

# Israel Rhapsody

**Wednesday Departures**  
**12 Days • 10 Nights**

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour  
 Limited to 28 participants*

## Tour Includes:

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

## 14 Meals:

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

## Special Features

- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- 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 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



*Cobblestone Street of Jaffa*

## 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, 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".

### 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 ending at **Ben Gurion House**, former residence of the First Prime Minister. Early afternoon **Optional visit to Machon Ayalon**, the fascinating underground Ammunitions Factory (*must be pre-booked; \$120 per person including roundtrip transfers-minimum 2 persons required*). 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. 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** 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.

## LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – RHAPSODY – WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton (DSV)		Carlton (P-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Sheraton (DSV)		David Kempinski (DSV)		Dan (DCL)		Dan (E)	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview)	Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel (E)	
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama (D-E)		Inbal (DR)		Inbal (DR)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		David Citadel ■		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2023 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 10	\$4890	\$6840	\$4995	\$7090	\$5120	\$7365	\$5020	\$7160	\$5185	\$7550	\$5660	\$8520	\$6130	\$9320	\$6930	\$10840
May 17*, 24*	4920	6900	5025	7150	5245	7605	5170	7455	5265	7715	5855	8905	6225	9505	7075	11135
May 31	4955	6965	5030	7175	5130	7375	5185	7490	5390	7975	5855	8905	6225	9505	7075	11135
Jun 14, 21	4955	6965	5375	7870	5475	8070	5185	7490	5390	7975	5855	8905	6225	9505	7075	11135
Jun 28	4840	6740	5030	7175	5130	7375	5085	7290	5390	7975	5855	8905	5870	8795	6670	10320
Jul 12, 26, Aug 16, 23, 30	4835	6720	5030	7175	5130	7375	5085	7290	5160	7505	5625	8435	5710	8480	6510	10005
Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1	4955	6965	5205	7525	5300	7720	5185	7490	5390	7975	5855	8905	6225	9505	7075	11135
Nov 8	4955	6965	4940	6975	5040	7170	5185	7490	5100	7385	5565	8315	6225	9505	7075	11135
Nov 15	4835	6720	4940	6975	5040	7170	5185	7490	5100	7385	5565	8315	5455	7965	6230	9445
Nov 29	4555	6165	4800	6675	4965	7020	5010	7135	4960	7085	5425	8030	5260	7575	6025	9035
Dec 13	4625	6310	5150	7390	5315	7740	5150	7415	5200	7580	5630	8460	5570	8195	6365	9710
Dec 20	4920	6895	5235	7570	5400	7920	5355	7830	5360	7915	5890	8990	6030	9120	6870	10725
Dec 27	4625	6310	4890	6855	5050	7200	5080	7275	4960	7085	5490	8165	5415	7885	6195	9370
2024 Departure Dates																
Jan 10, Feb 14	4555	6165	4890	6875	4890	6895	4845	6810	4960	7085	5390	7965	5120	7295	5850	8685
Feb 28	4825	6710	5005	7125	5075	7265	5130	7380	5140	7455	5535	8255	5345	7745	6110	9205
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3	4835	6720	5030	7175	5130	7375	5185	7490	5160	7505	5660	8505	5710	8480	6510	10005
Apr 10	4835	6720	5235	7595	5335	7790	5185	7490	5160	7505	5660	8505	6160	9380	7045	11070
May 1*	4955	6965	5205	7525	5300	7720	5185	7490	5390	7975	5890	8980	5710	8480	6510	10005
May 8*, 15, 22, 29*	RATES TO BE ADVISED															

**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).

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