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# 16 Day Tour - Adults Only - All Inclusive

## DAY 1 - Tuesday DEPARTURE - Depart for Israel



## DAY 2 - Wed - ARRIVAL ISRAEL

All passengers who have booked airfare with us 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, where we are greeted with refreshing fruit juice. **PM: DINNER TONIGHT IN HOTEL MAIN DINING ROOM (from 7:00pm). OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.**

## DAY 3 - Thu - TEL-AVIV / JAFFA

**BREAKFAST.** Depart 9:00am today. Begin our tour with a drive by the cultural center of Tel-Aviv, viewing the Bronfman Auditorium and Habimah Theater. On to an exciting visit to the **Diaspora Museum**, the most extraordinary museum in the world depicting Jewish history and Jewish life through the ages. 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 **Old Jaffa**, where we walk along the ancient streets, viewing archaeological excavations and charming galleries. **PM: WELCOME DINNER WITH MUSIC. OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.**

## DAY 4 - Fri - TEL-AVIV / CAESAREA/ HAIFA

**BREAKFAST.** Our first stop today is a visit to **Independence Hall** where on May 14, 1948, Israel became an independent nation. Continue north via Netanya to **Caesarea**. 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. Arrive at our luxurious hotel atop Mt. Carmel where we are greeted with refreshing fruit juice. **PM: KABALAT SABBATH SERVICE FOLLOWED BY OUR FRIDAY NIGHT TRADITIONAL DINNER. OVERNIGHT HAIFA.**

## DAY 5 - Sat - 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. **PM: DINNER WITH ENTERTAINMENT. OVERNIGHT HAIFA.**

## DAY 6 - Sun - HAIFA/ AKKO/ SAFED/ UPPER GALILEE

**BREAKFAST.** First stop, the **Bahai Gardens** then on to 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.**

# Israel



## DAY 7 - Mon - UPPER GALILEE/ TIBERIAS

**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. After we head to a new JNF Forest for optional **Tree Planting**, a wonderful hands-on way to show your support. Return to Kibbutz. **PM: DINNER. OVERNIGHT KIBBUTZ.**



## DAY 8 - Tue - UPPER GALILEE/ JERUSALEM

**BREAKFAST.** Depart for **Beit Shean**, the most exciting antiquity excavation in Israel. It is compared to Pompei of ancient Rome. Then to **Bet Alpha** for a visit to the ancient Synagogue remains with its outstanding mosaic floor. Continue toward Israel's capital - Jerusalem of Gold. Following in our forefathers footsteps, we enter Jerusalem and gather for a traditional SHEHECHEYANU. **PM: DINNER. OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.**



## DAY 9 - Wed - JERUSALEM

**BREAKFAST.** **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 - Thu - 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**, viewing the Hurva Synagogue and the Cardo. **PM: CELEBRATION DINNER (dress up night). OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.**

## DAY 11 - Fri - JERUSALEM AT LEISURE

**BREAKFAST.** Day at leisure. 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 - Sat - JERUSALEM



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Period. **PM: FREE Evening "Out on the town" to explore and dine at your leisure for your last night in Jerusalem. Just steps from our well located hotel are restaurants, cafes, and shops to enjoy. OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.**

## DAY 13 - Sun - JERUSALEM/ MASSADA/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. Descend by cable car. 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 - Mon - EILAT

**BREAKFAST.** Begin today with a visit to the breathtaking magnificent **King Solomon's Pillars**. Then we tour **Eilat** including the Egyptian and Jordanian borders. Take the afternoon off to relax at pool side and private beach front. **AVAILABLE:** Optional full day tour to **Petra, Jordan**, one of the wonders of the ancient world (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS). **PM: DINNER. HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT. OVERNIGHT EILAT.**

## DAY 15 - Tue - EILAT/TEL AVIV

**BREAKFAST.** Today 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. **PM: FAREWELL DINNER** followed by late 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. **SHALOM!**



## DAY 16 - Wed - TEL AVIV/U.S.A