

# The Ultimate Family Tour & Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

**Sunday Departures**  
12 Days • 10 Nights

*Bar or Bat Mitzvah child FREE!*

## Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotels
- Comprehensive Group Sightseeing Escorted by Professional Tour Manager (Option for Touring by Private Car)
- Arrival and Departure Transfers with Assistance (International Flights)

## 17 Meals:

- Israeli Buffet Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner in Tel Aviv
- A Bedouin "Chafla" dinner at Genesis Land
- Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gala Dinner
- Kibbutz Dinner in the Galilee
- BBQ dinner in the Galilee
- Farewell dinner in Jerusalem

## Deluxe Hotels

City	Nights	Hotel
Tel Aviv	2	Carlton – Sea View Rooms
Galilee	2	Kibbutz Kfar Blum
Jerusalem	6	Orient – Orient Room

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



Camel Trekking in the desert

**Highlights:** Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony in Jerusalem • Herodian Excavations • Rabbinical Tunnel • Davidson Center • City of David • Archaeological Dig • Camel Ride in the Desert • Bedouin "Hafla" Dinner • Kayaking or Rafting on the Jordan River • Zip Lining on the Omega • Visit an Army Base • Jeep Riding in the Golan Heights • Bread & cheese making activity • Tree Planting at Neot Kedumim • Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem • Many more Special Events and lots of surprises!

**Plus!** A Festive Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebratory Evening

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

### Sunday: En Route

Depart the USA on your flight to Israel.

### Monday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv; meeting, assistance, and transfer to your hotel on the sparkling Mediterranean shore. Balance of the day at leisure. **Welcome Dinner** get-together this evening. (D)

### Tuesday: Tel Aviv

We'll all meet this morning and begin our tour driving first to **Machon Ayalon**, a secretive bullet factory established by the Haganah underground movement in 1945. As the largest bullet factory during that time, it produced 2.23 million bullets between 1946- 1948, while keeping the secret from the ruling British military. Continue to **Neot Kedumim**, an eco-tourism site and a "living museum" that recreates the physical setting of the Bible, in all its depth and detail. Here, you will have the opportunity to **plant a tree** in the soil of Israel. Drive back to **Jaffa** to explore the reconstructed Artists' Quarter with its galleries and boutiques. We'll head to Tel-Aviv's popular **Nachalat Benyamin**, an open

pedestrian Arts and Craft Fair where you will find a variety of hand made products as well as performance artists. Evening at leisure in vibrant Tel Aviv. (B)

### Wednesday: Caesarea/Haifa/Galilee

Drive to **Caesarea**, the "Dream by the Sea" constructed by Herod the Great. Enjoy a tour of the rich remains spanning from the time of the Romans to the Islamic period: the 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheater, the Crusader harbor, and Herod's palace. Then, head to **Haifa**; see the meticulous **Bahai Gardens**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, often described as the "eighth wonder of the world." Proceed to a nearby **Druze Village** where we will learn about the Druze people and their way of life. Continue to **Mitzpeh Hoshaya's Kfar Kedem**; participate in cheese making and bread baking and take the **Donkey ride** challenge. Leave with a **Homing Pigeon** and send a special message back to Kfar Kedem as you release the pigeon on his path back home. On to the **Jordan River** area, where you can test your skills **kayaking\*** on the **Jordan River** and **zip lining** on the **Omega**. **Dinner** and overnight at your Kibbutz hotel. (B.D)  
\* Not available in December.





*Rafting on the Jordan River*

**Thursday: Galilee**

Today, we've arranged for a unique experience – subject to the political situation, we'll visit an **Army Base**, speak with the soldiers who defend the northern borders and observe the life of an active combat unit. Afterwards, a sweet treat as we head to **De Karina Chocolate Boutique and Factory** established by a family of chocolatiers who settled in Israel in 2003 from Argentina. The guided tour will take us through the factory where we learn about the history of the chocolate making industry before tasting some of the most delicious chocolate ever. Descend from the heights of the Golan, taking in spectacular views of the area as we make our way to **Tel Dan**, a town that has seen many different occupants in the course of 6000 years. Its setting in the lush valley supplied by the Dan River makes it one of the loveliest sites to visit in the North. Tonight we will enjoy a **traditional Israeli dinner** followed by an exciting **jeep tour** beginning in the twilight hour traveling into the darkness. Traveling in open jeeps, we will hear the sounds of the night and observe the active wildlife. Returning from this exhilarating ride, we will head for a cosy get together around a bonfire "**Kumzits**" to roast some marshmallows while we star gaze into the glorious Israeli skies. (B.D)

**Friday: Jerusalem**

Begin the day in the ancient, sacred city of **Safed**, the center of Kabbalah; explore the picturesque ancient alleyways, the historic synagogues and visit some of the many fine galleries in this artists' colony. Drive through the **Jordan Valley** to **Beit Shean**. Visit the largest excavated Roman city in the Middle East that was home to approximately 40,000 people. See the Roman temple, artisan

workshop, public baths and a magnificent amphitheater that is still used for performances. Then drive south and rise through the mountains to Jerusalem. Upon arrival, stop for a blessing of Shehecheyanu while taking in the sweeping views of the Old City. Tonight, traditional **Shabbat Dinner** at the hotel in Jerusalem. (B.D)

**Saturday: Jerusalem**

Day at leisure in this fascinating city with an opportunity to rest, participate in one of the many Shabbat services, or visit with family. Or, simply enjoy the swimming pool and fantastic facilities at your hotel. (B)

**Sunday: Jerusalem**

Drive to the **City of David**, an exciting area of discovery in the heart of ancient Jerusalem – home to many of the most impressive finds of recent years. Visit the **underground water system** including brand new discoveries from the Canaanite Period. You might explore the cool wet **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, or choose the recently opened (and dry...) tunnel which brought water to the city in the time of Herod. Continue to the **Southern Wall Archaeological Park (Davidson Centre)** and experience a fascinating presentation describing the Temple Mount and life as it was two millennia ago. Arrive at the **Western Wall**, Judaism's holiest site, and finish the day's adventure walking back in time through the **Western Wall (Rabbinical) Tunnel**, a fantastic route running under the Old City. Return to the hotel and meet with the Rabbi for a final rehearsal of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony before the big day. Evening: drive to **Genesis Land (Eretz Beresheet)**, located in the heart of Judean

Desert; experience life as it was in biblical times as you are greeted by Eliezer, Abraham's servant, and a train of camels leading you down to Abraham's tent, where you will have the **Bedouin "Hafla"**, dinner. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B.D)

**Monday: Jerusalem**

The big day is here for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrants and we've made sure that it's everything you hoped for and more. Early morning descend through the Judean Desert to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on Planet earth, continuing straight to **Masada**, a UNESCO "World Heritage Site". Ascend the mountain by **Cable Car** to this last stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. Join the Rabbi for the **Bar/Bat Mitzvah service** at a select location overlooking the Dead Sea and the Mountains of Moab. After, tour Herod's Palace, the synagogue, the bath house, the water system and the fascinating storage rooms. Descend Masada and drive to the Dead Sea for a "float" in the therapeutic mineral-rich waters before proceeding to **Ein Gedi** for a hike through this beautiful oasis to the spectacular waterfalls—a perfect family day to remember. Return to Jerusalem and get ready this evening for the "**Night Spectacular**" **Sound & Light Show** at the Citadel Museum. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

**Tuesday: Jerusalem**

Begin with a short drive to **Ammunition Hill** and learn of the epic battle between Israeli paratroopers and Jordanian legionnaires during the Six Day War that resulting in the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967. Continue to **Yad Vashem National Memorial and Museum**



of the Holocaust. Stop at the Grove of the Righteous among the Nations, the Children's Memorial and take part in a special "Yizkor" (memorial service) in Bikat Ha Kehilot (The Valley of Communities). A special program will be provided for children (accompanied by one parent). Proceed to Mt. Herzl, the site of Israel's national cemetery and see the final resting place of the founders of modern day Israel including former prime ministers and presidents. On to famous Machane Yehuda Market and immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's Shuk (market). Wander around the many local vendors selling delicious cheeses, pastries, spices, nuts, fruit jusices and much more. Tonight we've planned a Festive Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration in honour of the children's hard work and the dedication they have shown.

Enjoy a specially arranged dinner planned around the freshest of local bounty and live entertainment (subject to group size). It will be a night to remember. Overnight Jerusalem. (B.D)

**Wednesday: Jerusalem**

Today begins with an archaeological dig at the Tel Maresha excavations where we will take part in a hands-on search for ancient objects; followed by a 'crawl' through the famous Beit Guvrin caves. Continue to Latrun, a strategic location on the road to Jerusalem during Israel's War of Independence. Tour the IDF Armoured Corps Musuem, where all the tanks used by the Israeli army since 1948 are on display. Return to the hotel to refresh before our farewell dinner. Those departing late this

evening will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met and assisted for your departure flight. (B.D)

**Thursday: En Route**

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport (meeting and assistance provided) for your return flight to the USA. (B)

**Eilat Extensions**  
(with optional tour to Petra)  
available, please inquire!

*This is a sample itinerary. Schedule of sites and visits are subject to change. Please refer to the price chart below showing the sequence of stay, which may vary according to your selected departure date.*

**2023 LAND PRICES (USD)**  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Child is FREE (applies to ONE Bar/Bat Mitzvah child per family of 3 or more – Bar/Bat Mitzvah Child must be 12 or 13\*):  
Per Person Rate from \$4969.

*Total Rates for Families that include a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Child.	Jun 25 - Jul 6	Jul 2 - 13 <sup>^</sup>	Jul 30-Aug 10 <sup>^</sup> Aug 20-31 <sup>^</sup>	Dec 20 -31 <sup>^</sup>
Single (one person in a room) Pays for 1 Single:	\$ 7119	\$ 6924	\$ 6844	\$ 7139
Couple (sharing a double room) Pay for 2 persons:	10298	9998	9938	10298
Family of 3 (2 adults, 1 BM child in 1 room) Pay for 2 persons	10298	9998	9938	10298
Family of 4 (2 adults, child under 18, BM child - 2 rooms) Pay for 3 persons	15447	14997	14907	15447
Family of 5 (2 adults, 2 children under 18, BM child - 2 rooms) Pay for 4 persons	20596	19996	19876	20596

\* No additional discounts apply for non-Bar/Bat Mitzvah children in rooms above. Maximum ONE Free Bar/Bat child per family.

<sup>^</sup> Jul 2, Jul 30 & Aug 20'2023 Departures - Revised Itinerary: 6 Nights Jerusalem/2 Nights Kibbutz/2 Nights Tel Aviv

<sup>^</sup> Dec 20'2023 Wednesday Departure - Revised Itinerary: 3 Nights Tel Aviv/2 Nights Kibbutz/5 Nights Jerusalem.

Extensions available in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem or to Eilat with Optional Petra Day Tour for either Pre or Post the Tour dates.

Private Car Touring using the above itinerary & customized itineraries for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Family Tours available; please inquire.



Masada