

Israel Symphony

Sunday Departures

15 Days • 13 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 participants*

Tour Includes:

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

17 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

- Tour the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Visit the ANU and Palmach Museums
- Archeological "Dig" at Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Visit the beautifully restored former Templar settlement—Sarona
- 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 Hasmonian 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



Jerusalem

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Sunday: En Route

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

Monday: 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".

Tuesday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to the new ANU Museum on the campus of the Tel Aviv University. Here, your private museum guide will present you with the unique and ongoing story of the Jewish People throughout the generations, using murals, dioramas, three dimensional reconstructions, films and interactive multimedia presentations. Drive to the town of Zichron Yaacov; the magnificent gardens are dedicated to Baron Rothschild, one of Israel's great benefactors. Then, on to Atlit, the detention camp where "illegal" Jewish immigrants fleeing from Nazi persecution in Europe were incarcerated during the British Mandate. See the replica of a ship (*when available for visits*) illustrating the conditions that the thousands of survivors endured during their transport to Israel. Visit Ein Hod, *when daylight hours permit*, the only artists' village in Israel, and one of the few of its kind in the entire world. Return to Tel Aviv for overnight. (B)

Wednesday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to Ben Gurion House in Tel Aviv, which served as one of the residences of the First Prime Minister of Israel; see his personal belongings and expansive library. Continue to the Palmach Museum (*subject to appointment confirmation*), for a virtual tour of the history of the underground organization. We'll then have 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. We'll visit the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel's largest art museum and award winner for its unique structural design. Onward to charming and quaint Neve Tzedek (Tel Aviv's "Soho"), the first neighborhood constructed outside Old Jaffa; the old buildings are amazing! Just down the road is the newly developed open-air pedestrian mall—the "Tachana" converted from an old railroad station. You'll have some time to stroll through the shops here and perhaps enjoy coffee or an ice cream in one of the many cafes before we head back to your hotel (those wishing to spend some more time here can taxi back to the hotel, just minutes away). (B)

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 Sarona, a former Templar settlement restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Sarona 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. 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 **Katrin**, capital of the Golan and to the **Monument of the 7th Brigade**. It is here, in the magnificent strip of the Golan that has



Grottoes at Rosh Hanikra

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) – SYMPHONY – SUNDAY 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 7	\$6435	\$8750	\$6710	\$9330	\$6965	\$9880	\$6865	\$9675	\$6900	\$9795	\$7855	\$11730	\$8055	\$12010	\$9025	\$13865
May 14*, 21*, 28	6465	8810	6745	9420	7180	10305	7120	10190	7105	10220	8155	12340	8210	12315	9250	14315
Jun 11, 18	6535	8935	7215	10375	7410	10770	7120	10190	7225	10480	8155	12340	8210	12315	9250	14315
Jun 25	6405	8680	6865	9680	7065	10075	7020	9990	7225	10480	8155	12340	7855	11605	8840	13500
Jul 9, 23, Aug 13, 20, 27	6415	8690	6865	9680	7065	10075	7020	9990	6995	10005	7925	11865	7580	11055	8590	12995
Oct 8, 15, 22, 29	6535	8935	7040	10025	7235	10420	7120	10190	7225	10480	8155	12340	8210	12315	9250	14315
Nov 5	6535	8935	6780	9475	6975	9870	7120	10190	6940	9890	7870	11745	8210	12315	9250	14315
Nov 12	6415	8690	6780	9475	6975	9870	7120	10190	6940	9890	7870	11745	7440	10775	8405	12625
Nov 26	6115	8105	6570	9025	6900	9720	6945	9835	6730	9440	7725	11465	7125	10150	8105	12025
Dec 10	6190	8250	6920	9745	7250	10440	7085	10115	6970	9935	7830	11690	7435	10770	8440	12700
Dec 17	6485	8835	7005	9925	7335	10620	7290	10530	7130	10265	8160	12355	7895	11695	8950	13715
Dec 24	6190	8250	6660	9205	6990	9900	7015	9975	6730	9440	7795	11595	7280	10460	8275	12365
2024 Departure Dates																
Feb 25	6390	8650	6780	9480	6845	9635	6900	9750	6910	9805	7735	11485	7070	10040	8015	11845
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24	6415	8690	6865	9680	7065	10075	7120	10190	6995	10005	7760	11535	7580	11055	8590	12995
Mar 31	6415	8690	6865	9680	7065	10075	7120	10190	6995	10005	8000	12010	7580	11055	8590	12995
Apr 7	6415	8690	7075	10095	7270	10490	7120	10190	6995	10005	8000	12010	8030	11955	9120	14060
Apr 28*	6560	8980	7220	10380	5590	7275	5475	7045	7405	10830	8225	12485	7710	11315	8700	13220
May 5*, 19, 26*	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.



Hanging Gardens, Haifa