

Ayelet TOURS

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Highlights Tour of

ISRAEL

12 Nights/14 Days



Highlights Tour of Israel

12 NIGHTS * 14 DAYS * 8 TOURING DAYS
THURSDAY DEPARTURE/FRIDAY ARRIVAL
3 NIGHTS TEL AVIV * 2 NIGHTS GALILEE *
5 NIGHTS JERUSALEM * 2 NIGHTS EILAT *
(WITH OPTIONAL DAY TOUR TO) **PETRA, JORDAN**

DAY 1 THURSDAY BEGIN THE JOURNEY

- Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Israel.
(Contact Ayelet Tours for assistance booking flights.)

DAY 2 FRIDAY ARRIVAL

- Shalom and welcome to Israel! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport you will be greeted and assisted by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- Transfer on your own to your hotel, check in and enjoy the remainder of the day on our own.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own. (Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.)

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 3 SATURDAY SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Tel Aviv on own. Relax at the beach, take in a museum or art gallery or just stroll around the city.
- Dinner on own tonight.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

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DAY 4 SUNDAY THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Today, we drive along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea**, the former Roman capital of the area. Here, we view the ancient theater, the aqueduct and port, as well as the impressive excavations of the Crusaders' city.
- We continue to **Megiddo**, site of biblical Armageddon, whose 20 layers of civilization were featured in James Michener's *The Source*.
- Our next stop is the **Druze village of Daliyat el Carmel**, where we learn about their unique culture.
- We enjoy a **late lunch** at a local restaurant.
- Next, we drive to the top of **Mt. Carmel in Haifa**, where we take in the panoramic views overlooking the amazing terraced **Bahai Gardens**.
- We continue to the **Galilee** to check into our kibbutz and refresh before **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 5 MONDAY SAFED AND THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- Today, we tour the mystical city of **Safed**, center of Kabbalistic practice, exploring the narrow alleyways lined with ancient synagogues and artists' galleries.
- We enjoy a drive through the **Golan Heights**, passing former Syrian bunkers on the way to the top of **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria. Our guide updates us on the geopolitical situation in the area.
- We continue to **Kuneitra**, the former Syrian administrative capital of the region, and **Katzrin**, the Israeli administrative capital of the region.
- Next, we stop at the award-winning **Golan winery** for a **tour and wine tasting**.
- Our final stop is at **Kesem Hagolan** to watch a spectacular multimedia presentation of the area and its history in the 180-degree IMAX movie theater.
- We return to our kibbutz for **dinner** this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 6 TUESDAY THE SEA OF GALILEE AND NAZARETH

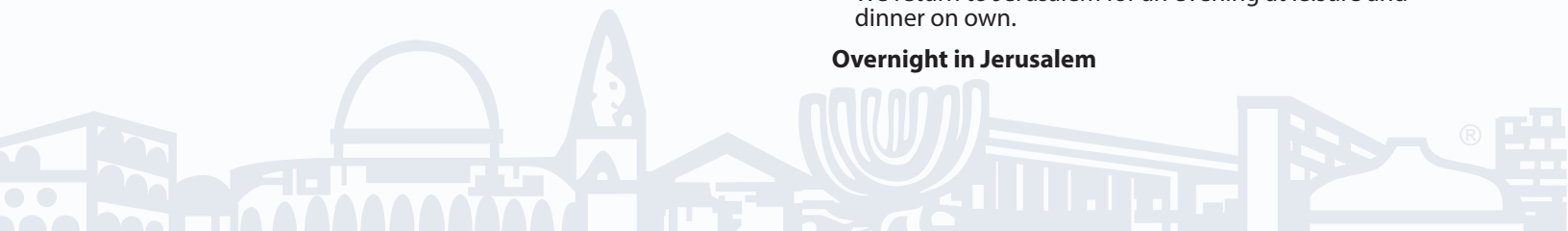
- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- We begin our day with a visit to the **Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth**, ** which some believe marks the site of Mary's childhood home and the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel.
- We continue to **Tiberias**, one of four holy cities in Judaism, where we visit the grave of the medieval sage **Maimonides**.
- Our next stop is at **Capernaum**, where Jesus began his ministry and site of numerous miracles. We see the ruins of several synagogues and the octagonal **Church of St. Peter**.
- At **Mount of Beatitudes**, we see the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
- We drive by the Roman ruins of **Beit Shean**, destroyed over 1,300 years ago by earthquake, recently excavated and reconstructed on a massive and impressive scale, then visit **Beit Alpha** to view the intricate mosaics in the synagogue.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem** and check into our hotel.
- Spend the evening at leisure discovering Jerusalem and enjoying dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 7 WEDNESDAY ANCIENT JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with an ascent up the **Mount of Olives** for a magnificent panoramic view of the **City of Gold**.
- We continue to **Mt. Zion**, where we visit the **tomb of King David** and then proceed to the **Upper Room**, believed to be the site of the **Last Supper**.
- We enter the walled **Old City** and walk through the newly restored **Jewish quarter**, including the **Roman Cardo** marketplace, the **Herodian** quarter excavations and the **Western Wall**, where we have time for personal reflection.
- We walk the **Stations of the Cross** along the **Via Dolorosa**, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** in the **Christian quarter**.
- We continue to **Bethlehem**** (security permitting) to view the **tomb of Rachel**, wife of biblical patriarch Jacob.
- We complete our day with a visit to the **Church of the Nativity** and **Manger Square**.
- We return to Jerusalem for an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 8

THURSDAY MODERN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we browse the extensive galleries of the **Israel Museum**, which recently completed a \$100 million renovation and is world class in every way. The galleries range from pop and modern art, back through the Renaissance and Classical periods, with a strong emphasis on Jewish and Israeli archaeological history with evidence going back thousands of years. We walk through the iconic **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and see the impressive miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period.
- We continue to the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament, where we take a tour and have time for a unique photo opportunity by the amazing outdoor bronze menorah sculpture.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, we learn from our guide some of the heroic stories of those buried here, including Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.
- We continue to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's Holocaust memorial, where we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
- We drive through **Mea Shearim**, an Ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem, to learn about the unique lifestyle of the residents.
- Tonight, we enjoy dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 9

FRIDAY MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Early this morning, we depart for the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Along the way, we stop at the **Qumran caves**, the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found by a local shepherd.
- We ascend **Masada** by cable car to view the remains of King Herod's fortress, including the synagogue, walls and bathhouses, as we learn about the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman forces.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach to enjoy the mineral-rich mud and an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- We return to Jerusalem later this afternoon. *(Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.)*

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 10

SATURDAY SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Jerusalem on own, or just relax and enjoy the calm of the Jewish Sabbath.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 11

SUNDAY THE SOUTH

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We travel south through the Negev Desert to visit **Timna**. Timna was once home to King Solomon's mines. We marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations.
- We continue to **Eilat** and visit the fascinating **Underwater Observatory**, one of the largest aquariums in the world, built into a coral reef in the Gulf of Eilat.
- We check into our hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening and dinner on own.

Overnight in Eilat

DAY 12

MONDAY EILAT OR PETRA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a day of leisure relaxing or participating in some of the many water sports on the shores of the Red Sea **OR** opt for an exciting day tour to **Petra, Jordan***.

OPTIONAL DAY TOUR TO PETRA

*(additional cost applies)

- A mini-bus will provide early morning pick-up at our hotels and transfer to the Jordanian border for crossing formalities.
- After assistance with visa processing, we continue across the border into **Jordan**, meet our Jordanian guide and board our bus to begin our touring experience.
- We drive along desert highways to the astonishing red rose city of **Petra**, once renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans, an early Arab tribe who settled in southern Jordan more than two thousand years ago.
- Our visit begins with the possibility of a short (optional) horseback-ride for about a half mile to the entrance of the **Siq**.



- Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the **Treasury, Royal Tombs, the Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El-Bint** (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments which fascinate visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the Eighth Wonder of the World.
- We enjoy a late **lunch** together.
- We return to the Jordan-Israel border around 6:00 PM to conclude crossing formalities.
- We return to our hotel in Eilat for a free evening and dinner on own.

Overnight in Eilat



DAY 13

TUESDAY DESERT ADVENTURES

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel north to **Mitzpe Ramon** where we gaze into the **Ramon Crater**, a geological wonder.
- We proceed to **Sde Boker** to view David Ben Gurion's gravesite and original hut. Here, we recall his dream of turning the desert green and see the ways in which it is becoming a reality.
- Afterwards, we enjoy an authentic biblical experience at a **Bedouin tent**, including a **camel ride**, **desert hospitality** and a **light lunch**.
- This afternoon, we head north to the **Israeli Air Force Museum** at **Hatzerim** to view the aircraft and learn the history of Israel's brave fighting force.
- We continue to **Tel Aviv**. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel and refresh, followed by an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 14

WEDNESDAY DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Transfer on your own to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back to the United States. L'hitraot!

* Itinerary subject to change

* Visit subject to availability

The above program can be extended and customized for groups or private family tours.

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Land only packages - FRIDAY ARRIVAL*

Rates are per person per room, in US Dollars, based on bed & breakfast daily and 2 dinners. Prices can be paid by check or credit card. Transfers are not included.

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Hotel Plans	4 Star Standard		4 Star Deluxe		5 Star Deluxe		5 Star Super Deluxe	
Tel Aviv 3 Nights	Prima City Tel Aviv		Dan Panorama Tel Aviv		Carlton Tel-Aviv		Dan Tel Aviv	
Galilee 2 Nights	Kibbutz Lavi Eden wing		Kibbutz Lavi Eden wing		Kibbutz Lavi Hadar wing		Kibbutz Lavi Hadar wing	
Jerusalem 5 Nights	Prima Royale Jerusalem		Dan Panorama Jerusalem		Inbal Jerusalem		King David Jerusalem	
Eilat 2 Nights	Prima Music Eilat		Dan Panorama Eilat		Royal Beach Eilat		Dan Eilat	
Arrival date in Israel (Friday)	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
3/3/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$3,845	\$5,684	\$4,346	\$6,541	\$5,540	\$8,840
3/10/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$3,845	\$5,684	\$4,346	\$6,541	\$5,540	\$8,840
3/17/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,066	\$6,104	\$4,346	\$6,541	\$5,540	\$8,840
3/24/2023	PASSOVER- NO TOUR							
3/31/2023	PASSOVER- NO TOUR							
4/7/2023	PASSOVER- NO TOUR							
4/14/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,123	\$6,217	\$4,796	\$7,441	\$6,148	\$10,017
4/21/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,123	\$6,217	\$4,796	\$7,441	\$6,148	\$10,017
4/28/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,123	\$6,217	\$4,796	\$7,441	\$6,148	\$10,017
5/5/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$4,796	\$7,441	\$6,179	\$10,080
5/12/2023	SHAVUOT - NO TOUR							
5/19/2023	SHAVUOT - NO TOUR							
5/26/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$5,049	\$7,947	\$6,179	\$10,080
6/2/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$5,262	\$8,373	\$6,179	\$10,080
6/9/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$5,049	\$7,947	\$6,179	\$10,080
6/16/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$5,262	\$8,373	\$6,179	\$10,080
6/23/2023	\$3,315	\$4,515	\$4,300	\$6,536	\$5,341	\$8,499	\$6,426	\$10,547
6/30/2023	\$3,291	\$4,472	\$4,234	\$6,404	\$4,986	\$7,789	\$5,802	\$9,339
7/7/2023	\$3,291	\$4,472	\$4,234	\$6,404	\$4,986	\$7,789	\$5,802	\$9,339
7/14/2023	\$3,291	\$4,472	\$4,234	\$6,404	\$4,986	\$7,789	\$5,802	\$9,339
7/21/2023	\$3,291	\$4,472	\$4,275	\$6,476	\$4,962	\$7,741	\$5,895	\$9,505
7/28/2023	\$3,291	\$4,472	\$4,316	\$6,549	\$4,962	\$7,741	\$5,988	\$9,671
8/4/2023	\$3,373	\$4,554	\$4,398	\$6,631	\$4,997	\$7,729	\$6,070	\$9,753
8/11/2023	\$3,373	\$4,554	\$4,398	\$6,631	\$4,997	\$7,729	\$6,070	\$9,753
8/18/2023	\$3,373	\$4,554	\$4,398	\$6,631	\$4,997	\$7,729	\$6,070	\$9,753
8/25/2023	\$3,294	\$4,476	\$4,149	\$6,186	\$4,681	\$7,129	\$5,622	\$8,922
9/1/2023	\$3,212	\$4,394	\$4,066	\$6,104	\$4,441	\$6,731	\$5,540	\$8,840
3/3/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$5,049	\$7,947	\$6,179	\$10,080



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9/8/2023	ROSH HASHANAH - NO TOUR							
9/15/2023	ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR- NO TOUR							
9/22/2023	YOM KIPPUR & SUKKOT- NO TOUR							
9/29/2023	SUKKOT- NO TOUR							
10/6/2023	SUKKOT- NO TOUR							
10/13/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$4,907	\$7,662	\$6,179	\$10,080
10/20/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$4,907	\$7,662	\$6,179	\$10,080
10/27/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$4,907	\$7,662	\$6,179	\$10,080
11/3/2023	\$3,251	\$4,464	\$4,142	\$6,255	\$4,907	\$7,662	\$6,179	\$10,080
11/10/2023	\$3,228	\$4,422	\$4,070	\$6,118	\$4,907	\$7,662	\$6,164	\$10,048
11/17/2023	\$3,212	\$4,394	\$4,022	\$6,023	\$4,512	\$6,873	\$5,042	\$7,893
11/24/2023	\$3,116	\$4,225	\$3,681	\$5,387	\$4,450	\$6,756	\$5,004	\$7,823
12/1/2023	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,340	\$6,535	\$5,004	\$7,823
12/8/2023	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,371	\$6,598	\$5,004	\$7,823
12/15/2023	\$3,219	\$4,264	\$4,016	\$6,004	\$5,200	\$8,224	\$5,004	\$7,823
12/22/2023	\$3,219	\$4,264	\$4,425	\$6,776	\$5,208	\$8,240	\$5,004	\$7,823
12/29/2023	\$3,219	\$4,264	\$4,425	\$6,776	\$5,208	\$8,240	\$5,004	\$7,823
1/5/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,205	\$6,266	\$4,810	\$7,449
1/12/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,205	\$6,266	\$4,810	\$7,449
1/19/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,205	\$6,266	\$4,810	\$7,449
1/26/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,205	\$6,266	\$4,810	\$7,449
2/2/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,205	\$6,266	\$4,810	\$7,449
2/9/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,205	\$6,266	\$4,810	\$7,449
2/16/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,600	\$7,056	\$4,810	\$7,449
2/23/2024	\$3,036	\$4,082	\$3,555	\$5,150	\$4,600	\$7,056	\$4,810	\$7,449

Contact an Ayelet Tours agent for triple room availability and pricing.

* Most flights from the U.S. are overnight and require departure from the U.S. on the day BEFORE the date listed here.

* Ayelet Tours Ltd. is a full service agency. Contact us for competitive rates on domestic and international flights.

* Due to current fluctuations in exchange rates, prices listed are subject to final confirmation upon booking.

* Program subject to change. All tours include large walking portions and do not suit passengers with walking difficulties and/or wheelchairs.

* Airport transfers are NOT included, but can be purchased. Please ask your agent for pricing information.

NOTE: Tours are operated in partnership with Rent-A-Guide Israel. No credit/refund for any unused service.

All pricing is based on standard rooms. Hotel availability for each departure is subject to change and may be Sold Out. The hotels appearing in the table might be replaced with similar ones.

No refund for untaken services: hotel accommodation and touring days. Itinerary subject to change.

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INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

12 nights hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, 2 kibbutz dinners, assistance upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, all touring and sightseeing in an air-conditioned vehicle with a professional English-speaking guide, and entrance fees per itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

Roundtrip airfare, departure taxes and fuel surcharges, transfers upon arrival and departure, border taxes and visa fees, tips to driver, guide, waitstaff, porters, housekeepers, etc. (budget \$15-\$20 per person, per day), meals not listed above, items of a personal nature or travel insurance (highly recommended; find options at <http://www.ayelet.com/travelinsurance.htm>)

For the most up to date information on hotel category availability for your tour dates, please visit: <https://ayelet.com/trip-to-israel/> or contact an agent for assistance.

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