



AWESOME ISRAEL
from North to South
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March 14 - 24, 2022
Extension to
EILAT AND PETRA, JORDAN
March 24 - 27, 2022

(As of 2/8/22)



Day 1: Monday, March 14, 2022: DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flights to Israel.
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Day 2: Tuesday, March 15, 2022: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

We arrive in Israel and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative. We transfer to the Inbal hotel and quarantine as requested.

- For those who have arrived previously and received a negative confirmation or 24 hours have since passed: **Please be ready with your luggage for pick up at the lobby of the Prima City Tel-Aviv at 9:30 AM.** We will continue to the **Inbal Hotel Jerusalem** to pick up those who are in Jerusalem (no check in) and continue our tour.
- Drive by the **Memorial of the Massacre** on the way to **Mount Scopus**, where we stop for a panoramic view of **Jerusalem, City of Gold** for the first time together.
- Visit **Hadassah Hospital** on **Mount Scopus** for a tour of the Hospital and to meet with its staff.
- Enter the **Old City** from **Mount Zion** with free time for lunch on own, before we continue our walking tour of the Jewish quarter with time for personal reflection at the **Western Wall**.
- Check in to our hotel.
- Free evening in **Jerusalem** and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Wednesday, March 16, 2022: JERUSALEM AND HADASSAH

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We officially begin our tour together with a traditional *Shehecheyanu* ceremony at the **Montefiore Windmill** at **Yemin Moshe**.
- Visit **Yad Vashem**, the national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Here, we explore some of the newly found materials relating to places, people, and events connected to the Holocaust, including:
 - Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations
 - Children's memorial
 - the Holocaust Museum
- Gather for a group **memorial service** at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**.
- Lunch on own.
- Visit **Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem** for a tour of the **Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower**, 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 and how it has adapted to ever-changing needs. We also visit the



synagogue featuring the famed **Chagall windows**.

- Have the ultimate adventure at **Caliber 3** and learn some of the Israeli methods of shooting and combat. We learn from the experts about weapons handling, counter-terrorism tactics and the values that guide the Israeli Defense Forces.
- Return to our hotel for a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant with **Hadassah friends**.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 4: Thursday, March 17, 2022: THE NEGEV & ESHKOL PURIM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Travel south to **Moshav Nativ HaAsara** and learn about the **Path to Peace**, a community-created mosaic along the border wall separating Israel from the Gaza Strip. We have an opportunity to **add a piece to the mosaic** and put our own imprint on this project of hope.
- Travel to **Sderot** and join the children and community leaders in **celebrating Purim**, including their unforgettable costume parade.
- Stop for a panoramic view into **Gaza**.
- Next, visit the **police station** and view the rockets collection followed by a visit to the **Protected Playground**.
- Continue to the "**Salad Trail**" where we 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 from the kibbutz's self-picking farm, encounter flying strawberries, tiny orange orchards, racing pigeons and herbal gardens. We complete our visit with a delicious **lunch**.
- Our final stop (time permitting) is at the workshop of artist **Yaron Bob**. Struck by the terror of shell attacks, Yaron decided to transform something horrible into something beautiful, and so began his artwork known as "**Rockets to Roses**".
- Return to Jerusalem and take part in a **Megillah Reading** with **the people of Jerusalem**.
- Our day concludes with a **festive Purim Dinner and Party!**



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Friday, March 18, 2022: PURIM AND HISTORY IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Visit the **Western Wall Tunnels** with the opportunity to touch biblical history and discover the archaeological wonders that once remained untouched for centuries.



- Walk through **the Cardo** and have time for **shopping**.
- Take part in a **Jerusalem Purim celebration** at “**the Station**” or at **Safra Square**.
- Drive by **Meah Shearim** to view their **Purim celebration**.
- Proceed to Jerusalem’s outdoor market, **Machane Yehuda**, for a sensual immersion, engaging with the vibrant colors, smells and flavors that will be found in this bustling marketplace. Accompanied by a gourmet chef as we wander through the pyramids of spices, bright-colored exotic vegetables, nuts, olives, and delicious halva creations. Our guide will introduce us to the most characteristic ingredients of the local cuisine provide insight into Israeli food habits.
- Lunch on own.
- Stop at the city entrance to see the **9/11 Living Memorial**, the only one of its kind outside the US.
- Return to our hotel for time to relax and refresh.
- **Oneg Shabbat** and candle lightning at hotel followed by a **festive Shabbat Dinner** in a private room.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6: Saturday, March 19, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Spend the morning at leisure attending **Shabbat services** or just relaxing.
- Return to the **Old City** for a walking tour through the different neighborhoods. We begin in the **Jewish Quarter**, followed by the **Arab shuk**, then continue along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** in the **Christian Quarter**.
- Return to our hotel for a dialogue with Jerusalem Post Palestinian Affairs correspondent, **Khaled Abu Toameh**, followed by **Havdalah**.
- Present our **knitted hats** for the soldiers to a local representative.
- Dinner on own this evening.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7: Sunday, March 20, 2022: VISIT MASSADA AND TRAVEL NORTH

- Breakfast at our hotel add and check out of our hotel.
- Depart early and travel south to **Eretz Beresheet** for an **authentic Bedouin experience**, including a **camel ride** and **traditional tea ceremony**.



- Continue to the **Dead Sea basin** and ascend **Masada** by cable car to view the remains of King Herod's fortress, including the synagogue, walls, and bathhouses, as we learn about the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman forces.
- Descend the mountain and head to the beach for an unsinkable swim in the luxuriating, salty and mineral-rich waters of **the Dead Sea**; where we can cover ourselves in silky, healing mud and float at the lowest place on Earth.
- Lunch on own.
- Drive along the **Jordan Valley** to our kibbutz in the north.
- Dinner at kibbutz.



Overnight in the Galilee

Day 8: Monday, March 21, 2022: MYSTICAL CITY AND THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- Begin the day in **Kibbutz Malkia** where we will meet with **Eitan**, a kibbutz member and former Hadassah Meir Shfeya Youth Aliyah student. Together, we will visit an army unit on the Lebanese border.
- Travel to the mystical city of **Safed**, one of four holy cities in Israel and the center of Kabbalistic practice. We stroll through the cobblestone streets to view the beautiful ancient synagogues and shop in the artist's quarter.
- Lunch on own.
- 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 panoramic views of Syria and learn about the current geopolitical situation.
- In the unlikely case that time permits, we can visit the famous **Naot Factory** and shop for shoes and sandals.
- Return to our kibbutz for **dinner together** this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

Day 9: Tuesday, March 22, 2022: YOUTH ALIAH AND THE ROAD TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- Travel west to **Akko** for a tour of the Crusader-era fortress and British prison, as we learn about this historically important port.
- Bask in the breathtaking views of the beautiful **Bahai Gardens** atop **Mount Carmel** in **Haifa**.
- Falafel lunch on own in **Haifa**.



- Continue to **Hadassah's Meir Shfeya Youth Village**, where we interact with the students and staff while touring the village, their working farm, and winery.
- Drive along the coast, past the Roman aqueduct at **Caesarea**.
- Upon arrival in **Tel Aviv**, we check in to our hotel and refresh before setting out for a **short walking tour of Jaffa**.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 10: Wednesday, March 23, 2022: TOURING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Visit the **Peres Peace Center** and learn about its founder, President Shimon Peres. We get a glimpse into Israel's high-tech advances in the fields of science, medicine, security, and space at their interactive exhibition.
- Tour the **Ayalon Institute**, where we discover the underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence.
- Stroll through **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.
- Follow **Independence Trail** for a walking tour through the **Ahuzat Bayit** neighborhood, where the city was originally developed.
- Allergen testing for our flight home tonight.
- Enjoy a **farewell dinner** together at a local restaurant in a private room.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flights back to the United States, landing tomorrow morning.



**Overnight flight or overnight in Tel Aviv if continuing to Eilat and Petra, Jordan
OR JOIN OUR EXTENSION TO EILAT & PETRA, JORDAN**



EXTENSION TO EILAT & PETRA, JORDAN

Day 11: Thursday, March 24, 2022: TO EILAT

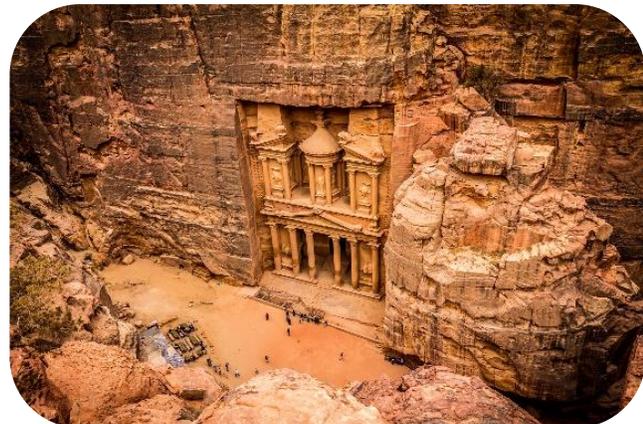
- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for our short flight to **Eilat**.
- Upon arrival, we check into our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure relaxing by the pool or on the shores of the **Red Sea**.
- Dinner on own tonight.

Overnight in Eilat

Day 12: Friday March 25, 2022: PETRA - THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

If tour to Petra will not happen due to border closing, we will have a tour of Timna and the Hai Bar

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Cross the border into Jordan and begin our full day tour of **Petra**, the Red Rose City. We explore the **Nabatean City** (as seen in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade), then walk through the **Siq** and view the ancient temples. We also discover the famous **Treasury**, the **Roman Theater**, and more at this Eighth Wonder of the World.
- On our way back to the border, we pass **Wadi Rum**, a desert wilderness with sandstone mountains and natural arches.
- Return to our hotel in Eilat with time to refresh before we gather for **Shabbat dinner** together this evening.



Overnight Eilat

Day 13: Saturday, March 26, 2022: DEPARTURE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
 - Enjoy the day at leisure relaxing at the pool, on the beach or exploring the **Underwater Aquarium**.
 - Early this evening, we check out of our hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Tel Aviv, connecting with our flight back to the United States.
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Day 14: Sunday, March 27, 2022: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.



THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!

*Itinerary subject to change

