



Celebrate Yom Yerushalayim Tour Led by Greta Rothschild May 6-16, 2021 with Shavuot extension May 15-19, 2021 (As of 8/17/20)



Day 1: Thursday, May 6, 2021: DEPARTURE

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

Day 2: Friday, May 7, 2021: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive in Israel, exit the passport control area, and are met by a representative of Ayelet Tours. Welcome home!
- We ascend to **Jerusalem**, stopping atop **Mt. Scopus** to say the “Shehecheyanu” as we look out over the **City of Gold**.
- We check into our hotel and refresh.
- This evening we welcome Shabbat at the **Western Wall**, followed by a private **Shabbat dinner** with Hadassah friends.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Saturday, May 8, 2021: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy the morning at leisure relaxing or you may choose to go synagogue hopping to experience different services throughout Jerusalem: Italian, Moroccan, Sephardic, Ashkenazi, Reform, or Conservative; all within walking distance from each other.
- This afternoon, we go on a walking tour with our guide along the eastern border of Jerusalem before 1967. We walk from Talpiot to the Haas Promenade, and hear the personal stories on site on the tour.
- Afterwards, we meet with Jerusalem Post Palestinian Affairs correspondent, **Khaled Abu Toameh**, for a lecture entitled “*A Snapshot of Palestinian Society*”.
- Return to our hotel for **Havdalah**, marking the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week.
- Dinner on own tonight. Host will pre-book reservations.
- **Optional:** We walk to the **Tower of David** to watch the spectacular **Sound and Light show**.
- Later this evening you can enjoy some cafes and shopping on Ben-Yehuda Street or at the Mamilla outdoor mall.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 4: Sunday, May 9, 2021: MODERN AND ANCIENT JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning we are briefed on the current political undercurrents of the State of Israel by a **journalist speaker**.
- Today, we experience dynamic education and inspiration with a visit to **Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) at Ein Kerem** featuring the most modern hospital facilities in the region. We meet with staff and patients and take an in-depth look at this cutting-edge medical facility. We visit the **Sarah Wetsman Davidson tower** and the Round Building and hear about plans for future expansion/renovation. We also visit the Abbell Synagogue featuring the famed **Chagall windows**.
- After lunch, we explore the bunkers at **Ammunition Hill**, the official museum symbolizing the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem. Its new multimedia film helps visitors better understand the events and battles of 1967.
- This afternoon, we explore **Ir David, the City of David**, to view the old and new excavations, followed by a viewing of the 3D movie about the history of ancient Jerusalem.
- We return to our hotel for time to relax and refresh.
- Later this afternoon, a chef accompanies us to **Machane Yehuda** for a savory immersion, engaging with the vibrant colors, smells and flavors that are found in this bustling marketplace. 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.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Monday, May 10, 2021: YOM YERUSHALAYIM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit the **Old City** for a walking **tour of the Jewish Quarter**. We go underground in the **Old City** for a behind the scenes tour of the **Western Wall tunnels**, where we discover the archaeological wonders that once remained untouched for centuries, including some of the newest excavations. We enjoy some time at the **Kotel** followed with time for shopping in the Cardo!
- We walk along parts of the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** in the **Christian quarter** and continue to the **Arab market (shuk)** in the **Arab quarter**.
- We continue to **Yad Vashem**, the memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, where we tour the historical museum and the children's memorial. We complete our visit with a group **memorial service** at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**.
- Later this afternoon, we join thousands of Jerusalemites and participate in the **Yom Yerushalayim March**, also known as the "**dancing of the flags**" in the Old City.
- We enjoy a festive **dinner** together at **Piccolino**, celebrating Jerusalem day!
- This evening, we join the **Sing-Along-for-Jerusalem** in front of City Hall.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 6: Tuesday, May 11, 2021: THE ROAD NORTH

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- 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. We then plant a grape shrub to connect us physically to the land of Israel.
- Next, we head North and 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 visit the **Adir Winery** for a wine and cheese tour and tasting.
- We check into our kibbutz and enjoy **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

Day 7: Wednesday, May 12, 2021: EXPLORING THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we set out on an exciting **jeep tour** through the **Golan Heights**, passing former Syrian bunkers on the way to the top of **Har Bental**, where we take in the views reaching far into Syria.
- Next, we visit a **Druze village**, where we will enjoy **lunch** and meet with the remarkable **Naseba Keesh Samara**, a native Druze in the Golan, as we learn about this unique community. As an exclusive treat, Naseba will take us to her **cherry orchard** where we will pick fresh cherries right off the trees.
- This afternoon, 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.
- Return to our kibbutz for **dinner** together.

Overnight in the Galilee

Day 8: Thursday, May 13, 2021: THE COASTAL ROAD

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Today, we 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 **Nili Spy Museum**.
- We enjoy lunch (on your own) in Zichron city center before we continue to Tel Aviv.
- This afternoon, we tour the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**, founded by the late President Shimon Peres. The center is a non-political, non-governmental organization focused on building a more prosperous Israel and a more peaceful Middle East, through innovation, technology and cutting-edge coexistence programs.
- We check into our hotel with the evening at leisure.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Day 9: Friday, May 14, 2021: EXPLORING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we meet with young entrepreneur **Rony Rozen**, of **Google**, to discuss her story and hi-tech innovation in this start-up nation.
- We continue to 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.
- 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.
- We celebrate **Kabbalat Shabbat** on the beach.
- This evening, we come together for a festive **farewell Shabbat dinner**, recalling all that we have experienced on our journey together.



Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 10: Saturday, May 15, 2021: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy Shabbat at leisure and explore this innovative and modern city at our own pace! You can visit the Diaspora Museum or the Modern Art Museum on your own (contact host for buying tickets in advance).
- We transfer to the airport for our overnight flights back to the United States, landing tomorrow morning.

OR JOIN THE OPTIONAL SHAVUOT EXTENSION May 15-19, 2021

- This evening we join a **Shavuot party** in the Fields of Kibbutz Shfaim including Shavuot traditions of singing and dancing together (extension only).

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Day 1: Sunday, May 16, 2021: SHAVUOT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with **Tikkun Olam** picking fruits and vegetables for **Project Leket**. By fulfilling the mitzvah of gleaning the fields and connecting it to the story of Ruth, we are helping Israel's food-insecure population.
- Visit the **Barkan Winery** and the vines and enjoy a wine tasting tour.
- We enjoy a **Shavuot dinner** together this evening, followed by a **Tikkun Leil Shavuot (study session)**.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 2: Monday, May 17, 2021: SHAVUOT-EXPLORING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Synagogue options for Shavuot services are available (on your own).
- This afternoon, we follow **Independence Trail** on a walking tour through the **Ahuzat Bayit neighborhood**, where the city was originally developed. We also watch a movie about the foundation of the State of Israel.
- Next, we enjoy a stroll through **Tel Aviv's White City**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to see one of the largest concentrations of **Bauhaus-style** architecture in the world, followed by **Neve Tzedek** to see the artistic graffiti painted on the walls and buildings and learn how it is an important form of expression in the community.
- At **Trumpeldor Cemetery**, we see the final resting place of Shoshana Damari, Arik Einstein, Haim Nachman Bialik and other Israeli leaders.
- Free evening In Tel Aviv.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 3: Tuesday, May 18, 2021: SHAVUOT – ARTS AND CULINARY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
 - Walking tour of galleries and artist studios.
 - This afternoon, we participate in a **pastry chef workshop** with focus on cheesecake **special for Shavuot**.
 - We transfer to the airport for our overnight flights back to the United States.
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Day 4: Wednesday, May 19, 2021: WELCOME BACK!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!

**itinerary subject to change*

