

HADASSAH



Hadassah Family Tour to Israel

Led by Carol Rosenthal
December 22, 2022 - January 1, 2023
(As of 8/4/22)



Day 1: Thursday, December 22, 2022: DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flight to Israel.
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Day 2: Friday, December 23, 2022: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive in Israel and are met and assisted by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We travel to **Neot Kedumim** to **plant trees**, connecting us physically and spiritually to the land of Israel.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem**, stopping atop **Mt. Scopus** to say the “Shehecheyanu” as we look out over the City of Gold for the first time together.
- Later this afternoon, we check into our hotel and refresh before **Hanukkah candle lighting**.
- As the sun sets, we welcome **Shabbat at the Kotel** with the people of Jerusalem, followed by private **Shabbat welcome dinner** at our hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Saturday, December 24, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM

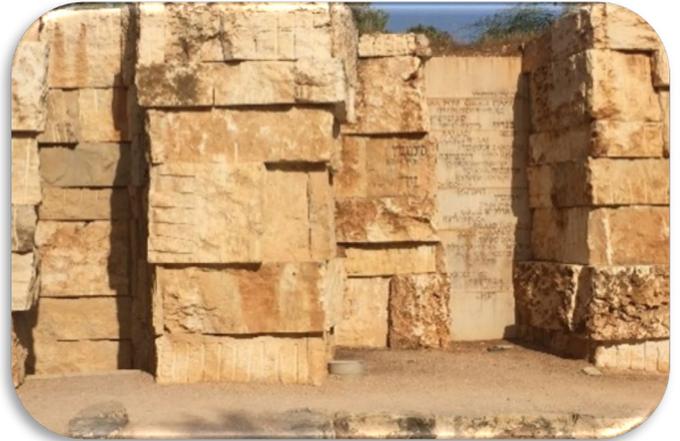
- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Free morning to attend Shabbat services on own or just relax.
- This afternoon, we set out on a scavenger hunt in the Yemin Moshe neighborhood, a great way to get to know the area.
- As day turns to night, we join for Havdalah at our hotel, marking the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week. We also partake in Hanukkah candle lighting.
- Dinner on own this evening.
- Lights, Camera Action! Following dinner, we delight in the **Tower of David Night Spectacular**, a sound and light show that transforms the walls of David’s Citadel into the living story of Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 4: Sunday, December 25, 2022: ISRAEL THEN AND NOW

- Breakfast at our hotel joined by a journalist who will speak about the current state of Israel.
- We begin our day at **Yad Vashem**, the national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Here, we explore some of the newly found materials relating to places, people, and events connected to the Holocaust, including:
 - Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations
 - Exhibit of children's drawings
 - Children's memorial
- We complete our visit at Yad Vashem with a **group memorial service** at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**. (Small children and parents will visit the Biblical Zoo instead),
- Time for lunch on own.
- This afternoon, we visit **Ammunition Hill**, the official museum symbolizing the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem. Its new multi-media film will help us better understand the events and battles of 196.
- We return to our hotel for **Hanukkah candle lighting**, followed by dinner on own.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Monday, December 26, 2022: JERUSALEM AND THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- *Optional:* We host a **B'nai Mitzvah ceremony** at Hadassah Ein Kerem at the **Abbell Synagogue**, home of the beautiful **Chagall windows**. Mazel tov!
- We remain at **Ein Kerem Hadassah Hospital** for a tour of the **Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower**, featuring the most modern hospital facilities in the region. We **meet with staff and patients** and take an in-depth look at this cutting-edge medical facility and how it has adapted to ever-changing needs.
- This afternoon, we visit **Emek Tzurim**, where we sift through the Temple Mount rubble. New and important finds are made here every day.
- We continue to the **Old City** for a walking tour of the **Jewish Quarter**, including time to shop in the **Cardo Market**.
- From the streets to above the rooftops, we **walk the ramparts**, providing us a birds-eye view of the different quarters.



- We complete our day at **Ir David, the City of David**, where we wander through the archaeological excavations dating back to the time of King David, including Hezekiah's water tunnel.
- We join together for **Hanukkah candle lighting**, followed by a **celebratory group dinner** at **Piccolino** in honor of our B'nai Mitzvah.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6: Tuesday, December 27, 2022: THE DEAD SEA BASIN

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We depart early and travel south to the **Dead Sea basin**. Upon arrival, we ascend the imposing mountain of **Masada** by cable car to view the remains of King Herod's fortress, including the synagogue, walls and bathhouse, as we learn about the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman forces.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach for an unsinkable swim in the luxuriating, salty and mineral-rich waters of the **Dead Sea**, where we can cover ourselves in silky, healing mud and float at the lowest place on Earth.
- We continue to a nearby **Bedouin community** for an authentic desert experience, including a **camel ride** and **traditional lunch**.
- We travel through the Jordan Valley to the **Galilee** to check into our kibbutz and refresh before **dinner** together this evening.



Overnight in the Galilee



Day 7: Wednesday, December 28, 2022: NORTHERN ADVENTURES

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- Today, we set out on an exciting **jeep tour** through the **Golan Heights** to **Mitzpe Gadot** to take in the amazing views and see the memorial to those soldiers who lost their lives capturing this crucial spot from Syrian forces in 1967.
- We continue in our jeeps to the top of **Har Bental** for views stretching far into Syria.
- Next, we enjoy a **chocolate workshop**, learning from the experts in a fun and delicious way at the **DeKarina Chocolate Factory**.
- This afternoon, we travel to the mystical city of **Safed**, where we stroll through the cobblestone streets to view the ancient synagogues and shop in the artist's quarter.
- Our final adventure today is at **Dubrovnik Farms**, where we participate in a lively **hummus making competition**.
- We return to our kibbutz for **dinner** together this evening.



Overnight in the Galilee

Day 8: Thursday, December 29, 2022: THE ROAD TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- This morning, we visit the **Hula Valley Nature Reserve** and enjoy a **surrey ride** through the bucolic scenery.
- We travel west to **Haifa** and drive to the top of **Mt. Carmel** for panoramic views overlooking the beautiful **Bahai Gardens**.
- Later this afternoon, we visit **Hadassah's Meir Shfeya Youth Village**, where we interact with the students and staff and visit the village, including their working farm and winery.
- We continue to **Tel Aviv** to check into our hotel and refresh before setting out for an evening at leisure to explore and enjoy dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Day 9: Friday, December 30, 2022: TOURING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we visit the **Ayalon Institute** and discover the underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence.
- Next, we travel to **Beit Guvrin**, for a hands-on **archaeological dig**, allowing us the opportunity to unearth remnants from Israel's ancient past. Those who wish can participate in **cave crawling** through the underground tunnel.
- We return to Tel Aviv, where the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city on our own.
- This evening, we enjoy **Shabbat dinner** in our hotel's main dining room.



Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 10: Saturday, December 31, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Breakfast at our hotel.
 - Enjoy a free Morning in Tel Aviv for last minute shopping and exploring.
 - This afternoon, we follow **Independence Trail** on a walking tour through the **Ahuzat Bayit neighborhood**, where the city was originally developed.
 - Next, we set out on a walking tour of **Old Jaffa**, strolling through the winding streets to view the art galleries and take in the views of the sea while learning about this historically important port.
 - This evening, we check out of our hotel and enjoy a festive **farewell dinner**, recalling all that we have experienced together on this journey.
 - We transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flights back to the United States.
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Day 11: Monday, January 1, 2023: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning. Happy New Year!

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!

**Itinerary subject to change*

