	5520	4095	5860	3945	5560	4015	5770	4990	7575	5660	8850
May 4*	4065	5760	4060	5790	3945	5560	4245	6245	4535	6675	5125	7780
May 11*, 18, 25, Jun 1*	RATES TO BE ADVISED											

Haifa: (E) Executive Room, Bay View/Executive Lounge Access

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).

FOR HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS AND DETAILS ON OUR MIX & MATCH HOTEL PLANS, SEE PAGES 8-10. FOR TOURING BY PRIVATE CAR, SEE PAGE 34.