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13 DAYS: SUMMER ITINERARY



DAY 1/ TUE. DEPARTURE Depart for Israel.

DAY 2/ WED. ARRIVAL ISRAEL/TEL AVIV

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). After dinner enjoy a stroll along the beachfront. **OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.**

DAY 3/ THU. TEL AVIV

BREAKFAST. Our day begins with a visit to **Independence Hall** where on May 14th 1948, Israel became an independent nation. Then we travel to Rechovot to tour the **Ayalon Institute**, a secret factory camouflaged on a kibbutz making millions of bullets for the Hagana and underground. This was done right under the noses of the British authorities. Then Kids only will drive to the Lachish region to experience a **"hands on dig"** at an actual archaeological site, "Tel Marisha" - the birthplace of King Herod, while adults continue to Diaspora Museum the most extraordinary museum in the world depicting Jewish history and Jewish life through the ages.

*****Tonight there will be a meeting with all the Bar & Bat Mitzvah Celebrants and their parents before dinner. PM: WELCOME DINNER. OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.**



DAY 4/ FRI. TEL-AVIV / CAESAREA/ HAIFA

BREAKFAST. Start today with **Old Jaffa**, where we walk along the ancient streets, viewing archaeological excavations and charming galleries. 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. The lovely pool area is yours to enjoy. **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 2:30 PM. **PM: DINNER WITH ENTERTAINMENT...OVERNIGHT HAIFA**

DAY 6/ SUN. HAIFA/ AKKO/ SAFED/ UPPER GALILEE

BREAKFAST. Drive by the **Bahai Gardens** on our way 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. Then on 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 Continue to the Kibbutz located in the lush hills of the Upper Upper Galilee. **PM: DINNER. AFTER DINNER, LEARN ABOUT KIBBUTZ LIFE FROM ONE THE KIBBUTZ MEMBERS. KIDS ENJOY NIGHT SWIMMING AND PLAYING GAMES ON THE BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS OF THE KIBBUTZ. OVERNIGHT KIBBUTZ.**

DAY 7/ MON. UPPER GALILEE

BREAKFAST. We start today 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. The adults will enjoy tasting high quality wines while the kids watch a breathtaking I-Max movie about the Golan Heights. Then the kids and parents interested will be off for an exciting **kayaking trip down the Jordan River**. Enjoy a swim in the magnificent indoor / outdoor pools. **PM: DINNER.** Tonight we gather for a **Kumsitz** (campfire gathering) and sing along! **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. Continue to **Bet Alpha** for a visit to the ancient Synagogue with its outstanding mosaic floor. On to **Sachne**, an oasis at the foot of Mount Gilboa. Enjoy a swim in this unique Garden of Eden setting. Continue toward Israel's capital - Jerusalem of Gold. On route we stop for **Camel Rides** (kids only). Following in our forefathers footsteps, we enter Jerusalem and gather for a traditional **SHEHECHEYANU**.

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

PM: FREE evening "out on the town" to explore. Just steps from our well-located hotel are restaurants, cafes, and shops to enjoy. OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.

DAY 9/ WED. JERUSALEM

BREAKFAST. Begin the day with a visit to the **Western Wall** - the holiest site of Judaism. Next we enter the newly excavated **Tunnel** that runs along the Western Wall. Continue walking through the restored **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City, stopping at Hurva Synagogue and the Cardo. Then visit **Military Cemetery** on Mt. Herzl to view the gravesites of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other past leaders of Israel. Next, an emotional visit to Israel's National Memorial to the Holocaust - **Yad Vashem**, including the New Museum to remember the magnitude of the Holocaust on European Jewry. Visit the Children's Pavillion, the Avenue of the "Righteous Gentiles", and the Ohel Yiskor, the main Memorial Hall. **PM: DINNER OUT at local hotspot for authentic Israeli Mediterranean food followed by an extraordinary SOUND & LIGHT SHOW AT THE TOWER OF DAVID MUSEUM! OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.**

DAY 10/ THU. BAR/BAT MITZVAH DAY / THE DEAD SEA

BREAKFAST. 6:30 AM depart Jerusalem for **Masada** 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 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 AT LEISURE

BREAKFAST. Day at leisure....RELAX, SHOP, ENJOY!

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 (LAST TOURING DAY)

BREAKFAST. Sabbath. Join us for services at the Great Synagogue if you like. Then enjoy the fantastic **Israel Museum** to view the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Shrine of the Book, and the renovated model of the city of Jerusalem from the 2nd Temple Period. 6:00 pm CHECK OUT

PM: Dine on your own for the last night in Jerusalem before heading to the airport for your evening flight home. A late transfer will be provided to all families who are heading home.. 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 13/ SUN. TEL AVIV/ U.S.A.



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