

Ayelet TOURS

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Jewish Heritage Tour of
ISRAEL

14 Nights/16 Days



Jewish Heritage Tour of Israel

14 NIGHTS * 16 DAYS * 10 TOURING DAYS
TUESDAY DEPARTURE/WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL
4 NIGHTS TEL AVIV * 2 NIGHTS GALILEE *
5 NIGHTS JERUSALEM * 2 NIGHTS EILAT *
1 ADDITIONAL NIGHT TEL AVIV
(WITH OPTIONAL DAY TOUR TO) **PETRA, JORDAN**

DAY 1 TUESDAY BEGIN THE JOURNEY

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

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 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 our hotels, check in and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure on our own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 3 THURSDAY TEL AVIV PAST TO PRESENT

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- We begin our tour at **Independence Hall**, site of the signing of Israel's Declaration of Independence in 1948.
- Next, we visit **Latrun**, Israel's outdoor armored corps museum, where we explore and touch the tanks and artillery used by the Israeli Defense Forces and enemy armies throughout the country's history.
- We continue to **Beit Guvrin National Park**, where we explore parts of the archeological remains and unique caves.
- Our final stop today is at the **Ayalon Institute**, an underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence at the end of the British Mandate.
- We continue to the **Weizmann House** and its fascinating gardens, where we learn the story of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, scientist, head of the Zionist movement for over 30 years, the first president of the state of Israel and founder of the renowned Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

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DAY 4 FRIDAY TOURING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- Today, we visit **ANU - Museum of the Jewish People**, where we learn about the history of Jewish emigration since the destruction of the Second Temple and see models of some of the world's most well-known and majestic synagogues.
- We drive around the main streets of Tel Aviv, Israel's vibrant center of business and entertainment.
- We stop for a moment of reflection at **Rabin Square**, place of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.
- This afternoon, we visit **Old Jaffa**, one of the oldest ports in the world, where we walk among the many artists, vendors and cafes as we hear the history of the ancient port.
- We continue to **Neve Tzedek**, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1887, now experiencing a renaissance.
- Enjoy the entertainers, artists, shop owners, colorful vendors and craftspeople who bring the streets to life on **Nachalat Binyamin**.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own. *(Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.)*

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 5 SATURDAY LEISURE SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- Enjoy the day at leisure. It's a wonderful chance to experience all this modern Mediterranean city has to offer.
- Dinner on own tonight.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 6 SUNDAY THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

- Breakfast and check out of our hotels.
- Today, we drive north along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea**, the former Roman capital of the area. Here, we view the ancient theater restored as a concert venue, the aqueduct, the ancient port as well as the impressive excavations of the Crusaders' city.
- Next, we visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Akko** and walk through the old port and colorful bazaar.
- We continue to the incredibly well-preserved **Underground Crusader City** built during the 12th century and destroyed in 1291 when the Mamluks conquered Acre (Akko) and built their own city on top of the ruins.
- Later this afternoon, we continue north along the coast to **Rosh Hanikra**, and descend by cable car to discover the chalk cliff grottoes carved out by the Mediterranean waters over time.
- We continue to the **Galilee** to check into our kibbutz and enjoy **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 7 MONDAY SAFED, GOLAN, TEL HAI

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- Today, we tour the mystical city of **Safed**, center of Kabbalistic practice and one of the four holy cities in Israel, where we explore the narrow alleyways lined with ancient synagogues and artists' galleries.
- We enjoy a **jeep ride** up to the **Golan Heights**, where we pass former Syrian bunkers and stop atop **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria.
- We take in the view at the **Mitzpe Gadot** overlook, the memorial site for the fallen people of the Golan.
- We proceed to a magnificent observation point overlooking the city of Kuneitra and the Syrian territory.
- We visit **Tel Hai** to see the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades.
- We return to our kibbutz for dinner together this evening.
- Following dinner, we **meet with a kibbutz member** to learn about their unique lifestyle and the challenges and changes to their communal arrangements over the decades.

Overnight in the Galilee





DAY 8

TUESDAY

KINNERET, BEIT SHE'AN, JERUSALEM

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- This morning, we travel to **Tiberias** on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**, where we visit **Rambam's grave**.
- We continue through the Jordan Valley to see the extensive Roman ruins of **Beit Shean**, destroyed over 1,300 years ago by an earthquake and recently excavated and reconstructed on a massive and impressive scale.
- We also visit **Beit Alpha** to view the intricate mosaics in the synagogue.
- We continue to **Gan Hashlosa (Sachne)**, where weather permitting, we enjoy a dip in the sparkling warm waters. These natural springs are often referred to as the original Garden of Eden.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem** via the Jordan Valley, stopping atop **Mt. Scopus** for a special opportunity to say the "Shehecheyanu" as we look out over the **City of Gold** for the first time.
- We check into our hotels and enjoy an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 9

WEDNESDAY

ANCIENT JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- We begin our day with a visit to the **Tomb of King David** on **Mt. Zion**.
- We enter the **Old City** and stroll through the **Jewish quarter**, stopping to explore the **Cardo**, the ancient Roman marketplace now featuring outstanding shopping opportunities. Then, we visit four Sephardic synagogues in the Jewish quarter restored after the 1967 War.
- We continue with a tour of the **Western Wall tunnels**, where we discover the archeological wonders that remained untouched for centuries.
- Our next stop is at the **Davidson Center**, built into the ancient stones adjacent to the **Temple Mount**. Here, we learn about the construction and history of the Temple Mount area through multi-media exhibitions.
- We stroll through the colorful marketplace to the Jaffa Gate and visit the **Tower of David Museum** to learn more about Jerusalem's 3,000 years of history.
- Spend the evening at leisure discovering Jerusalem and enjoying dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 10 THURSDAY MODERN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- This morning, we share in the joy of the many **B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies** at the **Kotel**.
- We drive through **Mea Shearim**, one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem, to learn about the unique lifestyle of the Ultra-Orthodox residents.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, our guide imparts some of the heroic stories of those buried here, including Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.
- Our next stop is at **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust. Here, we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
- This afternoon, we explore the bunkers at **Ammunition Hill**, the official museum symbolizing the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem.
- We drive by the **Knesset**, Israel's Parliament and see the bronze menorah statue out front.
- Later this afternoon, we browse the extensive, newly renovated galleries of the **Israel Museum**, which 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 archeological history. 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.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 11 FRIDAY MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotels.
- Early this morning, we depart for the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Along the way, we stop at **Qumran**, 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 for **lunch** and an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own. *(Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.)*

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 12 SATURDAY JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Free morning with the opportunity to attend Shabbat services on own.
- Free day to enjoy the calm of Shabbat.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 13 SUNDAY NEGEV, TIMNA, EILAT

- Breakfast and check out of our hotels.
- We travel south through the Negev Desert to visit **Timna**, a large geological and archaeological park with impressive and beautiful desert stone landscapes. We marvel at King Solomon's former copper mines and the huge multi-colored rock formations.
- We continue to **Eilat** located on the **Red Sea** 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 14 MONDAY EILAT OR PETRA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a day of leisure relaxing or enjoying 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 15 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 hotels and refresh, followed by an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 16 WEDNESDAY DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotels.
- Transfer on your own for 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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JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR

14 NIGHTS/16 DAYS (10 TOURING DAYS)

Land only packages - WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL*

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

BEST VALUE dates are highlighted in the chart.

Hotel Plans	4 Star Standard		4 Star Deluxe		5 Star Deluxe		5 Star Super Deluxe	
Tel Aviv - 4+1 Nights	Prima/Prima City		Dan Panorama		Carlton Tel Aviv		Carlton 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 Kings/Royale Jerusalem		Dan Panorama Jerusalem		Inbal		David Citadel	
Eilat - 2 Nights	Prima Music		Dan Panorama		Royal Beach		Royal Beach	
Arrival date in Israel (Wednesday)	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
3/1/2023	\$3,957	\$5,399	\$4,639	\$6,813	\$5,240	\$7,847	\$5,755	\$8,875
3/8/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$4,858	\$7,173	\$5,301	\$7,907	\$5,815	\$8,934
3/15/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$4,984	\$7,413	\$5,301	\$7,907	\$5,815	\$8,934
3/22/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
3/29/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
4/5/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
4/12/2023	PASSOVER - NO TOUR							
4/19/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,041	\$7,526	\$5,751	\$8,807	\$6,186	\$9,676
4/26/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,041	\$7,526	\$5,751	\$8,807	\$6,186	\$9,676
5/3/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$5,751	\$8,807	\$6,186	\$9,676
5/10/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$5,973	\$9,249	\$6,407	\$10,118
5/17/2023	SHAVUOT - NO TOUR							
5/24/2023	SHAVUOT - NO TOUR							
5/31/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$6,115	\$9,534	\$6,407	\$10,118
6/7/2023	\$3,957	\$5,399	\$5,019	\$7,542	\$6,055	\$9,475	\$6,347	\$10,058
6/14/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$6,328	\$9,960	\$6,407	\$10,118
6/21/2023	\$4,081	\$5,508	\$5,237	\$7,883	\$6,407	\$10,086	\$6,486	\$10,244
6/28/2023	\$4,057	\$5,466	\$5,170	\$7,751	\$6,051	\$9,376	\$6,486	\$10,244
7/5/2023	\$4,057	\$5,466	\$5,151	\$7,713	\$6,051	\$9,376	\$6,486	\$10,244
7/12/2023	\$4,057	\$5,466	\$5,151	\$7,713	\$6,051	\$9,376	\$6,486	\$10,244
7/19/2023	\$4,057	\$5,466	\$5,192	\$7,785	\$6,028	\$9,328	\$6,146	\$9,565
7/26/2023	\$4,057	\$5,466	\$5,233	\$7,858	\$6,028	\$9,328	\$6,067	\$9,407
8/2/2023	\$4,098	\$5,507	\$5,275	\$7,899	\$5,974	\$9,180	\$6,014	\$9,259
8/9/2023	\$4,139	\$5,548	\$5,316	\$7,940	\$6,015	\$9,221	\$6,055	\$9,300
8/16/2023	\$4,139	\$5,548	\$5,316	\$7,940	\$6,015	\$9,221	\$6,055	\$9,300
8/23/2023	\$4,060	\$5,469	\$5,066	\$7,495	\$5,699	\$8,621	\$5,976	\$9,174
8/30/2023	\$3,978	\$5,387	\$4,984	\$7,413	\$5,459	\$8,223	\$5,894	\$9,091
9/6/2023	ROSH HASHANAH - NO TOUR							
9/13/2023	ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR - NO TOUR							
9/20/2023	YOM KIPPUR & SUKKOT - NO TOUR							
9/27/2023	SUKKOT - NO TOUR							

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10/4/2023	SUKKOT - NO TOUR							
10/11/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$5,973	\$9,249	\$6,565	\$10,434
10/18/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$5,973	\$9,249	\$6,565	\$10,434
10/25/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$5,973	\$9,249	\$6,565	\$10,434
11/1/2023	\$4,017	\$5,458	\$5,079	\$7,602	\$5,973	\$9,249	\$6,565	\$10,434
11/8/2023	\$3,994	\$5,415	\$5,006	\$7,465	\$5,973	\$9,249	\$6,565	\$10,434
11/15/2023	\$3,978	\$5,387	\$4,959	\$7,370	\$5,578	\$8,460	\$5,894	\$9,091
11/22/2023	\$3,882	\$5,218	\$4,472	\$6,459	\$5,516	\$8,343	\$5,832	\$8,975
11/29/2023	\$3,777	\$5,030	\$4,346	\$6,222	\$5,350	\$8,011	\$5,666	\$8,643
12/6/2023	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$4,346	\$6,222	\$5,327	\$7,964	\$5,642	\$8,596
12/13/2023	\$3,934	\$5,166	\$4,807	\$7,076	\$6,156	\$9,590	\$6,385	\$10,048
12/20/2023	\$3,934	\$5,166	\$5,279	\$7,967	\$6,227	\$9,733	\$6,622	\$10,522
12/27/2023	\$3,833	\$5,064	\$4,599	\$6,696	\$5,335	\$7,980	\$5,650	\$8,611
1/3/2024	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$5,279	\$7,967	\$5,113	\$7,538	\$5,429	\$8,169
1/10/2024	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$5,279	\$7,967	\$5,113	\$7,538	\$5,429	\$8,169
1/17/2024	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$5,279	\$7,967	\$5,113	\$7,538	\$5,429	\$8,169
1/24/2024	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$5,279	\$7,967	\$5,113	\$7,538	\$5,429	\$8,169
1/31/2024	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$4,346	\$6,222	\$5,113	\$7,538	\$5,429	\$8,169
2/7/2024	\$3,752	\$4,984	\$4,346	\$6,222	\$5,113	\$7,538	\$5,429	\$8,169
2/14/2024	\$3,929	\$5,303	\$4,566	\$6,631	\$5,361	\$8,019	\$5,776	\$8,850
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2/28/2024	\$3,929	\$5,303	\$4,566	\$6,631	\$5,361	\$8,019	\$5,776	\$8,850

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

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* 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.

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INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

14 nights hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, lunch at the Dead Sea, 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, entrance fees per itinerary and portage.

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 <https://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/jewish-trip-to-israel-jewish-heritage-tours/> or contact an agent for assistance.

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