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DAY 1 - Tuesday DEPARTURE



DAY 2 - Wed - ARRIVAL ISRAEL

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 7:00 pm) at your leisure.** Overnight Tel Aviv.

DAY 3 - Thu - 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 we visit the **Weizmann Institute** on its magnificent campus in Rehovot. Learn about Israel's premier research center, with more than a thousand exciting projects ranging from cancer to computer science. Our last stop of the day will be 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.

PM: WELCOME DINNER. Overnight Tel Aviv.

DAY 4 - Fri - TEL-AVIV / HAIFA

BREAKFAST. Start today with a visit to the 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 this charming beautiful town. Arrive at the newly renovated beautiful Dan Carmel Hotel atop Mt. Carmel.



Zichron Ya'acov

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

Aaronsohn House



Zippori



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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 with live music and more ...** Overnight Haifa.

Israel



DAY 6 - Sun - HAIFA / AKKO/ 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. After we will stroll through the old **Acco Market**. Next we continue north to the gleaming white cliffs of **Rosh Hanikra**. Board the cable-car to see the magnificent limestone grottoes. 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 - GALILEE

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. Then to the **Kibbutz Ein Zivan**, in the heart of Israel's wine country, for an intimate personal visit to the **Bahat Winery** and **De Karina Chocolate Factory**. Yes you will sample the delicious chocolate and enjoy wine tasting. Next, we head to a religious moshav in the southern part of the Golan Heights. Here you will meet the **Noked Family** and learn firsthand their life story. Visit their home, and of course, learn about life on the Moshav.

PM: Dinner. Overnight Kibbutz.



DAY 8 - Tue - GALILEE / JERUSALEM

BREAKFAST. Depart for **Safed**, famous art colony and center of mystic Kabbalism. Enjoy some time to explore the art galleries along the picturesque cobblestone streets. Continue to **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. Then to another wonderful site down the valley to **Sde Eliyahu**, a religious kibbutz that is at the forefront of ecofriendly farming and agro industry. Continue to the Jerusalem Hills stopping on route to say the traditional "**shehechyanu**" blessing. **PM: Dinner.** Overnight Jerusalem.



DAY 9 - Wed - JERUSALEM

BREAKFAST. Today is devoted to the Jewish Quarter beginning at the Western Wall with a walk through the **Chain of Generations Center**. Go back to biblical times to follow in the footsteps of kings and Prophets with a guided visit through **City of David's new excavations** where Jerusalem began. Continue in the Old City to the **Davidson Centre**, which offers an audio-visual introduction to the history of Jerusalem. Then to the **Burnt House** for a re-telling of the last days of Jerusalem before Jerusalem fell to Rome. It focuses on a priestly family during the Great Revolt. Our last stop will be a visit to the reconstructed **Hurva Synagogue**.

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 - JERUSALEM

BREAKFAST. Today we begin with modern Israel learning about their legislative and justice system visiting the **Knesset**, Israel's parliamentary building and touring the **Supreme Court Building**, known for its exceptional architecture. Next we head to the new **Herzl Museum**, for a spectacular audio-visual encounter with the visionary of the Jewish State. You will be an active participant in understanding Herzl's aspirations and his journey.

PM: Cocktail and Dinner Party Overnight Jerusalem.



DAY 11 - Fri - JERUSALEM

BREAKFAST. Day at leisure Relax, Shop, Enjoy! This evening we usher in Shabbat at the Western Wall. **PM: Traditional Shabbat Dinner.** Overnight Jerusalem.



DAY 12 - Sat - JERUSALEM

BREAKFAST. Sabbath. Enjoy the renewed **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. **AVAILABLE OPTIONAL TOUR - Christian Sites in the Old City.** **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!**

**** **Eilat Extension Available**

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