

**Ayelet** TOURS

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

**Comfort Tour of**

# ISRAEL

*A tour of Israel at a slower pace with an emphasis on culture, personal interest, and fun!*

**October 26 - November 6, 2022**

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# Overview

Traveling together in Israel is an opportunity to connect, with the people of Israel, with the land itself, and with each other. As a traveling community, we will bond through our shared experiences, from the fun and adventurous to the historical and spiritual.



## Unforgettable Experiences in Israel:

- Meet with young high-tech entrepreneur **Rony Rozen** to discuss the secrets of success in the start-up nation.
- See and taste the inviting flavors of the **Carmel Market** in Tel Aviv.
- Dive deep into Israeli politics with **Gil Hoffman**, the Jerusalem Post's Chief Political Correspondent.
- Float in the healing waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- Ascend Herod's desert fortress and revisit the story of **Masada**.
- Take a **jeep ride** up to meet an IDF representative near the Syrian border.
- Encounter the Holocaust at Yad Vashem.
- Experience the unparalleled peaceful atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem.

# Itinerary

Western Wall, Jerusalem

DAY 1, Wednesday, October 26, 2022

## DEPARTURE

- We depart on our overnight flight to Israel.

DAY 2, Thursday, October 27, 2022

## ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL

- **Shalom and Bruchim Habaim! Welcome to Israel!** We arrive at Ben Gurion airport and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative. Our time in this incredible land has officially begun and our excitement mounts as we set off on the adventure ahead.
- We transfer to our hotel in **Tel Aviv** to check in and refresh.
- We set out to visit **Old Jaffa** for a walking tour and welcome ceremony overlooking Tel-Aviv, a Zionist miracle - 100 years ago it was all sand and sea in this ancient port city.
- This evening, we enjoy a welcome **dinner** and orientation at a local restaurant.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 3, Friday, October 28, 2022

## ISRAEL PAST TO PRESENT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- **START-UP NATION:** This morning, we meet with young entrepreneur **Rony Rozen** to discuss her life story, as well as hi-tech innovation in this start-up nation.
- Visit the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** to learn about man and his vision. Moving from the history of Israel to the future, we visit the Innovation Center for a glimpse into Israel's hi-tech advances in the fields of science, medicine, security and space. We visit the interactive exhibition and continue with a meeting with one of Israel's leading entrepreneurs.
- This afternoon, we visit **Nachalat Binyamin** to browse the local crafts and watch the entertainers who bring the streets of Tel Aviv to life.
- Time to relax and refresh.
- As the sun begins to set over Tel Aviv, we enjoy **Shabbat dinner** together at our hotel.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 4, Saturday, October 29, 2022

## SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Optional **Shabbat services** this morning at a local synagogue. On own options will be provided.
- We take a guided walk through the neighborhood of **Neve Tzedek**, one of the first neighborhoods built outside of Jaffa in the late 1800's.
- **BEIN KO'DESH LE'CHOL:** As Shabbat comes to an end, we join together for **Havdallah** on the shore of the Mediterranean.
- Free evening to discover Tel Aviv and enjoy dinner on own.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv



DAY 5, Sunday, October 30, 2022:

## THE MANY SIDES OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- **JEWES FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD:** Experience **ANU – Museum of the Jewish People** (formerly the Diaspora Museum) featuring a docent-led tour emphasizing Jewish life both here in our homeland, and worldwide. This is the largest Jewish museum in the world, offering a fascinating journey that portrays the story of the Jewish people through the generations and up to the present time. The museum represents all parts of the Jewish people and highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of communities in different periods of history.
- We enjoy a bus tour of **Tel-Aviv** including **Rabin Square**, the **White City**, and **Sarona Marketplace**.
- Spend the evening at leisure discovering the metropolitan city of Tel Aviv and enjoying dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 6, Monday, October 31, 2022:

## THE NEGEV

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- **THE BEDOUIN LIFE:** Gain a deeper understanding of the life of the **Bedouin** in the **Negev** during a tour of the city of Rahat.
- Tour **Be'er Sheva** the capital of the **Negev** and the **Cyber city of Israel**.
- We visit **Sde Boker** to see David Ben Gurion's gravesite and original hut.
- We continue to **Mitzpe Ramon** to check in to our resort and refresh.
- This evening, we enjoy **dinner** together at our resort.

Overnight in Mizpe Ramon

DAY 7, Tuesday, November 1, 2022:

## SOUTHERN ADVENTURES

- Breakfast at our resort.
- **THE RAMON CRATER:** We set out on a **jeep tour** into the majestic **Ramon Crater**.
- We visit the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitor's Center**, which combines information on the natural creation of the massive crater and exhibits about Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut.
- This afternoon, we take it easy and relax by the pool or enjoy getting pampered at the hotel spa.
- **Dinner** together at our resort this evening.

Overnight in Mizpe Ramon

DAY 8, Wednesday, November 2, 2022:

## ESHKOL REGION

- Breakfast and check out of our resort.
- Today, we travel to the **Eshkol Regional Center** for a security briefing at the Command Center.
- Visit Eshkol's **Protected School**, an amazing fortified campus and educational center, including the opportunity to meet some of the kids and see the classrooms that double as shelters.
- Our next stop is at the **"Salad Trail"**, where we will participate in a unique hands-on agricultural tour, and witness how Israeli innovation is literally making the desert bloom with crops grown out of some of the most inhospitable sands imaginable. We will pick and taste fruits and vegetables straight from the kibbutz's self-picking farm, and encounter flying strawberries, tiny orange orchards, racing pigeons and herbal gardens. We enjoy a **light lunch** here.
- **SHEHECHEYANU!** We ascend to **Jerusalem**, stopping atop **Mt. Scopus** upon arrival to say the "Shehecheyanu" as we look out over the **City of Gold**.
- We check in to our hotel and enjoy **dinner** together this evening.

**Overnight in Jerusalem**



DAY 9, Thursday, November 3, 2023:

## CUTTING EDGE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We visit **Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital**, for an in-depth look at this cutting-edge medical facility and how it has adapted to ever-changing needs. Visit the **Chagall Synagogue** and learn the story of each window.
- **GEOPOLITICAL UPDATE:** We set out on a **geopolitical bus tour** with **Retired Colonel Miri Eisin**, a former international media advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel, and a former Israeli government spokesperson.
- We enter the **Old City** for a stroll through the **Jewish quarter**, including the **Cardo market**.
- This evening, explore Jerusalem and enjoy dinner on our own. We suggest a visit to the Mamilla promenade or Ben Yehuda Street.

**Overnight in Jerusalem**



Dome of the Rock

DAY 10, Friday, November 4, 2022:

## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- **POLITICAL UPDATE:** This morning, we meet with **Gil Hoffman**, chief political correspondent of the Jerusalem Post, to discuss Israeli politics today.
- At **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, we engage in an eye-opening experience as we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations. We end with a **memorial service** at the **Valley of the Communities**.
- We continue to **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, where we pay our respects at the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Iitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. We also visit the **Remembrance Hall** built to honor those who gave their lives fighting for Israel.
- This evening, we enjoy **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the **Western Wall** with the people of Jerusalem, followed by **Shabbat dinner** at our hotel.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 11, Saturday, November 5, 2022:

## SHABBAT SHALOM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy the morning at leisure to relax or attend Shabbat services on own.
- This afternoon, we return to the Old City for a walking tour, with visits to the **Arab market** and the **Christian quarter**, where we stroll along the **Via Dolorosa**, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.
- **THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN ISSUE:** We return to our hotel to meet with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, an Israeli-Arab journalist, lecturer and documentary filmmaker, to hear about the current state of Israeli-Palestinian relations.
- As Shabbat comes to an end, we join together for **Havdallah** followed by a festive farewell **dinner**.
- We check out of our hotel and transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.

DAY 12, Sunday, November 6, 2022:

## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

- We arrive home in the USA this morning.

## The Memories Last Forever!

Itinerary subject to change

| HOTEL & PRICING GRID  | HOTELS:                                     |
|---|---|
| <b>Tel Aviv – 4 nights</b><br>(October 27-31, 2022)                 | Sheraton Tower<br>(or similar)              |
| <b>Mizpe Ramon – 2 nights</b><br>(October 31 - November 2, 2022)    | Beresheet Hotel<br>(or similar)             |
| <b>Jerusalem – 3 nights + Late Checkout</b><br>(November 2-5, 2022) | Inbal<br>(or similar)                       |
| RATES:  | RATES:                                      |
| <b>Participants</b><br>(double occupancy, per person)               | <b>\$4,700 Check/Cash</b><br>\$4,850 Credit |
| <b>Add for Single Room</b>  | <b>\$2,510 Check/Cash</b><br>\$2,585 Credit |

**Included:**

- Hotel stays per the grid above
- All touring and sightseeing per an agreed upon itinerary in a private, deluxe air-conditioned vehicle with an expert English-speaking guide
- Breakfast daily
- 6 dinners including Shabbat dinners in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem
- Lunch at the Salad Trail
- Amazing Experiences with local communities
- Assistance & transfers upon arrival and departure (when arriving on main days)
- Entrance fees as per itinerary

**Not Included:**

- Roundtrip airfare, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (Please contact Ayelet Tours for flight assistance)
- Any border taxes or visas
- Tips to guides, driver, and dining room waiters (For more information on Ayelet's tipping policies, visit [ayelet.com](http://ayelet.com))
- Meals not listed above
- Any costs associated with testing or related to proof of COVID/vaccine status
- Any items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (recommended - group policy available at [ayelet.com](http://ayelet.com))

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** No land penalty if canceled 91 or more days before departure for payments by check (for credit card payment, minus \$25 per person non-recoverable cost), plus any applicable airline penalties. \$500 per person charged if canceled 90 to 31 days prior to departure, plus any applicable airline penalties. 100% per person charged if canceled 30 days or less before departure. Applicable airline penalties may still apply. If purchased, group travel insurance policy becomes non-refundable 90 days before departure. When offered, space on group air allotments can be reserved by checking the box that indicates "Land & Air" on your paper registration form, selecting Land & Air when making an online booking, or by emailing a request to our office to hold group air space for you. If you confirm a seat on our group air allotment, and then cancel that space within 90 days of departure (even if still traveling on the land portion of the tour), airline penalties will apply.

COVID-19 EXCEPTION: If the tour is canceled by Ayelet Tours due to the Covid-19 pandemic more than 90 days before departure, same policy as above. If tour is canceled due to Covid-19 within 90 days of departure, registrants can choose to either transfer funds in full to another Ayelet tour within 2 years of original travel date or choose to receive a refund minus up to \$150 per person in non-recoverable costs.

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***“The history of mankind is the instant between two strides taken by a traveler.”***

- Franz Kafka

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