

Sights, Sounds and Tastes of Israel by Private Car

Explore Israel by Private Car with your own Private Guide on this exceptional itinerary specially designed for you to enjoy unique cultural and culinary experiences as well as visits to the high points of interest throughout Israel.

Wednesday Departure 12 Days • 10 Nights

Tour Includes:

- Professional Expert Guide
- Luxury Hotels
- 8 Days of Private Car Touring with Private Guide
- Arrival and Departure Transfers with Special Assistance at Ben Gurion Airport (International Flights)

19 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Lunch at a Chef Restaurant in Akko
- 2 Dinners at Mitzpe Hayamim
- Home hosted lunch in Galilee
- Lunch at a Dead Sea Spa Hotel
- Traditional Friday Night Dinner in Jerusalem
- Tasting Tour in the Old City, Jerusalem

Special Features:

- Golan Heights Jeep Ride and Tour an Army Bunker
- Cheese Making Workshop and Winery in Northern Israel
- Galilee Village Tour including Cooking instruction and Meal
- Visit Old Gesher
- Mahane Yehuda "Shuk Bites" Experience
- Knesset (Parliament) Visit
- Tasting Tour with a Culinary Expert in the Old City
- Tour the Hasmonean Tunnel
- "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem

Hotels:

City	Night	Hotel
Tel Aviv	3	Isrotel Royal Beach-Bella Vista Room/Bus.Lounge Access
Rosh Pina	2	Mitzpe Hayamim Spa Hotel-Jasmin Room
Jerusalem	5	Orient – Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch or (LM) Light Meal
(D) Dinner



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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 and assistance by our representative and transfer to the spectacular Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel on Tel Aviv's sparkling Mediterranean Sea. Balance of the day at leisure. Enjoy dinner on your own, at one of Tel Aviv's top restaurants or try the fine Chef restaurant at the Royal Beach Hotel (it's one of our favorites).

Friday: Tel Aviv

Begin your day with 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. 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 cafes and craft stalls including a stroll through trendy Sheinkin Street adjacent to the market. Return to your hotel. This evening at leisure for you to choose from one of the many excellent restaurants in Tel Aviv. (B)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Visit to Machon Ayalon the reconstructed underground munitions factory located under the kibbutz bakery. It was built and operated during the years 1946-1948. This special clandestine factory was prepared secretly in less than a month. Its openings were covered by a 10 ton oven and a large washing machine that camouflaged the noise of manufacturing bullets. The Ayalon institute was the largest IMI factory to operate underground and produced over 2,500,000 9mm bullets mostly for Sten guns during its three years of operation. Drive to the military junction at Latrun, once the border with Jordan; see the French Trappist Monastery and visit the Tank Division Memorial. Return to Tel Aviv and visit Sarona, an old German Templar colony meticulously restored, preserving the original architecture and converted to a lively pedestrian area with a booming culinary arena. After a walking tour, enjoy free time exploring the new urban complexes including various shops, cafes and art galleries. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure in vibrant Tel Aviv. (B)

Sunday: Tel Aviv/Rosh Pina (Galilee)

Drive to ancient Caesarea to explore the Roman and Crusader ruins. On to the port city of Haifa for a view of the golden-domed Baha'i Shrine and visit the breathtaking "hanging gardens," – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to the Crusader city of Acre. Enjoy lunch at famous Uri Buri Restaurant. Afterwards, walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful middle Ages. Drive along the coast to Rosh Hanikra; descend by cable car to see the

magnificent underwater grottoes. Continue to **Mitzpe Hayamim** in Rosh Pina, a natural health spa and resort unique in its concept and design with flourishing herbal and flower gardens and an organic farm with the tastiest cuisine. Enjoy dinner in the quaint dining room. (B.L.D)

Monday: Rosh Pina (Galilee)

Begin the day with a tour of **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**. Continue to the **Adir Winery** for wine tasting, and to participate in a hands-on **cheese making workshop**. Ascend the **Golan Heights** and continue through the valleys and ranges on a thrilling **Jeep ride**; take in the breathtaking panoramic views and learn about the strategic importance of the area. Drive to wondrous **Mt. Ben Tal** for a magnificent view beyond the Israeli borders. Visit an army bunker and hear the fascinating story of the war fought in the Golan. Return to your hotel for dinner at **The Wood Grill**, the special restaurant of the Mitzpe Hayamim offering assorted meats grilled on various aromatic tree branches. (B.D)

Tuesday: Rosh Pina/Jerusalem

Drive to **Capernaum** to see the fantastic ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th-century. Continue to a local **Galilee Village** where you will have a taste of Galilean village life. Arrive at your hosts' home where you will **prepare a meal together** along with a selection of side dishes cooked especially for you by your host. Then on to Old Geshar to see a look-out onto the Jordan River scenery and the Gilad and Golan Mountain ranges. You will hear the moving story of the struggle of the kibbutz members during the War of Independence. The fighters' bunker located in the heart of the settlement has been converted into a unique visitors' center. We will then go on a journey through time at the Naharayim Experience, a large and first-of-its-kind model that demonstrates the operation of Israel's first and only hydroelectric power station which was established on the Jordan River, in the early 1920's. 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. Check in to the newest hotel in Jerusalem, the spectacular Orient Hotel built on the grounds of historic buildings preserved from the Templar Era of the 1880's. Overnight in Israel's capital. (B.L)

Wednesday: Jerusalem

An exciting day today as we enter the **Old City** from the Dung Gate; walk to the **Western Wall**, last remnant of the Second Temple. View the **Dome of the Rock**. Drive to **Mt. Zion** to visit the traditional **Tomb of King David** and the **Room of the Last Supper**. Proceed to the restored **Jewish Quarter**; walk along the **Cardo**, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Walk through the extraordinary **Hasmonean Tunnel** (tunnel schedule permitting.) Follow the

Via Dolorosa to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Join our culinary expert on a **tasting tour** through the exotic **bazaars** with their wondrous aromas and down the Old City alleyways as we stop, taste and chat with the local vendors who have been there for decades. They take great pride in the traditional food, deserts, coffees, hot pitas and mouthwatering pastries that are made fresh daily and savored by all who are fortunate enough to find these hidden culinary hotspots. **Evening:** Restaurant **Dinner** at another one of our favorites where every dish has its origins in biblical scenes and all the spices and herbs grow in the surrounding hills of Jerusalem and Judea. The restaurant is set in an ancient stone building with a huge scenic balcony where you can enjoy the crimson sunsets as they hit the walls of the old city—the special ambiance of the evening is simply intoxicating. Afterwards, attend the **"Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show** at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting). (B.LM.D)

Thursday: Jerusalem

Begin the day with a tour of the **Knesset** (Parliament). Continue to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's national Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, with its Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. This afternoon, we visit bustling and lively **Machane Yehuda Market** (Shuk), a microcosm of everything Jerusalem has to offer. The market is Israel's most sprawling and buzzing network of alleys and vending stalls. Enjoy the **"Shuk Bites"** experience where you'll sample and taste a variety of market products while you hear the intriguing back stories of the vendors you'll meet. Time to shop the different areas of the Market (you may want to return on your own in

the evening when the market area takes on a complete transformation and becomes a different experience altogether with cafes, restaurants and some of the best cuisine the city has to offer. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.LM)

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. Continue to a **Dead Sea Spa Hotel** for lunch and to enjoy an "unsinkable" swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea at the hotel's private beach. Drive via the **Qumran Caves**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, on your return to Jerusalem. **Evening:** Visit the illuminated **Western Wall** on this eve of the Jewish Sabbath before joining the traditional Friday Night Dinner at the hotel. (B.L.D)

Saturday: Jerusalem

Enjoy a day at leisure at your beautiful hotel featuring a magnificent rooftop swimming pool, as well as an indoor pool in the spa complex where saunas, Turkish baths, and an array of pampering spa treatments are available. You may also wish to visit some of the museums that are open on Saturday, with the most prominent of them—the Museum of the History of Jerusalem (Citadel Museum) and the Israel Museum with the Shrine of the book. Endless activities in this magical city. (B)

Sunday: En Route

Transfer to the Airport for your international departure flight; special assistance for check-in service. (B)

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD)						
May '23 - May '24						
	4-Seat Vehicle		7-Seat Vehicle			
#Passengers Per Vehicle	2		3		4	
	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
2023 Wednesday Departures						
May 24*, 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, Jul 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16, 23	\$9025	\$11165	\$7645	\$9785	\$6760	\$8900
Jun 28, Jul 5, 12	8930	10965	7550	9585	6665	8705
Aug 30, Nov 15, Dec 13	8965	11045	7585	9665	6705	8780
Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8	9025	11165	7645	9785	6760	8900
Nov 22	8900	10910	7520	9530	6635	8645
Nov 29, Dec 6	8820	10755	7440	9375	6560	8490
Dec 20	9195	11485	7815	10105	6930	9220
Dec 27	8925	10950	7545	9570	6660	8685
2024 Wednesday Departures						
Jan 3, Feb 21	8750	10620	7370	9240	6485	8360
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14	8710	10545	7330	9165	6445	8280
Feb 28	8950	11010	7570	9630	6685	8745
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, May 1*, 8*, 15	9025	11165	7645	9785	6760	8900
May 22, 29*	RATES TO BE ADVISED					

* Touring Revised due to Holidays in Israel. For dates and prices prior to May 24, 2023, please inquire. Supplement for touring in Mercedes V Class (seats up to 5 passengers) available, please inquire. Prices for 3rd bed Adult & Child (over 10 years only) rates available upon request.