This amazing tour includes...

- 5 Nights at the 5-star deluxe Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- 2 Nights at Hagoshrim Guest House, in the Galilee
- 3 Nights at the 5-star deluxe Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
- Breakfast daily
- 6 Dinners
  - 2 Shabbat dinners at hotels
  - Gala Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration (special dinner, music & entertainment)
  - 2 Kibbutz dinners
  - Group farewell dinner
- Kiddush reception after ceremony - Mazel Tov!
- Official B’nai Mitzvah Certificate from the Israeli Ministry of Tourism (Rabbi’s services and Torah included) and other gifts & surprises along the way!
- Participation in a live archeological dig
- Chocolate workshop at DeKarina
- Kayaking (Summer) & jeep tour in the North
- Touring in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle with your hand-picked English-speaking guide

Join the optional Desert Adventure, Featuring Eilat & Petra!

- 1 Night, including dinner, at Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon
- 2 Nights at the 5-star deluxe Hilton Queen of Sheba, Eilat
- Breakfast daily
- Sunrise Jeep ride in the amazing Mitzpe Ramon crater
- 2 Days touring, including full-day tour to Petra, Jordan - the eighth wonder of the world!
- Flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv, including group transfer to Eilat Airport
- Group transfer to Ben Gurion International upon return to Tel Aviv
Day 1, Thursday: DEPARTURE
Departure from the U.S. (Call Ayelet Tours for assistance booking flights)

Day 2, Friday: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!
Arrive at Israel’s Ben Gurion Airport… Meet our guide and begin our journey… As we enter Jerusalem, we stop at the Haas Promenade overlooking the City of Gold for a special “Shehechianu” ceremony… Check into our hotel… Greet Shabbat at the Western Wall… Special Shabbat welcome dinner together this evening… Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 3, Saturday: SHABBAT SHALOM!
Breakfast… Join us for optional Shabbat services this morning… This afternoon we enjoy a walking tour beginning at the Tower of David Museum and continuing through history in the Old City, exploring the Jewish Quarter, Cardo Market and Christian Quarter… Exit through the Jaffa Gate… Enjoy dinner (on own) as Jerusalem returns to life after the calm of Shabbat… We suggest a visit to the Mamilla pedestrian mall with its varied assortment of cafes, shops and restaurants… Later this evening we walk together to the Tower of David, where we enjoy the sensational Sound & Light show spectacular!… Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 4, Sunday: MASADA
Breakfast… Early this morning, we depart Jerusalem and drive toward the Dead Sea Basin… Those who wish may climb the snake path to the top of Masada… The rest of us ascend the desert plateau by cable car… We view the remains of King Herod’s palace and fortifications, and hear the story of the Jewish Zealots’ last against the approaching Roman armies… We enjoy the mud baths and an unsinkable swim in the salty waters of the Dead Sea… This day ends with a camel ride and desert tent hospitality at a Bedouin encampment… Tonight we meet with our Israeli Rabbi to review tomorrow’s B’nai Mitzvah ceremony… Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 5, Monday: CELEBRATING OUR B’NAI MITZVAH!
Breakfast… This morning we celebrate our B’nai Mitzvah either on the rooftop of Hebrew Union College overlooking the Old City or at Robinson’s Arch at the egalitarian section of the Western Wall… Mazel Tov!… Take a fascinating tour of the tunnels under the Western Wall… Visit the Davidson Center and Southern Wall excavations, just outside the Temple Mount… Continue to the recently renovated Israel Museum to view its extensive collections… Walk through the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Billy Rose sculpture garden… Tonight we enjoy a gala dinner in celebration of our B’nai Mitzvah… Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 6, Tuesday: THE PATH TO ISRAEL’S FOUNDATION
Breakfast… We pass by the nearby Supreme Court and continue to the Knesset, Israel’s parliament building, where we have a unique photo opportunity by the amazing outdoor bronze menorah sculpture… We tour the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, Israel’s moving memorial to the victims of the Holocaust… After a quick lunch (on own), we continue to the Mt. Herzl military cemetery to visit the grave sites of Golda Meir, Theodore Herzl and Yitzhak Rabin, and hear stories of Israel’s path to foundation from our guide… Our last stop today is at Hadassah Hospital to see the amazing Chagall windows… Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 7, Wednesday: THE JORDAN VALLEY RIFT
Breakfast… Depart Jerusalem, traveling north through the Jordan Valley… Stop to view the Roman ruins of Beit Shean and the intricate mosaic floor of the synagogue at Beit Alpha… Stop at a fun and refreshing water park in Tiberias (Summer)… Arrive at our kibbutz for dinner together… Overnight at our Kibbutz in the Galilee.

Day 8, Thursday: NORTHERN ADVENTURES
Breakfast… Visit the mystical city of Safed, where we visit the ancient synagogues and have time to stroll along the shops of the Artists’ Quarter… We enjoy an adventurous Jeep tour up to the Golan Heights… Atop the Golan, we take in a breathtaking view and see the memorial to those soldiers who lost their lives capturing this crucial spot from Syrian forces in 1967 at Mitzpe Gadot… Try your hand at chocolate making and learn from the experts in a delicious and fun experience at the De Karina Chocolate Factory (Adults may instead choose to enjoy a wine tasting at the nearby Bahat Winery)… This afternoon we enjoy a special kayaking trip down the Jordan River (option to try an “Omega” zip line into the water)… Dinner at our Kibbutz in Galilee… Overnight at our Kibbutz in the Galilee.
Day 9, Friday: THE BEAUTY OF THE COAST
Breakfast… Depart the Galilee for Israel’s west coast shoreline, beginning with the amazing grottoes in Rosh Hanikra… Continue to Haifa for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel, including the Bahai Temple and Persian Gardens… In Caesarea we explore the seaside relics from ancient times, including the Roman Theater and ancient aqueduct… Arrive in Tel Aviv and pass by Rabin Square on our way to the hotel… Shabbat dinner together this evening… Overnight Tel Aviv.

Day 10, Saturday: FREE DAY IN TEL AVIV
Breakfast… Day at leisure - options abound, from visiting Old Jaffa, to strolling the beachfront promenade or taking in a museum - it’s a wonderful chance to experience all that this metropolitan Mediterranean city has to offer!… Overnight Tel Aviv.

Day 11, Sunday: DIGGING INTO HISTORY
Breakfast… We begin today with a visit to Independence Hall where the establishment of the state of Israel was declared… We journey to the Bet Guvrin region through the Haella Valley where the battle between David and Goliath took place… Take part in a unique “hands-on” experience at the archeological dig in the caves of Tel Maresha… Visit Ayalon Institute, the secret underground manufacturer of bullets that saved the State of Israel during the War of Independence… Farewell dinner together this evening… Overnight Tel Aviv.

Day 12, Monday: DEPARTURE
Breakfast… Depart for the airport for our flight back to the United States.

OR…

Enjoy our DESERT ADVENTURE to Mitzpe Ramon, Eilat & Petra, Jordan!

Day 12, Monday: TEL AVIV TO EILAT
Breakfast… Depart Tel Aviv on our way to Mitzpe Ramon… We stop at Sde Boker where we visit the grave site and original hut of Ben Gurion deep in the heart of the Negev Desert… Continue to Ein Avdot National Observatory, where we enjoy the fresh water pools, the beautiful natural surroundings and tour the archeological site… Next we depart for Mitzpe Ramon, where we view the amazing Ramon Crater with views from the Visitor’s Center… Dinner together at our hotel in Mitzpe Ramon this evening… Overnight Mitzpe Ramon.

Day 13, Tuesday: THE MAGNIFICENT RAMON CRATER
Enjoy a sunrise Jeep tour through the heart of the Ramon Crater as it bathes majestically in the first light of the day… Return to our hotel for breakfast… Continue to Eilat… Enjoy an afternoon at leisure at our hotel on the shores of the Red Sea… Overnight Eilat.

Day 14, Wednesday: PETRA - THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD
Breakfast… We cross the border into Jordan and begin our full day tour of Petra, the Red Rose City, … Explore the Nabatean City (as seen in Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade)… Walk through the Siq and view the ancient temples… Discover the famous Treasury, the Roman Theater, and more at this, the Eighth Wonder of the World… Pass Wadi Ram before returning to Israel… Overnight Eilat. (Note border taxes and visa fees are due in USD at the border crossing – currently $60 per person)

Day 15, Thursday: AT LEISURE IN EILAT
Breakfast… Day at leisure in Eilat - Optional (on own) activity suggestions include visiting the Underwater Aquarium, taking a barbecue lunch and snorkeling cruise on the Red Sea, or just relaxing poolside or seaside!… Late this afternoon we depart for the airport to connect with our late night flight home.

Day 16, Friday: ARRIVE HOME
Arrive home and start sharing the incredible photos and stories from your amazing trip to Israel!

The Memories Last Forever!

*Itinerary subject to change
Our tours speak for themselves...

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- Betty L. and Howard R.

My husband and I took our grandson on the Ayelet Bar Mitzvah trip in June. This was our 8th trip to Israel but Jake's first trip. We have been on several Ayelet mission trips with Hadassah and they have all been spectacular. This trip was especially enjoyable because we shared it with our grandson. Our guide was one of the best we ever had. The Bar Mitzvah ceremony was lovely, Shabbat in Jerusalem was thrilling...WE LOVED IT ALL.

- Alana F.