



# Margaret Morse Tours

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## **Israel Is So Much More Than Once-In-A-Lifetime Experience! 13 Incredible Days – New Sites, New Experiences, New Memories Bar/Bat Mitzvah & Family Re-Visitors Tour**

**DAY 1 TUE**                      **DEPARTURE DAY**                      Israel here we come!

**DAY 2 WED**                      **WELCOME BACK – Arrival Tel Aviv**

Arrive at Ben Gurion airport. Passengers on group EL AL flights will be met and transferred to our deluxe hotel located on the beach. **PM: Dinner Tonight in hotel main dining room (from 7:00pm) at your leisure.** Overnight Tel Aviv.

**DAY 3 THUR**                      **TEL AVIV**

**BREAKFAST.** Our tour begins with a visit to the **Palmach Museum**, an experiential museum covering the Palmach legacy through the stories of individuals and groups. You will “join” a Palmach unit defending the fledgling Jewish state and advance through their story until the end of the War of Independence. Next, a special visit to the **Israel Intelligence Heritage & Commemoration Center**, a site devoted to shedding light on the more secretive chapters of Israel’s history including the Mossad agents and intelligence operatives who have waged this country's shadow wars. Continue to **Sarona**, to check out one of the newest, freshest, most happening places in the heart of Tel Aviv. Enjoy some free time to walk around this charming area with restored buildings of German influence that now house cute cafes, restaurants, art galleries, upscale Market, as well as a number of boutique clothing stores.

*KIDS option in the afternoon –join the first timer families to participate in a "hands on dig" at "Tel Marisha", an archaeological site dating back to the Maccabees (Chanukah story).*

**\*\*\*\*Tonight there will be a meeting with all the Bar & Bat Mitzvah Celebrants and their parents before dinner.**

**PM: WELCOME DINNER with ALL THE FAMILIES – REPEATERS AND FIRST TIMERS.** Overnight Tel Aviv.

**DAY 4 FRI**                      **TEL AVIV / ZICHRON YA’ACOV /HAIFA**

**BREAKFAST.** Today we visit the charming town **Zichron Ya’acov** nestled in the mountains and founded by Baron Edmond de Rothschild. During World War I it served as the headquarters for the Nili spy organization that included Sarah and Aaron Aaronsohn. Visit the home, now a small museum devoted to the family's history and visit **Rothschild’s Grave**. Enjoy some free time in the quaint town center filled with cafes, restaurants, and shopping.

Arrive at the newly renovated beautiful Dan Carmel Hotel atop Mt. Carmel.

**PM: Kabbalat Sabbath Service Followed by our Friday Night Traditional SHABBAT DINNER.** Overnight Haifa.

**DAY 5 SAT**                      **HAIFA**

**BREAKFAST.** Sabbath at leisure. Visit a local Synagogue or enjoy a delightful stroll in the beautiful city of Haifa down to the German Colony situated below the Bahai Gardens. Some shops and museums will be open. AVAILABLE OPTIONAL TOUR: **Zippori**, the ancient city that boasts of having the most incredible mosaic floors in the country & to **Bet Shearim**, the site of the catacombs of the great Rabbis of the Talmudic period. The site was one of the cities where the Mishna was written and where Rabbi Yehudah Ha Nasi was buried.

**PM: Dinner and Show!** Overnight Haifa.

**DAY 6 SUN**                      **HAIFA / ACCO/ ROSH HANIKRA/ UPPER GALILEE**

**BREAKFAST.** Today we head to the port city of **ACCO** to visit a unique **Tunisian Synagogue**, viewing the incredible mosaics covering the entire interior. Next we continue north to the gleaming white cliffs of **Rosh Hanikra**. You will board and descend by cable-car to see the magnificent limestone grottos. Then we head to **KIBBUTZ MALKIYA**, located near

the Lebanese border to learn about daily life along the border. See fruit orchards along the border, looking across into the Lebanese villages on the other side. This will be an interesting visit.

**PM: Dinner.** Overnight Kibbutz.

**DAY 7 MON**                      **UPPER GALILEE**

**BREAKFAST.** Today we will join the first timer tour with an exciting **JEEP RIDE** 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 **Golan Heights Winery** situated in Katzrin, capitol city of the Golan Heights. **Wine Tasting** for the adults while the kids watch a breathtaking **I-Max movie** about the Golan Heights. Then **kayaking** down the Jordan River, a family favorite!

**PM: DINNER.** *Tonight we gather for a Kumsitz (campfire gathering) and sing along!* OVERNIGHT KIBBUTZ

**DAY 8 TUE**                      **UPPER GALILEE / JERUSALEM**

**BREAKFAST.** Our tour begins in one of the lushest areas in the Galilee, **Tel Dan**, where we will take an easy enjoyable nature walk through the reserve at the headwaters of the Jordan River. Next, **Old Gesher**, located on the Jordan River and the border with Jordan, a site encompassing archaeology, ancient history, current history, the kibbutz concept, and current events. Continue to another wonderful site down the valley to **Sde Eliyahu**, a religious kibbutz that is at the forefront of ecofriendly farming and agro industry. Here you will learn about organic farming tasting first hand from the fields and the importance of preserving nature and the environment.

Continue to the Jerusalem Hills stopping on route to say the traditional “**shehechyanu**” blessing.

**\*\*\*\*\*After our check-in Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants will have a get together with the Rabbi.**

**PM: Dinner on your own.** Just steps from our well located hotel are restaurants, cafes, and shops to enjoy. Overnight Jerusalem.

**DAY 9 WED**                      **JERUSALEM**

**BREAKFAST.** We begin today with a guided visit through **City of David’s new excavations** where Jerusalem began. You will need proper attire to walk through **Hezekiah’s Water Tunnel** and flashlights. Continue in the Old City to the **Davidson Centre**, which offers an audio-visual introduction to the history of Jerusalem. Then we visit Israel’s National Memorial to the Holocaust - **Yad Vashem**, to be reminded of the horrific events. We must never forget!

**PM: Dinner on your own. After enjoy the extraordinary Sound and Light Show at the Tower of David Museum!** Overnight Jerusalem.

**DAY 10 THU**                      **BAR/BAT MITZVAH DAY AND THE DEAD SEA**

**BREAKFAST.** 6:30 AM depart Jerusalem for **Massada** where our **Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony** will take place. Ascend by cable car to the top of this impressive last Stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. After our emotional ceremony, tour the fortress - see Herod’s Palace, the Synagogue and Bath Houses. Descend by cable car. Then on to an exciting and rejuvenating floating experience at the **Dead Sea** known for its therapeutic health qualities. Return to Jerusalem.

**PM: BAR/BAT MITZVAH CELEBRATION DINNER PARTY.** Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrants participate in a memorable and meaningful candle lighting ceremony. (**DRESS UP NIGHT**). OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.

**DAY 11 FRI**                      **JERUSALEM**

**BREAKFAST.** Day at leisure .... Relax, Shop, Enjoy! Consider visiting the bustling outdoor marketplace, **Machne Yehuda Market**. This evening we usher in Shabbat at the Western Wall.

**PM: Traditional Shabbat Dinner.** Overnight Jerusalem.

**DAY 12 SAT**                      **JERUSALEM**

**BREAKFAST. Sabbath.** Visit the **Israel Museum** now the largest cultural institution not only home to the Dead Sea Scrolls but houses collections of leading art and archaeology dating from prehistory to present day.

**PM: Dine on your own for your last night in Jerusalem before heading to the airport for your evening flight home.**

***We leave tonight with unforgettable NEW sites and memories of this incredible country, Israel. Shalom!***

**DAY 13 SUN**                      **HOME**