

#### WHY JOIN US?

Allow us to help you connect with your Jewish roots when you travel to Israel on our most popular escorted Jewish tour to Israel. Offering a great introduction to the land of Israel.



#### **ITINERARY**

### Day 1 THURSDAY

**DFPARTURE** 

Our journey starts today as we depart on our flight to Israel- the Promised Land. Sit back, relax, enjoy your flight, and prepare for a life-changing experience.

## Day 2 FRIDAY

ARRIVAL / WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport and after passport control, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for check-in. The rest of the day will be free to enjoy the hotel and the nearby famous Tel Aviv promenade.

## Day 3 SATURDAY

**FREE DAY IN TEL AVIV** 

Enjoy a free day of Shabbat! You may explore Tel Aviv, the city that never sleeps! Discover the famous boardwalk along the Mediterranean Sea or take a walk in Old City Jaffa. Tel Aviv is home to numerous art galleries, cafes, and museums, as well as the beach! The Tel Aviv Museum of Art is a very highly rated institution, while the Eretz Israel Museum offers a historical perspective on the history of Tel Aviv. For those who prefer to shop, there are several shopping malls that open after the end of Shabbat till late night. Stroll along the famous tree lined Rothschild Boulevard, and take in the magnificent villas and buildings occupying the most expensive real estate in Tel Aviv.

### Day 4 SUNDAY

FROM TEL AVIV TO THE GALILEE: CAESAREA / HAIFA / ACRE (ACCO) / ROSH HANIKRA / GALILEE

**\*EXTRA MEAL INCLUDED FOR TODAY:** 

**DINNER AT A KIBBUTZ HOTEL** 

After breakfast we will start our day of touring and drive north to Caesarea, which has been an important city for the Jewish faith since before the Roman invasion. Here we will see excavations dating to the Crusades; the aqueduct, whose construction dates back to King Herod, and the restored amphitheater, now serving as a concert venue. From there we will proceed to Haifa, the largest city in northern Israel, and take in the magnificent view from Mount Carmel, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. We will also be visiting the INS Af Al Pi Chen, a former Second World War era landing craft that now serves as the Clandestine Immigration and Navy Museum, covering the maritime history of Israel. A drive to the waterside town of Acre follows, where we can walk along the old harbor, and visit the local market, taking in the sights of one of the oldest inhabited sites in Israel. We will continue on to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh HaNikra, taking an exciting descent by cable car into the spectacular limestone grottoes. The day will end with a drive to Galilee and our lodging at Kibbutz Lavi. There we will have the opportunity to meet with Kibbutz members and learn more about their unique lifestyle. Dinner at the hotel is included.

### Day 5 MONDAY

UPPER GALILEE & GOLAN HEIGHTS: SAFED / GOLAN HEIGHTS / JEEP TOUR / TEL HAI / UPPER GALILEE

\*EXTRA MEAL INCLUDED FOR TODAY:

**DINNER AT A KIBBUTZ HOTEL** 

The day will start with a drive to Safed, the center of Kabbalah and one of the four holy cities of Judaism. There you can visit both the Yosef Caro and the Ari Ashkenazi synagogues. The Ari synagogue may be the oldest in Israel that is still in use, and is certainly one of the most important in the city. The Artists' Quarter is also well worth checking out. You can view and purchase the very unique "micro calligraphy" artworks that Safed is famous for. We will then enjoy an exhilarating Jeep ride to the foot of the Golan Heights. We will then go up and stop at an observation point over the almost entirely destroyed city of Quneitra and the Syrian territory. Tel Faher, a former Syrian outpost, is our next stop. Next we will visit Tel Hai, the site of a pivotal battle between Arab rebels and the New Yishuv in 1920. We will also see the famous Roaring Lion Monument, commemorating Josef Trumpeldor, among others who lost their lives that day. We will then return to the kibbutz hotel for Dinner.

## Day 6 TUESDAY

FROM THE GALILEE TO JERUSALEM: TIBERIAS / BEIT SHEAN / GAN HASHLOSHA / BEIT ALPHA / JORDAN VALLEY / JERUSALEM

After breakfast we will drive to Tiberias to visit the grave of Mosheh ben Maimon, a famous philosopher and Torah scholar from the Middle Ages. Next is Beit Shean, the biggest archaeological park in Israel, featuring beautiful excavations from the Roman and the Byzantine periods. There will be a stop at Beit Alpha to see a beautiful mosaic floor in a Byzantine era synagogue. From there we will move on to Gan HaShlosha National Park, where you will have an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful springs located at the foot of Gilboa Mountain, where King Saul was killed in his battle against the Philistines. We will then continue along the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem, stopping at Mount Scopus for a blessing as we enter the city.



## Day 7 WEDNESDAY

JERUSALEM OLD CITY: MOUNT ZION / WESTERN WALL TUNNEL / DAVIDSON CENTER / DAVID'S TOWER

Today we will enjoy a tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. We will start with a visit to the Tomb of King David on Mount Zion. We will then walk along the Cardo, an ancient Roman road as we visit the four Sephardic synagogues restored after the 1967 war in the city's Jewish Quarter. No tour of Jerusalem would be complete without a visit to the Western Wall Tunnel, which runs the full length of the Wall, and was built in 19 BCE. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Davidson Center. It is an archaeological museum, where we will learn more about the Western Wall, before once again walking along the Roman Cardo to the local Arab bazaar. Walking through the Jaffa Gate, one of the eight gates in the historic walls of Jerusalem, we will go to the Museum of David's Tower, which chronicles the history of Jerusalem. We will then return to our hotel.

### Day 8 THURSDAY

JERUSALEM OLD & NEW CITY: WESTERN WALL / MEA SHEARIM / ISRAEL MUSEUM / HOLYLAND MODEL / YAD VASHEM \*OPTIONAL BAR/BAT MITZVAH CEREMONY

Today we will depart the hotel and arrive at the Western Wall once more, located in the Old City of Jerusalem. There is the option to celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at the Kotel (the Western Wall).\* Next, we will continue on to Mea Shearim, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Jerusalem, where we will learn about the lifestyle of the ultra Orthodox communities. We will drive by the Knesset, Israel's version of parliament, a modern building with a large menorah up front. From there we will go to the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the new Holyland model- a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it appeared during the Second Temple Period between 530 BCE- 70 CE. A drive to Mount Herzl follows, home of the military ceremony and the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem features the Hall of Remembrance, inscribed with six million names continuously read out loud. It also has some beautiful gardens for contemplation. We will end the day visiting Ammunition Hill, a former Jordanian stronghold, conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Day War and converted into a national memorial site and museum.

\*Optional Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony- For families who wish to celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at the Western Wall, the option is available. This is an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity. While the rest of the group tours Mea Shearim, arrangements will be made at the Western or Southern Wall with an Israeli rabbi. At the end of the service, you will be transferred to the current location of the group. Please call us for more details about this special option.

### Day 9 FRIDAY

DEAD SEA & THE JUDEAN DESERT: DEAD SEA / QUMRAN / MASADA EXTRA MEALS INCLUDED FOR TODAY \* LUNCH IN A DEAD SEA HOTEL DINNER AT A KIBBUTZ HOTEL

After a drive through the Judean Desert, we will arrive at the Dead Sea, stopping at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Next we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit Masada, Israel's most popular site, ascending by cable car once again to tour the ancient fortress at the top. Masada, built by King Herod, was also the site of an uprising by the Jews against the Romans that ended in the mass suicide of close to 1,000 Jewish rebels and families who took refuge there. We will also visit the walls, palaces, synagogue, and bathhouses that made up this ancient city. Descending by the cable cars, we will stop for lunch and float in the Dead Sea, whose high saline content will keep you peacefully floating for hours! The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth, at over 1,300 feet below sea level. It is so low that you don't even need sunscreen, as you will not burn! The water has healing and medicinal properties. We will also have use of the spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area. We will return to Jerusalem for the evening.

# Day 10 | SATURDAY

FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

Today is a free day to enjoy the special atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem. You may want to discover some museums and re-visit the Christian Quarter in the Old City.

## Day 11 SUNDAY

**DEPARTURE FROM ISRAEL / ARRIVAL IN THE USA** 

After breakfast you will be transferred to Ben Gurion International Airport for your transatlantic flight back to the USA. Take home your fond memories of Israel that will last a lifetime, and start planning your next trip!

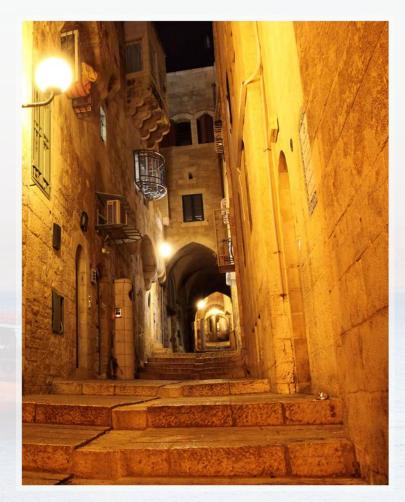
# **DATES & RATES**

Land package prices listed are per person in U.S. dollars. Rates are based on double occupancy and inclusive of all taxes.

#### 2019 & 2020 AVAILABLE JOURNEYS

Tour Departs	Tour Ends	1st Class	Superior 1st Class	5-Star	5-Star Deluxe
Nov 7, 2019	Nov 17, 2019	\$2,120	\$2,325	\$2,945	\$3,425
Nov 14, 2019	Nov 24, 2019	\$2,080	\$2,305	\$2,850	\$2,845
Nov 21, 2019	Dec 1, 2019	\$2,080	\$2,305	\$2,850	\$2,845
Nov 28, 2019	Dec 8, 2019	\$2,080	\$2,305	\$2,850	\$2,845
Dec 5, 2019	Dec 15, 2019	\$2,080	\$2,305	\$2,850	\$2,845
Dec 12, 2019	Dec 22, 2019	\$2,025	\$2,070	\$3,100	\$2,830
Dec 19, 2019	Dec 29, 2019	\$2,075	\$2,455	\$3,185	\$3,395
Dec 26, 2019	Jan 5, 2020	\$2,075	\$2,510	\$3,055	\$3,055
Jan 2, 2020 Jan 9, 2020	Jan 12, 2020 Jan 19, 2020	\$1,995	\$2,070	\$2,795 \$2,795	\$2,770
Jan 30, 2020	Feb 9, 2020	\$1,995 \$1,995	\$2,070 \$2,070	\$2,795	\$2,770 \$2,770
Feb 13, 2020	Feb 23, 2020	\$1,995	\$2,070	\$2,720	\$2,770
Feb 20, 2020	Mar 1, 2020	\$1,995	\$2,070	\$2,720	\$2,770
Feb 27, 2020	Mar 8, 2020	\$2,075	\$2,210	\$2,720	\$3,070
Mar 5, 2020	Mar 15, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,355	\$2,940	\$3,230
Mar 12, 2020	Mar 22, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,355	\$2,940	\$3,230
Mar 19, 2020	Mar 29, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,355	\$2,940	\$3,230
Mar 26, 2020	Apr 5, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,355	\$2,940	\$3,230
Apr 23, 2020	May 3, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,375	\$3,000	\$3,355
Apr 30, 2020	May 10, 2020	\$2,210	\$2,425	\$3,000	\$3,560
May 7, 2020	May 17, 2020	\$2,210	\$2,425	\$3,000	\$3,560
May 14, 2020	May 24, 2020	\$2,210	\$2,425	\$3,000	\$3,560
May 21, 2020	May 31, 2020	\$2,210	\$2,425	\$3,000	\$3,560
Jun 4, 2020	Jun 14, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,425	\$3,845	\$3,560
Jun 11, 2020 Jun 25, 2020	Jun 21, 2020 Jul 5, 2020	\$2,140 \$2,120	\$2,425 \$2,425	\$3,845 \$3,000	\$3,560 \$3,560
Jul 2, 2020	Jul 12, 2020	\$2,120	\$2,355	\$2,970	\$3,230
Jul 9, 2020	Jul 19, 2020	\$2,115	\$2,355	\$2,970	\$3,230
Jul 16, 2020	Jul 26, 2020	\$2,115	\$2,355	\$2,970	\$3,230
Jul 23, 2020	Aug 2, 2020	\$2,115	\$2,355	\$2,970	\$3,230
Jul 30, 2020	Aug 9, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,380	\$2,910	\$3,280
Aug 6, 2020	Aug 16, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,380	\$2,910	\$3,280
Aug 13, 2020	Aug 23, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,380	\$2,910	\$3,280
Aug 20, 2020	Aug 30, 2020	\$2,140	\$2,380	\$2,910	\$3,280
Aug 27, 2020	Sep 6, 2020	\$2,170	\$2,355	\$2,865	\$3,230
Sep 3, 2020	Sep 13, 2020	\$2,170	\$2,355	\$2,865	\$3,230
Sep 10, 2020	Sep 20, 2020	\$2,170	\$2,355	\$2,865	\$3,230
Oct 15, 2020	Oct 27, 2020	\$2,145	\$2,425	\$3,000	\$3,560
Oct 22, 2020 Oct 29, 2020	Nov 4, 2020 Nov 8, 2020	\$2,145 \$2,145	\$2,425 \$2,425	\$3,000 \$3,000	\$3,560 \$3,560
Nov 5, 2020	Nov 15, 2020	\$2,145	\$2,425	\$3,000	\$3,560
Nov 12, 2020	Nov 22, 2020	\$2,115	\$2,425	\$2,920	\$2,925
Nov 19, 2020	Nov 29, 2020	\$2,100	\$2,270	\$2,860	\$2,890
Nov 26, 2020	Dec 6, 2020	\$2,045	\$2,110	\$2,805	\$2,890
Dec 3, 2020	Dec 13, 2020	\$2,045	\$2,110	\$2,805	\$2,890
Dec 10, 2020	Dec 20, 2020	\$2,045	\$2,110	\$2,805	\$2,890
Dec 17, 2020	Dec 27, 2020	\$2,095	\$2,420	\$3,240	\$3,525
Dec 24, 2020	Jan 3, 2021	\$2,095	\$2,565	\$3,280	\$3,525
Dec 31, 2020	Jan 10, 2021	\$2,030	\$2,145	\$2,805	\$2,810
Jan 7, 2021	Jan 17, 2021	\$2,030	\$2,145	\$2,805	\$2,810
Jan 14, 2021	Jan 24, 2021	\$2,030	\$2,145	\$2,805	\$2,810
Jan 21, 2021	Jan 31, 2021 Feb 7, 2021	\$2,030	\$2,145	\$2,805	\$2,810
Jan 28, 2021 Feb 4, 2021	Feb 14, 2021	\$2,030	\$2,145	\$2,805 \$2,805	\$2,810 \$2,810
Feb 11, 2021	Feb 21, 2021	\$2,030 \$2,030	\$2,145 \$2,145	\$2,805	\$2,810
Feb 18, 2021	Feb 28, 2021	\$2,030	\$2,145	\$2,805	\$2,810
Feb 25, 2021	Mar 7, 2021	\$2,095	\$2,270	\$2,815	\$3,140





#### **JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Explore the excavations of Caesarea
- Descend into the limestone grottoes of Rosh HaNikra
- Take an exciting Jeep Ride in the Golan Heights
- Enjoy the beautiful Banias waterfall and springs
- Visit Beit Shean, the biggest archaeological park in Israel
- Take a cable car up to the fortress of Masada



#### **INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE:**

- Private transfer from Ben Gurion International Airport to your Hotel in Tel Aviv and from the Hotel in Jerusalem to the Airport
- Meeting point on arrival at the Steimatzky Bookstore in the Main Arrival Hall of the airport
- 6 Full day touring with all entrance fees and attraction as per tour itinerary
- Transportation in deluxe air-conditioned vehicle
- 9 nights accommodation
- Full Israeli buffet breakfasts daily at the hotels
- 2 dinners at the hotel in Kibbutz Lavi in Galilee
- Lunch and swim at a Dead Sea spa hotel
- Jeep ride in the Golan Heights
- Land and service taxes

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Rates are for land package only
- We do sell air tickets; please contact us at 877-248-8687 to arrange your air travel
- 5% per person discount for reservation of 6 passengers and above
- Extension tours to Eilat and/or Egypt & Jordan are available upon request
- Extension tours to our other destinations are available upon request

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- International flights: please call us toll free at 877-248-8687 to arrange your flights
- Extra meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extra expenses of personal nature
- Tips to guide/driver and Hotel staff
- Lunches en route on sightseeing days
- Treatments at the Dead Sea spa
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- A Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony can be arranged at the Western or Southern Wall.
  (Please calll for info)

