



A Toast to Israel Wine, Dine & Celebrate with the Associates

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Our tour will delight those who love a good fine wine and a meal to remember. See how Israel stacks up with the best of the cosmopolitan centers with the Hadassah touch.

Day 1: Sunday, April 25, 2021: DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flights to Israel.

Day 2: Monday, April 26, 2021: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive in Israel this morning and are greeted by an Ayelet Tours representative Welcome home!
- We meet in our hotel lobby, store our luggage and begin our tour at 10am.
- Our first stop is at **Neot Kedumim**, the biblical botanical garden, to learn about grape history from the vines to wine processing during biblical times. After planting a grape shrub to connect us physically to Israel, we sample delicious wine, goat cheeses and fresh vegetables.
- Our next stop is at the **Ayalon Institute**, where we discover the underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's pre-statehood days.
- We check into our hotel later this afternoon and refresh.
- Tonight, we enjoy a delicious **welcome dinner**, local wines and orientation at a delicious Middle Eastern restaurant.

Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 3: Tuesday, April 27, 2021: TEL AVIV AND MODERN ISRAEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day at the **Rabin Center**, where the spiraling exhibits lead us through the modern history of the state and broader world history, through the prism of the life of one of Israel's most beloved leaders, Yitzhak Rabin.
- Next, we set out on a **graffiti tour** through southern Tel Aviv to view the images created by young Israelis, illegal immigrants and protesters.
- We stop for **lunch** at Abulafia Bakery in Old Jaffa.



- After lunch, we enjoy a walking tour of **Old Jaffa**, strolling through the winding streets to view the art galleries and take in the views of the sea while learning about this historically important port.
- This evening, a chef leads us through **Levinsky Market** for a sensual immersion, engaging with the vibrant colors, smells and flavors that are found in this bustling marketplace. We wander through the pyramids of spices, bright-colored exotic vegetables, nuts, olives and delicious halva creations. Our chef will introduce us to the most characteristic ingredients of the local cuisine and to the Israeli food habits, while we prepare **dinner** together with our purchases. During dinner, our chef will discuss the art of wine pairing as we experience it.



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Day 4: Wednesday, April 28, 2021: MEIR SHFEYA AND ZICHRON YAAKOV

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel north and visit **Hadassah's Meir Shfeya Youth Village**, where we interact with the students and staff and visit the village, including its working farm and winery.
- We continue to the European style village of **Zichron Yaakov** to visit the **Carmel Winery**, the largest winery in Israel producing more than 15 million bottles a year. They have wineries and vineyards all over the country from north to south. Founded by Baron D. Rothschild in the 19th century, Carmel offers a wonderful tour of their facility.
- We enjoy **lunch** together.
- We travel north to the **Galilee** to check into our kibbutz, then take a tour of their **herb garden** to learn about the uses of the different herbs in Israeli cooking.
- We enjoy **dinner** together at our kibbutz this evening.

Overnight at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, Galilee

Day 5: Thursday, April 29, 2021: SAFED & THE GOLAN WINERY

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- This morning, we stop at **Naot Shoes** for a short shopping experience.
- We drive along the Israeli Lebanese border, with views into Lebanon, stopping at **Kibbutz Malkia**. Here, we will meet with an IDF unit on the border and kibbutz security personnel to learn about the steps they take to protect a small frontier community.
- Next, we explore the mystical city of **Safed**, center of Kabbalah study and practice. Here, we visit the **Ha'ari and Caro Synagogues** and stroll through the cobblestone streets of the artists' quarter to view the galleries and meet local artists.
- This afternoon, we enjoy a delicious **lunch**, including local cheeses and wines at **Ein Kamunim**.
- Later this afternoon, we tour the **Golan Heights**, passing former Syrian bunkers and vineyards where they are picking grapes with a representative of the Golan Winery on the way to the top of **Har Bental**, where we take in the views reaching far into Syria.



- We visit the **Golan Winery** for a tour and tasting.
- This evening, we join together for a **bonfire** on the beach celebrating **Lag B'Omer**, followed by a delicious **dinner** at **Dubrovin Farms**.

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Day 6: Friday April 30, 2021: THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- This morning, we visit **Shadmot Dvora** and learn about the honey industry in Israel.
- Our next stop is at the **Mt. Tabor Winery** for a tour and wine tasting.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem**. Upon arrival, we stop atop **Mt. Scopus** to recite a special “Shehecheyanu” blessing overlooking the **City of Gold**.
- We check into our hotel and refresh.
- This afternoon, we enter the **Old City** for a tour of the **Jewish quarter**, including a stop in the **Cardo**.
- Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure exploring Jerusalem on own.
- As the sun sets, we join together for a special **home hospitality Shabbat dinner** prepared by “**Women Cook**” who come from different culinary traditions; Moroccan, Tunisian, Ethiopian and many more. This initiative was created to empower women and give them an opportunity to be economically independent and preserve their rich cultural traditions.

Overnight at the David Citadel, Jerusalem

Day 7: Saturday, May 1, 2021: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Free morning in Jerusalem to attend Shabbat services or relax.
- We return to the **Old City** for a chance to tour in the **Arab market (shuk)**.
- As evening sets in, we join together for **Havdalah**.
- Enjoy an evening at leisure to explore Jerusalem and have dinner on own.
- **Optional:** We visit the **Tower of David** for the spectacular **Sound and Light show** tonight.



Overnight in the David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 8: Sunday, May 2, 2021: WINE IN THE HILLS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel joined by a **speaker** on the significance of wine in the Bible.
- Today, we visit the **Tzuba Winery** for a taste of their local varietals.
- We continue to the lively **Machane Yehuda**, where we take in the sights, smells and sounds of the market and enjoy a taste of **kosher cheese and wine**.
- Later this afternoon, we take part in a special **VIP wine themed tour** of the **Israel Museum**.
- Tonight, we enjoy a delicious “slow food” **dinner** at **Eucalyptus** with **Chef Moshe Basson**.

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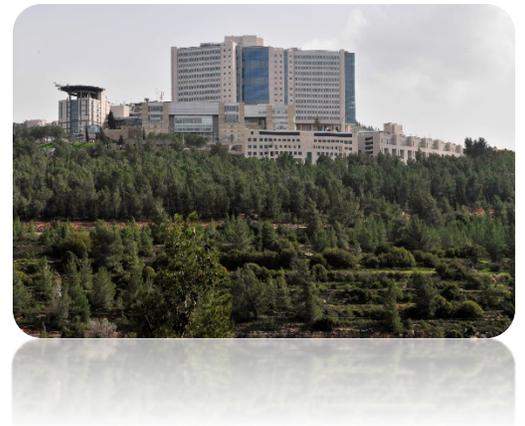
Day 9: Monday, May 3, 2021: ELLA VALLEY WINE COUNTRY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we visit **Latrun's silent monastery** and learn about their wine making and the history of the winery.
- Our next stop is to see the new excavations at **Tel Qeiyafa** and learn about the connection to King David.
- This afternoon, we visit the **Ella Valley Winery** that reopened in 1998 and brought back the biblical heritage of wine making in the area.
- Later this afternoon, we stop at the family owned **Sternbach Winery** and learn the process of their wine making.
- We complete our day at **Beit Jibrin**, where we take part in an **archaeological dig**.
- Dinner on own this evening.

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Day 10: Tuesday, May 4, 2021: HADASSAH AND ISRAEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we experience dynamic education and inspiration with a visit to **Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) at Ein Kerem**. While there, we enjoy VIP meetings with the medical staff and leadership. We visit the Round Building, the center of Covid-19 treatment and hear about plans for future expansion/renovation.
- Next, we see **Yad Vashem** in a completely new light, as we view the moving exhibitions focusing on children's drawings and art created during the Holocaust. We complete our visit with a **memorial ceremony** at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, we visit the new **Remembrance Hall** built to honor those who gave their lives fighting for Israel. We also take a walk through the **military cemetery**, where we pay our respects and hear important stories about the life and work of Israel's past leaders, such as Theodor Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, as well as stories of lesser known heroes who are buried here.
- We participate in a briefing by leaders at the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.
- We complete our day with a **jeep tour** to our **Jordanian dessert cheeses and wine reception** overlooking a monastery, followed by dinner on own.



Overnight at the David Citadel, Jerusalem



Day 11: Wednesday, May 5, 2021: TRAVELING SOUTH

- Breakfast at our hotel.
 - Today, we visit **Hebron** to see the **Cave of Machpelah** and the **Hadassah house**.
 - Next, we travel to **Gush Etzion** to learn about the history of the villages in 1948 and 1967 and visit the **winery**.
 - We return to Jerusalem for time at leisure.
 - This evening, we check out of our hotel and join together for a festive **farewell dinner** at the Barkan Winery.
 - We transfer to the airport for our overnight flights back to the United States.
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Day 12: Thursday, May 6, 2021: WELCOME BACK!

- We land back in the United States this morning.

The Memories Last Forever!!

**itinerary subject to change*

