

Ayelet TOURS

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Highlights Tour of

ISRAEL

8 Nights/10 Days



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8 NIGHTS * 10 DAYS * 6 TOURING DAYS
MONDAY DEPARTURE/TUESDAY ARRIVAL
4 NIGHTS JERUSALEM * 2 NIGHT TEL AVIV *
2 NIGHTS GALILEE

DAY 1 MONDAY BEGIN THE JOURNEY

- Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Israel. (Contact Ayelet Tours for assistance booking flights).

DAY 2 TUESDAY ARRIVAL

- Shalom and welcome to Israel! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport you will be greeted and assisted by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- Transfer to your hotel in **Jerusalem** on own to check in and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY ANCIENT JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with an ascent up the **Mount of Olives** for a magnificent panoramic view of the **City of Gold**.
- We continue to **Mt. Zion**, where we visit the **tomb of King David** and then proceed to the **Upper Room**, believed to be the site of the **Last Supper**.
- We enter the walled **Old City** and walk through the newly restored **Jewish quarter**, including the **Roman Cardo** marketplace, the **Herodian** quarter excavations and the **Western Wall**, where we have time for personal reflection.
- We walk the **Stations of the Cross** along the **Via Dolorosa**, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** in the **Christian quarter**.
- We continue to **Bethlehem**** (security permitting) to view the **tomb of Rachel**, wife of biblical patriarch Jacob.
- We complete our day with a visit to the **Church of the Nativity** and **Manger Square**.
- We return to Jerusalem for an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

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DAY 4 THURSDAY MODERN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we browse the extensive galleries of the **Israel Museum**, which recently completed a \$100 million renovation and is world class in every way. The galleries range from pop and modern art, back through the Renaissance and Classical periods, with a strong emphasis on Jewish and Israeli archaeological history with evidence going back thousands of years. We walk through the iconic **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and see the impressive miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period.
- We continue to the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament, where we take a tour and have time for a unique photo opportunity by the amazing outdoor bronze menorah sculpture.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, we learn from our guide some of the heroic stories of those buried here, including Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.
- We continue to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's Holocaust memorial, where we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
- We drive through **Mea Shearim**, an Ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem, to learn about the unique lifestyle of the residents.
- Tonight, we enjoy a **Middle Eastern dinner** together, followed by the spectacular **Sound and Light Show** at the **Tower of David** (*weather permitting*).

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 5 FRIDAY MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Early this morning, we depart for the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Along the way, we stop at the **Qumran caves**, the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found by a local shepherd.
- We 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.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach to enjoy the mineral-rich mud and an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- Later this afternoon, we travel to **Tel Aviv** to check into our hotel. (*Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.*)

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 6 SATURDAY A TEL AVIV SHABBAT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Tel Aviv on own. This seaside city pulses with energy day and night. Enjoy the world class museums, high fashion, and excellent gourmet cuisine on offer throughout the city.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 7 SUNDAY THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

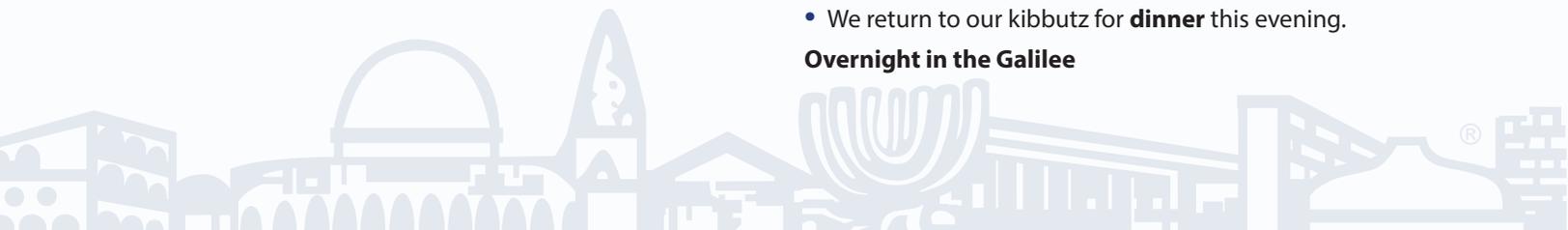
- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Today, we drive along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea**, the former Roman capital of the area. Here, we view the ancient theater, the aqueduct and port, as well as the impressive excavations of the Crusaders' city.
- We continue to **Megiddo**, site of biblical Armageddon, whose 20 layers of civilization were featured in James Michener's *The Source*.
- Our next stop is the **Druze village of Daliyat el Carmel**, where we learn about their unique culture.
- We enjoy a **late lunch** at a local restaurant.
- Next, we drive to the top of **Mt. Carmel in Haifa**, where we take in the panoramic views overlooking the amazing terraced **Bahai Gardens**.
- We continue to the **Galilee** to check into our kibbutz and refresh before **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 8 MONDAY SAFED AND THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- Today, we tour the mystical city of **Safed**, center of Kabbalistic practice, exploring the narrow alleyways lined with ancient synagogues and artists' galleries.
- We enjoy a drive through the **Golan Heights**, passing former Syrian bunkers on the way to the top of **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria. Our guide updates us on the geopolitical situation in the area.
- We continue to **Kuneitra**, the former Syrian administrative capital of the region, and **Katzrin**, the Israeli administrative capital of the region.
- Next, we stop at the award-winning **Golan winery** for a **tour and wine tasting**.
- Our final stop is at **Kesem Hagolan** to watch a spectacular multimedia presentation of the area and its history in the 180-degree IMAX movie theater.
- We return to our kibbutz for **dinner** this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee





DAY 9

TUESDAY

THE SEA OF GALILEE AND NAZARETH

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- We begin our day with a visit to the **Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth**,** which some believe marks the site of Mary's childhood home and the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel.
- We continue to **Tiberias**, one of four holy cities in Judaism, where we visit the grave of the medieval sage **Maimonides**.
- Our next stop is at **Capernaum**, where Jesus began his ministry and site of numerous miracles. We see the ruins of several synagogues and the octagonal **Church of St. Peter**.
- At **Mount of Beatitudes**, we see the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
- We drive by the Roman ruins of **Beit Shean**, destroyed over 1,300 years ago by earthquake, recently excavated and reconstructed on a massive and impressive scale, then visit **Beit Alpha** to view the intricate mosaics in the synagogue.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem** and check into our hotel.
- Spend the evening at leisure discovering Jerusalem and enjoying dinner on our own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 10

WEDNESDAY

DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Transfer on your own to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back to the United States. L'hitraot!

* ITINERARY SUBJECT TO
CHANGE

* VISIT SUBJECT TO
AVAILABILITY

THE ABOVE PROGRAM CAN BE
EXTENDED AND CUSTOMIZED
FOR GROUPS OR PRIVATE
FAMILY TOURS.



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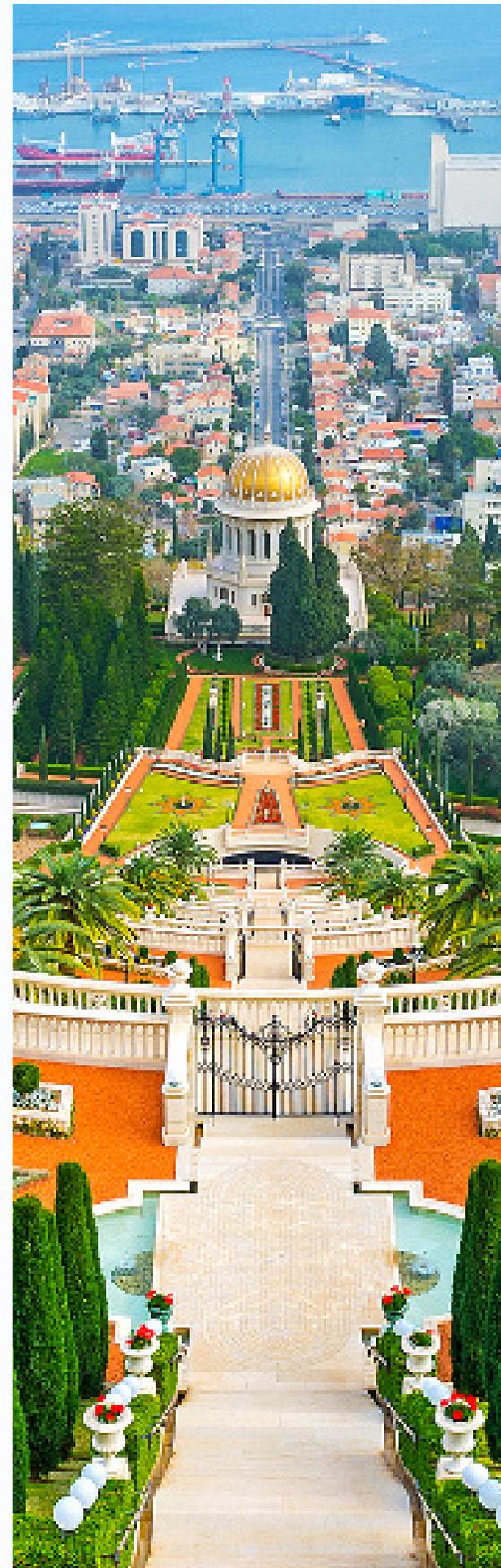
Land only packages - TUESDAY ARRIVAL*

Rates are per person per room, in US Dollars, based on bed & breakfast daily prices. Prices can be paid by check or credit card.

Small groups of maximum 30 passengers - Transfers are not included

| Hotel Plans | 4 Star | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Jerusalem 4 Nights | Prima Royale - Jerusalem | |
| Tel Aviv 2 Nights | Prima City - Tel Aviv | |
| Galilee 2 Nights | Kibbutz Lavi - Eden wing | |
| Arrival date in Israel (Tuesday) | Double | Single |
| 3/5/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 3/12/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 3/19/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 3/26/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 4/2/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 4/9/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 4/16/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 4/23/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 4/30/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 5/7/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 5/14/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 5/21/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 5/28/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 6/4/2019 | \$1,733 | \$2,450 |
| 6/11/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 6/18/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 6/25/2019 | \$1,687 | \$2,398 |
| 7/2/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 7/9/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 7/16/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 7/23/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 7/30/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 8/6/2019 | \$1,705 | \$2,400 |
| 8/13/2019 | \$1,744 | \$2,439 |
| 8/20/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 8/27/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |

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| 9/10/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 9/17/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 9/24/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 10/1/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 10/8/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 10/15/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 10/22/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 10/29/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 11/5/2019 | \$1,694 | \$2,411 |
| 11/12/2019 | \$1,687 | \$2,398 |
| 11/19/2019 | \$1,666 | \$2,360 |
| 11/26/2019 | \$1,656 | \$2,342 |
| 12/3/2019 | \$1,585 | \$2,212 |
| 12/10/2019 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 12/17/2019 | \$1,609 | \$2,236 |
| 12/24/2019 | \$1,680 | \$2,307 |
| 12/31/2019 | \$1,656 | \$2,283 |
| 1/7/2020 | \$1,585 | \$2,212 |
| 1/14/2020 | \$1,585 | \$2,212 |
| 1/21/2020 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 1/28/2020 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 2/4/2020 | \$2,971 | \$4,077 |
| 2/11/2020 | UNAVAILABLE | |
| 2/18/2020 | \$1,585 | \$2,212 |
| 2/25/2020 | \$1,614 | \$2,265 |

Contact an Ayelet Tours agent for triple room availability and pricing.

*Most flights from the U.S. are overnight and require departure from the U.S. on the day BEFORE the date listed here.

Ayelet Tours Ltd. is a full service agency. Contact us for competitive rates on domestic and international flights.

Due to current fluctuations in exchange rates, prices listed are subject to final confirmation upon booking.

Transfers are not included.

NOTE: Tours are operated in partnership with Rent-A-Guide Israel. No credit/refund for any unused service.

All pricing is based on standard rooms. Hotel availability for each departure is subject to change and may be Sold Out. The hotels appearing in the table might be replaced with similar ones.

Itinerary subject to change.

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

8 nights hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, 2 kibbutz dinners, assistance upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, all touring and sightseeing in an air-conditioned vehicle with a professional English-speaking guide, entrance fees per itinerary and portage.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

Roundtrip airfare, departure taxes and fuel surcharges, transfers upon arrival and departure, border taxes and visa fees, tips to driver, guide, waitstaff, porters, housekeepers, etc. (budget \$15-\$20 per person, per day), meals not listed above, items of a personal nature or travel insurance (highly recommended; find options at <http://www.ayelet.com/travelinsurance.htm>)

For the most up to date information on hotel category availability for your tour dates, please visit: <http://ayelet.com/jewish-trip-to-israel-jewish-heritage-tours> or contact an agent for assistance.

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