

Israel Serenade

Tuesday Departures 13 Days • 11 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 participants*

Tour Includes:

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

15 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

- Visit the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Visit the beautifully restored former Templar settlement—Saron
- Dinner and special presentation in Haifa
- Descend to the Underwater Grottoes 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



David Citadel, Jerusalem

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Tuesday: En Route

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

Wednesday: 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".

Thursday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to **Weizmann House**, the recently restored unique and grand home of Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel and founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The house is presented in a living way, as if its residents are still living on the premises. Continue to the pre-state underground Ammunitions Factory at **Machon Ayalon** to learn about the activities of the Hagannah. Then, on to the military junction at **Latrun**, once the border with Jordan; visit the **Tank Division Memorial**. Continue to **Saron**, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Saron looks and feels magical. On to your hotel in Tel Aviv. (B)

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. 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) – SERENADE – TUESDAY 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 9	\$5415	\$7490	\$5575	\$7845	\$5745	\$8210	\$5645	\$8010	\$5770	\$8310	\$6405	\$9600	\$6785	\$10225	\$7635	\$11855
May 16*, 23*	5445	7550	5605	7905	5900	8515	5825	8365	5850	8475	6630	10060	6895	10450	7810	12205
May 30	5480	7610	5610	7935	5785	8285	5840	8400	5970	8735	6630	10060	6895	10450	7810	12205
Jun 13, 20	5495	7630	6000	8715	6130	8980	5840	8400	6010	8820	6630	10060	6895	10450	7810	12205
Jun 27	5370	7395	5650	8020	5785	8285	5740	8195	6010	8820	6630	10060	6540	9740	7405	11390
Jul 11,25, Aug 15, 22, 29	5370	7385	5650	8020	5785	8285	5740	8195	5785	8350	6400	9585	6345	9345	7215	11010
Oct 10, 17, 24, 31	5495	7630	5825	8370	5955	8630	5840	8400	6010	8820	6630	10060	6895	10450	7810	12205
Nov 7	5495	7630	5565	7820	5695	8080	5840	8400	5725	8230	6345	9470	6895	10450	7810	12205
Nov 14	5370	7385	5565	7820	5695	8080	5840	8400	5725	8230	6345	9470	6125	8910	6965	10515
Nov 28	5085	6820	5400	7470	5620	7930	5665	8045	5565	7880	6205	9185	5895	8445	6730	10040
Dec 12	5160	6965	5750	8185	5970	8650	5805	8325	5805	8375	6375	9545	6200	9060	7065	10715
Dec 19	5450	7550	5835	8365	6055	8830	6015	8740	5965	8705	6670	10145	6665	9985	7575	11730
Dec 26	5160	6965	5490	7645	5710	8110	5735	8185	5565	7880	6270	9320	6045	8755	6900	10380
2024 Departure Dates																
Jan 9, Feb 13	5085	6820	5490	7670	5490	7695	5445	7610	5565	7880	6135	9050	5705	8070	6495	9575
Feb 27	5360	7365	5610	7920	5675	8065	5730	8180	5740	8250	6280	9345	5930	8520	6755	10090
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2	5370	7385	5650	8020	5785	8285	5840	8400	5785	8350	6450	9685	6345	9345	7215	11010
Apr 30*	5495	7630	5825	8370	5955	8630	5840	8400	6010	8820	6680	10155	6345	9345	7215	11010
May 7*, 14, 21, 28*	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.