

Congregation Sinai of Minneola Adventure in ISRAEL

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March 25 – April 5, 2019

(as of 2/8/18)



Day 1: Monday, March 25, 2019: DEPARTURE

- We depart Miami on our overnight flight to Israel.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 26, 2019: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport this afternoon and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- Transfer to **Tel Aviv** to check in and have time to orient ourselves with the city.
- This evening, we enjoy a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 3: Wednesday, March 27, 2019: TOURING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with a visit to **Independence Hall**, where David Ben Gurion declared Israel's independence in 1948.
- Next, we visit the **Palmach Museum**, where we "join up" with the paramilitary forces from Israel's pre-statehood days.
- We discover the secret underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence at the **Ayalon Institute**.
- This afternoon, we walk through the **Neve Tzedek** neighborhood, one of the first neighborhoods in the State of Israel, and now home to many artist studios and galleries.
- This evening, spend time at leisure discovering all that this metropolitan city has to offer and enjoy dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Day 4: Thursday, March 28, 2019: JERUSALEM

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we visit **Latrun**, Israel's outdoor armed corps museum, where we explore the tanks and artillery used by the Israeli Defense Forces throughout the country's history.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem**, stopping at the **Haas Promenade**, where we say the "Shehecheyanu!" as we look out over the **City of Gold** for the first time.
- We enter Jerusalem's **Old City** and tour the **Western Walls tunnels**, where we discover the archaeological wonders that once remained untouched for centuries.
- Our next stop is at the **Davidson Center**, where we learn about the construction and history of the Temple Mount area through multi-media exhibitions built directly into the ancient stones.
 - We continue into the **Jewish quarter**, with a stop at the **Cardo** market.
 - Spend the remainder of the day at leisure and enjoy dinner on own this evening.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Friday, March 29, 2019: A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with a moving visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, where we tour the exhibits, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
 - We continue to the **9/11 Memorial** built to honor those who lost their lives on that fateful day in 2001.
- This afternoon, we visit the bustling **Machane Yehuda** marketplace, where Jerusalemites are busily preparing for the coming Shabbat.
- As the sun begins to set, we welcome **Shabbat** at the **Western Wall** with the people of Jerusalem, followed by **Shabbat dinner** together at our hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 6: Saturday, March 30, 2019: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services at one of the many local synagogues.
- Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. You may choose to visit the newly remodeled **Israel Museum** on own to see the famous **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, as well as the miniature model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple.
- Walk to the magical **Ben Yehuda Street** for shopping and dinner on own, as Jerusalem welcomes the week ahead.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7: Sunday, March 31, 2019: MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We depart early this morning and travel to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- We stop at the **Qumran Caves**, the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a local shepherd.
- We ascend **Masada** by cable car, to see the remains of King Herod's fortress as we learn about the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman forces.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach for lunch on own and an unsinkable swim in the healing salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- This afternoon, we stop for a short visit in the desert oasis of **Ein Gedi**.
- Return to Jerusalem for an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 8: Monday, April 1, 2019: THE ROAD TO THE GALILEE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We begin our day at **Ir David (City of David)**, where we wander through the carefully preserved excavations dating back to the time of King David.
- Our next stop is at **Emek Tzurim**, where we participate in the dig, sifting through the Temple Mount rubble. New and important finds are made here every day.
- We visit **Hadassah Hospital** to view the beautiful famed **Chagall windows**.
- We depart Jerusalem and begin traveling north through the Jordan River Valley, stopping to view the intricate mosaic floor at **Beit Alpha**.
- We continue to the **Galilee** to check in to our kibbutz and have time to relax.
- This evening, we join together for **dinner** at our kibbutz.

Overnight in the Galilee



Day 9: Tuesday, April 2, 2019: THE MYSTICAL NORTH

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- This morning, we visit **Tzippori**, where we see the ancient mosaic known as the Mona Lisa of the Galilee.
- We join **Makom Bagalil**, an organization dedicated to peace for all the people of the Galilee, for a session with **Nir Topper**. Our time together will include a meeting with leadership in a nearby Israeli-Arab village.
- We travel to the mystical city of **Safed**, where we walk along the cobblestone streets, touring the ancient synagogues and meeting local artisans. Enjoy time to browse and shop among the many local galleries.
- We return to our kibbutz to relax and enjoy **dinner** together here this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

Day 10: Wednesday, April 3, 2019: NATURAL BEAUTY



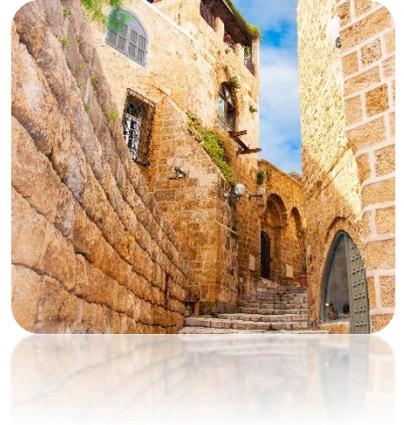
- Breakfast with representatives from the kibbutz, as we hear about the history and modern development of kibbutz living.
- We ascend to the **Golan Heights**, arriving at **Katzrin**, the ancient Talmudic village, where we tour the facility and visit the museum.
- Next, we take in the view of neighboring Syria from atop **Har Bental**.
- Continue with a short hike through the **Tel Dan Nature Reserve**, source of the Jordan River and site of ancient archeological finds.
- Later this afternoon, we visit **Tel Hai**, a national monument commemorating the death of Joseph Trumpeldor and seven other Jews in the Battle of Tel Hai in 1920.
- Return to our kibbutz for **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee



Day 11: Thursday, April 4, 2019: THE NORTHERN COAST

- Breakfast and free morning at our kibbutz.
- Later this morning, we check out of our kibbutz.
- We visit the **Naot shoe factory**, founded in 1942 at **Kibbutz Naot Mordechai**, located in the Upper Galilee. Today, nearly 70 years later, Teva Naot footwear is sold in over 6,000 places around the world.
- We continue to the crusader city of **Akko**, where we see the secret templar tunnels, and the crusader fortress with its checked history.
- Our next stop is in **Haifa**, where we take in the panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea from the beautiful **Bahai Gardens**.
- We stop for a breathtaking view of the **Valley of Jezreel** and see the **Statue of Elijah** at **Muchraka**.
- We descend to **Tel Aviv** and enjoy some free time for last minute shopping or just to relax.
- This evening, we enjoy a festive **farewell dinner**, as we recall all that we have experienced together.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight to the United States.



Day 12: Friday, April 5, 2019: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in Miami this morning.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!!

**Itinerary subject to change.*

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