Jewish Heritage Tour of ISRAEL

11 Nights/13 Days
Jewish Heritage
Tour of Israel

11 NIGHTS * 13 DAYS * 8 TOURING DAYS
TUESDAY DEPARTURE/WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL
4 NIGHTS TEL AVIV * 2 NIGHTS GALILEE *
5 NIGHTS JERUSALEM

DAY 1 TUESDAY
BEGIN THE JOURNEY
• Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Israel. (Contact Ayelet Tours for assistance booking flights.)

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY
ARRIVAL
• Shalom and welcome to Israel! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport you will be greeted and assisted by an Ayelet Tours representative.
• Transfer on own to your hotel to check in and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 3 THURSDAY
TEL AVIV PAST TO PRESENT
• Breakfast at our hotel.
• This morning, we drive through Tel Aviv and learn more about this vibrant city.
• Next, we visit Latrun, Israel’s outdoor armored corps museum, where we explore and touch the tanks and artillery used by the Israeli Defense Forces and enemy armies throughout the country’s history.
• We continue to Beit Guvrin National Park, where we explore parts of the archeological remains and unique caves.
• Our final stop today is at the Ayalon Institute, an underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel’s fight for independence at the end of the British Mandate.
• We continue to the Weizmann House and its fascinating gardens, where we learn the story of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, scientist, head of the Zionist movement for over 30 years, the first president of the state of Israel and founder of the renowned Weizmann Institute of Science.
• Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

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DAY 4 FRIDAY
TOURING TEL AVIV
• Breakfast at our hotel.
• Today, we visit the Diaspora Museum, where we learn about the history of Jewish emigration since the destruction of the Second Temple and see models of some of the world’s most well-known and majestic synagogues.
• We drive along the main streets of Tel Aviv, Israel’s vibrant center of business and entertainment.
• We stop for a moment of reflection at Rabin Square, place of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.
• This afternoon, we visit Old Jaffa. Here we walk among the many artists, vendors and cafes as we hear the history of the ancient port.
• We continue to Neve Tzedeck, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1909, now experiencing a renaissance.
• Enjoy the entertainers, artists, shop owners, colorful vendors and craftspeople who bring the streets to life on Nachalat Binyamin.
• Evening at leisure and dinner on own. (Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.)

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 5 SATURDAY
LEISURE SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV
• Breakfast at our hotel.
• Enjoy the day at leisure. It’s a wonderful chance to experience all that this modern Mediterranean city has to offer.
• Free morning with the opportunity to attend Shabbat services on own.
• Free day to enjoy the calm of Shabbat.
• Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 6 SUNDAY
THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST
• Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
• Today, we drive north 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 Haifa to visit the Clandestine Immigration and Naval Museum (“Af al Pi Chen”) and hear the story of the illegal immigrants who came to Israel at the time of the British mandate.
• Next, we visit Akko’s Crusader-era fortress before walking through its colorful bazaar to the port.
• Later this afternoon, we travel north along the coast to Rosh Hanikra, and descend by cable car to discover the chalk cliff grottoes carved out by the Mediterranean waters.
• We continue to the Galilee to check into our kibbutz and enjoy dinner together this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 7 MONDAY
SAFED, GOLAN, TEL HAI
• Breakfast at our kibbutz.
• Today, we tour the mystical city of Safed, center of Kabalistic practice, exploring the narrow alleyways lined with ancient synagogues and artists’ galleries.
• We enjoy a jeep ride up to the Golan Heights, where we pass former Syrian bunkers and stop atop Har Bental for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria.
• We take in the view at the Mitzpe Gadot overlook, the memorial site for the fallen people of the Golan.
• We visit Tel Hai to see the “Roaring Lion” monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpelidor and his comrades.
• We return to our kibbutz for dinner together this evening.
• Following dinner, we meet with kibbutz members to learn about their unique lifestyle and the challenges and changes to their communal arrangements over the decades.

Overnight in the Galilee

DAY 8 TUESDAY
KINNERET, BEIT SHEAN, JERUSALEM
• Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
• This morning, we travel to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where we visit Rambam’s grave.
• Next, we visit the extensive Roman ruins of Beit Shean, destroyed over 1,300 years ago by an earthquake, and recently excavated and reconstructed on a massive and impressive scale.
• We also visit Beit Alpha to view the intricate mosaics in the synagogue.
• We continue to Gan Hashlosha (Sachne), where weather permitting, we enjoy a dip in the sparkling warm waters. These natural springs are often referred to as the original Garden of Eden.
• We ascend to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley, stopping atop Mt. Scopus for a special opportunity to say the “Shehecheyanu” as we look out over the City of Gold for the first time.
• We check into our hotels and enjoy an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem
WEDNESDAY
ANCIENT JERUSALEM

• Breakfast at our hotel.
• We begin our day with a visit to the Tomb of King David on Mt. Zion.
• We enter the Old City and stroll through the Jewish quarter, stopping to explore the Cardo, the ancient Roman marketplace now featuring outstanding shopping opportunities. Then, we visit four Sephardic synagogues in the Jewish quarter, restored after the 1967 War.
• Enjoy a spiritual visit and time for reflection at the Western Wall.
• We continue with a tour of the Western Wall tunnels, where we discover the archeological wonders that remained untouched for centuries.
• Our next stop is at the Davidson Center, built into the ancient stones adjacent to the Temple Mount. Here, we learn about the construction and history of the Temple Mount area through multi-media exhibitions.
• We stroll through the colorful marketplace to the Jaffa Gate and visit the Tower of David Museum to learn more about Jerusalem’s 3,000 years of history.
• Spend the evening at leisure discovering Jerusalem and enjoying dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 9

THURSDAY
MODERN JERUSALEM

• Breakfast at our hotel.
• This morning, we share in the joy of the many B’nai Mitzvah ceremonies at the Kotel.
• We continue to the Mea Shearim neighborhood to learn about the unique lifestyle of the Ultra-Orthodox residents.
• At Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem’s military cemetery, our guide imparts some of the heroic stories of those buried here, including Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.
• Our next stop is at Yad Vashem, Israel’s memorial to the Holocaust. Here, we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
• This afternoon, we explore the bunkers at Ammunition Hill, the official museum symbolizing the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem.
• We drive by the Knesset, Israel’s Parliament, and see the bronze menorah in front of this impressive building.
• We browse in the extensive, newly renovated galleries of the Israel Museum, which 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 archeological history.
• 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.
• Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem
FRIDAY
MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

• Breakfast at our hotel.
• Early this morning, we depart for the Dead Sea basin.
• Along the way, we stop at Qumran, 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 for lunch and an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the Dead Sea.
• Later this afternoon, we return to Jerusalem for a quiet Shabbat on own. (Please contact Ayelet Tours to arrange Shabbat dinner at your hotel.)

Overnight in Jerusalem

SATURDAY
JERUSALEM

• Breakfast at our hotel.
• Free morning with the opportunity to attend Shabbat services on own.
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• Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

SUNDAY
L’HITRAOT!

• Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
• Transfer on your own for 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.

See our 14-night program to add Eilat and Petra, Jordan to your visit.
# JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR

## 11 NIGHTS/13 DAYS (8 TOURING DAYS)

Land only packages - WEDNESDAY 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.

**BEST VALUE** dates are highlighted in the chart.

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Rosh Hashanah - NO TOUR

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All pricing is based on standard rooms. Hotel availability for each departure is subject to change and may be sold out.

### INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE
11 nights hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, lunch at the Dead Sea, 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 porterage.

### 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, wait staff, porters, housekeepers, etc. (budget $15-$20 per person, per day), meals not listed above, items of a personal nature or travel insurance (recommended; find options at [https://www.ayelet.com/travelinsurance.htm](https://www.ayelet.com/travelinsurance.htm))

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

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

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