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Join Us For Two Incredible Weeks!

DAY 1 - Tuesday - Depart on your flight to Israel.



DAY 2 - Wednesday- SHALOM

All passengers who have booked EL AL group flights on our scheduled tour dates are met at the airport and transferred to the bustling cosmopolitan city of Tel-Aviv. Check in to our deluxe hotel on the beautiful beach promenade. *PM: DINNER TONIGHT IN HOTEL MAIN DINING ROOM (from 7:00pm). OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.*

DAY 3 - Thursday- Tel-Aviv

BREAKFAST. We begin our tour at the **Declaration of Independence**, where on May 14, 1948, Israel became an independent nation. Then we will tour the **Ayalon Institute**, a secret factory camouflaged on a kibbutz producing millions of bullets for the Hagana. This was done right under the noses of the British authorities. Continue to **Sarona**, one of the newest and most happening places in the heart of Tel Aviv. *PM: WELCOME DINNER. OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.*

DAY 4 - Friday- Tel Aviv/ Haifa

BREAKFAST. Our first stop today, **Old Jaffa**, where we walk along the ancient streets, viewing archaeological excavations and charming galleries. Continue north to **Caeserea**. We visit the Crusaders' Battlement, the Roman Theater - where concerts and cultural events take place all summer long, plus the ancient **Aqueduct** still standing for 2000 years. Next, an emotional visit to **Atlit** - a former detention compound for Jewish immigrants who arrived in Israel illegally during the British Mandate period. Stop at the beautiful **Bahai Gardens** for quick view and pictures before arriving at our luxurious hotel atop Mt. Carmel. *PM: KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE FOLLOWED BY OUR FRIDAY NIGHT TRADITIONAL SHABBAT DINNER. OVERNIGHT HAIFA.*

DAY 5 - Saturday - Haifa at Leisure

BREAKFAST. Sabbath at leisure. Enjoy a delightful stroll in the beautiful city of Haifa or visit a local Synagogue. Available - Optional tour to the incredible **Tel Megiddo** - the excavations that inspired James Michener's book "The Source". Next, drive to a **Druze Village** where we learn about their culture and customs in their environment. Browse and shop in their bustling bazaar - a fun way to end an exciting tour before returning to our hotel around 3:00 *PM: DINNER WITH ENTERTAINMENT. OVERNIGHT HAIFA.*

DAY 6 - Sunday- Haifa/ Upper Galilee

BREAKFAST. Today we begin at the ancient port city of **Akko** to visit the prison where members of the Hagana and Irgun were held captive during Israel's fight for independence. Here Leon Uris's famous novel "Exodus" was filmed. Continue to the beautiful new Jewish development town **Karmiel** in the Galilee. Proceed to **Safed**, famous art colony and center of mystic Kabbalism. See its Synagogues and picturesque cobblestone streets and art galleries before arriving at our Kibbutz, located in the lush hills of the Upper Galilee. *PM: DINNER. After dinner, participate in an interesting talk on Kibbutz Life. OVERNIGHT KIBBUTZ.*



DAY 7 - Monday- Upper Galilee

BREAKFAST. We drive to the **Golan Heights** and enjoy a magnificent view of the entire Hula Valley. See the Syrian fortifications which threatened Israel for 19 years before the Six Day War. Continue to the **Golan Heights Winery**, situated in Katzrin, capitol city of the Golan Heights. Enjoy tasting high quality wines. Next, we head to a beautiful ranch for a special **culinary workshop**. Optional Walking Tour of our Kibbutz upon our return. *PM: DINNER. OVERNIGHT KIBBUTZ.*



Israel

DAY 8 - Tuesday -Upper Galilee/ Jerusalem

BREAKFAST. Depart to the new JNF Forest for optional **Tree Planting**. Then on to **Beit Shean**, the most exciting antiquity excavation in Israel. It is compared to Pompei of ancient Rome. Continue toward Israel's capital - Jerusalem of Gold. Following in our forefathers footsteps, we enter Jerusalem and gather for a traditional SHEHECHEYANU welcome. *PM: DINNER. OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.*



DAY 9 -Wednesday-Jerusalem

BREAKFAST. Our first stop is **Hadassah Hospital** and Synagogue with its famous Chagall windows. Next, **Military Cemetery**, to view the gravesites of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other past leaders of Israel. Continue to **Mt. Herzl** to view the final resting place of Theodore Herzl, father of modern political Zionism. Our last stop, an emotional visit to Israel's National Memorial to the Holocaust - **Yad Vashem**, including the New Museum, the Children's Pavillion, and the Avenue of the "Righteous Gentiles". *PM: DINE ON YOUR OWN at one of the many restaurants just steps away from our well-located hotel before gathering for a SPECTACULAR SOUND & LIGHT SHOW AT THE TOWER OF DAVID MUSEUM! OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM*

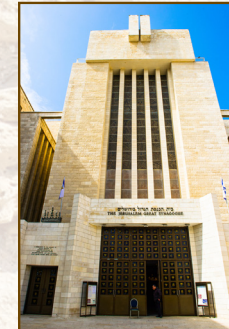
DAY 10 - Thursday -Old City

BREAKFAST. Begin this day with a visit to the **Western Wall** - the holiest site in Judaism, to witness unique Bar Mitzvahs - the boys and their families of many ethnic backgrounds. Next we enter the newly excavated **Tunnel** that runs along the Western Wall. Continue walking through the restored **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City. *PM: CELEBRATION COCKTAIL PARTY & DINNER (dress up night). OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.*

DAY 11 - Friday - Jerusalem at Leisure

BREAKFAST. Free Day! The bustling shopping areas are yours to enjoy surrounding our centrally located downtown hotel. *PM: This evening, an emotional visit to the "WESTERN WALL" to witness the ushering in of the Sabbath- AN EXPERIENCE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET! PM: FRIDAY NIGHT TRADITIONAL SHABBAT DINNER. OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.*

DAY 12 - Saturday - Jerusalem on Shabbat



BREAKFAST. Sabbath. Join us for services at the **Great Synagogue**. Then enjoy the fantastic **Israel Museum** to view the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Shrine of the Book, and the renovated model of Jerusalem from the 2nd Temple Period. Available- Optional Walking Tour of the Christian Sites in the Old City. *PM: FREE Evening "Out on the town" to explore and dine at your leisure for your last night in Jerusalem. OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.*

DAY 13 - Sunday- Jerusalem/Masada/Dead Sea/ Eilat

BREAKFAST. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea passing the caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found to **Massada**. Ascend by cable car to the last stronghold of the zealots in their struggle against the Romans. See Herod's Palace, the Synagogue and Bath houses. Descend by cable car. Then on to the exciting and rejuvenating floating experience at the **Dead Sea** known for its therapeutic healing qualities. Head for exciting Eilat via the Arava road. *PM: DINNER. After dinner, walk along the promenade and feel the excitement of this Middle-Eastern paradise! HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT. OVERNIGHT EILAT.*



DAY 14 - Monday - Eilat

BREAKFAST. This morning we tour Eilat visiting the **Egyptian and Jordanian borders**. The afternoon is Free! Relax at pool side and private beach front. Available- Optional full day tour to **Petra, Jordan**, one of the wonders of the ancient world. *PM: DINNER. HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT. OVERNIGHT EILAT.*



DAY 15 - Tuesday - Last Touring Day

BREAKFAST. Late morning we head north to the great crater of Mitzpe Ramon, the **"Machtesh"** viewing a unique geological phenomenon comprised of ancient rock strata that dates back 200 million years. Then we visit **David Ben Gurion's gravesite** overlooking the wilderness of Zin. Continue to a suburb of Tel Aviv for our final dinner at a charming restaurant. *PM: FAREWELL DINNER followed by an evening transfer to the airport. We leave the great land of Israel for our return to the U.S.A. with unforgettable sights and memories etched in our minds of this extraordinary, incredible country.*



DAY 16 - Wednesday - Flights depart between midnight and 1:00am - Home USA

*13 DAY TOUR - Masada & Dead Sea done Fri. Day 11- Sat. Day 12 - last touring day
* During certain periods itinerary subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances*