



Margaret Morse Tours

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12 DAYS: SUMMER FAMILY TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1/ SAT. DEPARTURE Depart for Israel.



DAY 2/ SUN. 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.

PM: DINNER TONIGHT IN HOTEL MAIN DINING ROOM (from 7:00pm). After dinner enjoy a stroll along the beachfront. OVERNIGHT TEL-AVIV.

DAY 3/ MON. TEL AVIV

BREAKFAST. Our day begins with a visit to

Independence Hall where on May 14th, 1948 Israel was declared an independent state. 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. 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. Adults will tour the extraordinary **Diaspora Museum**, the museum 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/ TUE. TEL-AVIV / CAESAREA/ HAIFA

BREAKFAST. Begin the day with a walk through **Old Jaffa**, where we walk along the ancient streets, viewing archaeological excavations and charming galleries and port. Drive north to **Caesarea**. We see 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: DINNER AND SHOW. OVERNIGHT HAIFA.



DAY 5/ WED. HAIFA/ AKKO/ SAFED/ UPPER GALILEE

BREAKFAST. Drive by the Bahai Temple 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 before arriving at our Kibbutz, located in the lush hills of the Upper Galilee.

PM: DINNER. After dinner, learn about Kibbutz life from one of the Kibbutz Members. Kids may enjoy night swimming in a magnificent indoor heated swimming pool and/or play sports in their huge indoor sports center or games on the beautiful grounds of the Kibbutz. OVERNIGHT KIBBUTZ.

DAY 6- THU. 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 7- FRI. 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. Following in our forefathers footsteps, we enter Jerusalem and gather for a traditional SHEHECHEYANU.
PM. FRIDAY NIGHT TRADITIONAL SHABBAT DINNER.
OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.

DAY 8- 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 the city of Jerusalem from the 2nd Temple Period.
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- SUN. JERUSALEM/ OLD CITY

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 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 to the Hall of Remembrance at **Yad Vashem**, the National Memorial to the Jewish Holocaust, for a special memorial service led by the Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants. Continue through the Museum, the Children's Pavillion, and the Avenue of the "Righteous Gentiles".
Tonight the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrants will have a get together with the Rabbi.
PM: **DINNER OUT at a local favorite followed by an extraordinary SOUND & LIGHT SHOW AT THE TOWER OF DAVID MUSEUM!** OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM.



DAY 10- MON. BAR/BAT MITZVAH DAY /MASSADA/ DEAD SEA

BREAKFAST. Early departure for **Massada** where our **Bar and Bat Mitzvah Ceremony** will take place. Ascend by cable car to the 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 healing qualities. Continue to the **Camel Rides** for the kids in the Judean Desert.

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- TUE. JERUSALEM/TEL AVIV

BREAKFAST. Mid-day check out from our hotel. Begin the day with a visit to **Hadassah Hospital's Synagogue** to see the famous **Chagall Windows**. Continue to Latrun, home of the IDF Tank Museum and location of the strategic intersection during Israel's War of Independence. On to Tel Aviv for our **Farewell Dinner** followed by a transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to the United States. We leave the great land of Israel with unforgettable sights and memories for a lifetime etched in our minds of this incredible country.

DAY 12- WED. ARRIVAL U.S.A.



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