

Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Israel**13 days – 12 nights****Tel-Aviv, Old Jaffa, Jerusalem, Gan HaShlosha, Beit Alpha, Beit Shean, Tiberias, Safed, Golan Heights, Tel-Hai, Rosh Hanikra, Acre, Caesarea, Haifa, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea, Eretz Breishit
Tradition, Faith, History, Culture**

Imagine something truly special and unforgettable like celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Israel. After all, becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a life cycle event in Judaism that marks the transition of a boy or girl into Jewish adulthood. Essentially, it connects the Jewish child to his roots and provides an unbreakable link to what it means to be Jewish. This connection is what gives them their Jewish identity throughout their entire lifetime. So, what could be more fitting than to celebrate this once in a lifetime event by returning to the Jewish homeland?

Day 1 – Tue: Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. [D]

Day 2 – Wed: Tel-Aviv (Diaspora Museum, Old Jaffa)

Visit Beit Hatfutsot, the Diaspora museum; drive around the main streets of Tel Aviv, the center of business and entertainment in Israel. Also known as the "White City," Tel Aviv was declared as a UNESCO world cultural heritage site for its collection of over 4,000 Bauhaus style buildings. Stop at Rabin Square, the site of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin in 1995. Continue to Old Jaffa, one of the oldest port cities in the world; Visit the ancient ruins and walk along the Artists Quarter. Visit Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1887, following by Nachalat Binyamin, the pedestrian mall of the city where you can enjoy live street music, arts, crafts and handmade jewelry. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. [B/D]

Day 3 – Thu: Tel Aviv, Ayalon Institute, Weizmann House, Latrun, Beit Guvrin, Jerusalem

Proceed to Ayalon Institute, once a secret underground ammunition factory established by the "Haganah," who were the Jewish underground movement before May 1948. Continue to Weizmann House in Rehovot built in 1936, the private home and later the formal residence of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the first president of the state of Israel and founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Visit the house with its impressive structure and fascinating gardens, which now form part of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Learn the story of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, an outstanding scientist and head of the Zionist movement for over 30 years. Then, drive to Latrun to visit the Armored Corps Museum and memorial, also considered as one of the most diverse tank museums in the world. Continue to Beit Guvrin National Park, declared by UNESCO as a world heritage site; explore parts of the archaeological remains and unique caves. After the visit head to Jerusalem to check-in at your hotel. This evening, take a tour of the Mahane Yehuda market and taste the large variety Israel of foods: Georgian baked goods, imaruly (savory pastry stuffed with cheese or spinach) or sambusak with hummus/half a sabih (traditional baked goods); chili con carne and a beer chaser, or a choice of 3 dim-sums; a health drink, a cup of fresh health juice; an Angus patty or portobello mushroom a la plancha or a taste of hummus; kubbeh soup or stuffed vegetables (Moroccan cigar, kubbeh and stuffed grape leaf or red kubbeh soup; a taste of unique ice-cream or cortado, espresso, or fresh mint tea. Return to the hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 4 – Fri: (Shabbat) Jerusalem (Kotel tunnels, Sephardic synagogues, Davidson Center, Tower of David)

Visit the Tomb of King David on Mt. Zion. Walk along the Cardo, heart of the ancient Roman City. Visit the four Sephardic synagogues restored after the 1967 war in the Jewish Quarter; tour the Western Wall Tunnels; visit the archaeological park at Davidson Center; walk through the colorful local bazaar and visit the Tower of David Museum presenting the history of Jerusalem and ancient remains of the city beginning with the First Temple period. If you want to have a true-Israel experience and are a food-lover, sit down at the table to savor some fabulous authentic dishes served for Shabbat. The dinner commences after singing a few songs and offering prayers. However, the highlight of the experience is interacting with the locals where you are sure to share wine and discuss everything about the city and its many charms. Then, take a short walk to the hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 5 - Sat: Jerusalem (Shabbat)

Day at leisure. As the sky starts to darken you will hear the siren that ushers in the Sabbath in the city of Jerusalem. Your guide will pick you up for this evening's promenade. As you walk through the Old City, you will spot people dressed in their finest clothing, hurrying to the nearest synagogue. Women with small children head to the playgrounds, and the squares of the neighborhood fill up with kids playing tag and jump rope. As you near the Western Wall, the crowd gets thicker. Everyone waits patiently in line to pass through the narrow security gates of the Kotel. Once inside the Kotel plaza, the sounds of many groups praying and singing – all with different timings, rhythms, melodies and tones – are heard in the air. Find a group, join in, and try to tear yourself away at the end of the prayers. Overnight in Jerusalem [B]

Day 6 - Sun: Jerusalem, Gan HaShlosha, Beit Alpha, Beit Shean, Tiberias

Head north, via the Jordan valley and stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you exit the city. Continue to Gan HaShlosha National Park and enjoy the warm spring water pools and waterfalls. A short drive will take you to Beit Alpha to admire the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue discovered in 1929. Then, continue through the Jordan valley to Beit Shean, known as "Scythopolis," and see the fascinating excavated remains from Roman and Byzantine periods. Finally, drive to Tiberias for lunch and check-in at a Kibbutz guesthouse. After lunch, visit Rambam's Grave. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the Kibbutz. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Sun: Tiberias (Jeep tour to Golan Heights, Tel-Hai and Safed,)

Drive to the Golan Heights and stop at Gadot overlook, the memorial for the fallen of the Golan, located over former Syrian bunkers. View the monument built in honor of the Alexandroni Brigade. Next, enjoy a Jeep tour at the foot of the Golan. Proceed for a magnificent observation point over the city of Quneitra, and the Syrian territory. Drive to Tel Hai; see the Roaring Lion Monument and learn about the heroic battle of Joseph Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. Now, head to Safed, one of the four holy cities in Israel and the center of the Kabbalah movement. After lunch, visit the Caro and Ari synagogues; stroll through the narrow alleyways and visit the picturesque Artist Quarter. Return to Tiberias and meet with a Kibbutz member to learn about their unique lifestyle. This evening, you'll be taken to a local restaurant for a Middle Eastern Kosher dinner with entertainment. Return to the Kibbutz for overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 8 - Mon: Tiberias, Acre, Haifa, Caesarea, Jerusalem

Drive west to Rosh Hanikra, descend by cable car into the underwater grottoes and admire the spectacular natural formations. Continue south, to Acre, the Old City recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site; walk through the old port and local market. Proceed to Haifa to visit -("Af al Pi Chen") and hear the story of the illegal immigrants coming to Israel at the time of the British Mandate. Drive south to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region to see the excavations of the Crusader-era city, the aqueduct and the amphitheatre that has been restored as a concert venue. Continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 9 – Wed: Jerusalem (Yad Vashem, Mt. Herzl, Ammunition Hill, Israel Museum)

Enjoy seeing the Bar Mitzvah ceremonies at the Western Wall. Drive through Mea Shearim, one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra-orthodox communities. Proceed to Mount Herzl, the military cemetery, and Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the Holocaust. Visit Ammunition Hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold, conquered by the Israeli army in the six-day war, and later converted into a national memorial site and museum. Drive by the Knesset, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Next visit Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the Holyland model, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 10 – Thu: Jerusalem (Qumran, Massada, Dead Sea, Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Massada, ascend by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans; visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue and bathhouse; descend by cable car. Enjoy the services of a Rabbi and get a

preparatory with readings from the Torah. Next, stop for lunch at a spa facility in one of the leading hotels in the area and enjoy a swim in the mineral rich Dead Sea (weather permitting). After lunch, we head northwest to enjoy an incredible evening under the stars for an ancient experience at Eretz Bereshit when you are greeted by Eliezer and brought into the tent of Abraham. Be a part of the Biblical story when you ride a camel to the tent and partake in some light refreshments from the couple known for their hospitality. Visitors are given clothes to wear from Biblical times, and have a chance to meet Biblical characters (not all characters are present each day). In zraham's tent, enjoy an authentic festive Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dinner followed by a Menorah Lighting Ceremony. An entertainment group will celebrate our Simchah through the evening with dancing, singing, a drummer circle and well as other surprises. It will be an evening that you'll never forget! At the end of your visit make sure to pick up your camel license. After the ceremony, a short drive back to Jerusalem for overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 11 – Fri: Jerusalem (Shabbat)

Our day begins with a somber visit to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust where tour members take part in a Yizkor service. See the poignant Children's Pavilion, the new Holocaust Museum and the Valley of Destroyed Communities where the names of 5000 lost communities have been inscribed in the stone walls. After an emotional visit to Yad Vashem we need some time to change our mood by visiting to the Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, lots of locals are celebrating the coming of the weekend by spending time on this beautiful exciting and happening street in Jerusalem. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem to dress for Shabbat. This evening, meet with Jewish residents for a homemade kosher meal. Traditionally, Shabbat meals begin with the lighting of the candles just before sundown, the kiddush (the blessing over the wine) and the prayer over the bread. The quintessential Shabbat bread is the challah, a braided loaf that symbolizes the miraculous 'bread from heaven' that fell on Fridays during the biblical 40 years of desert wandering. Beyond that, the menu can vary widely. Return to the hotel for overnight [B/D]

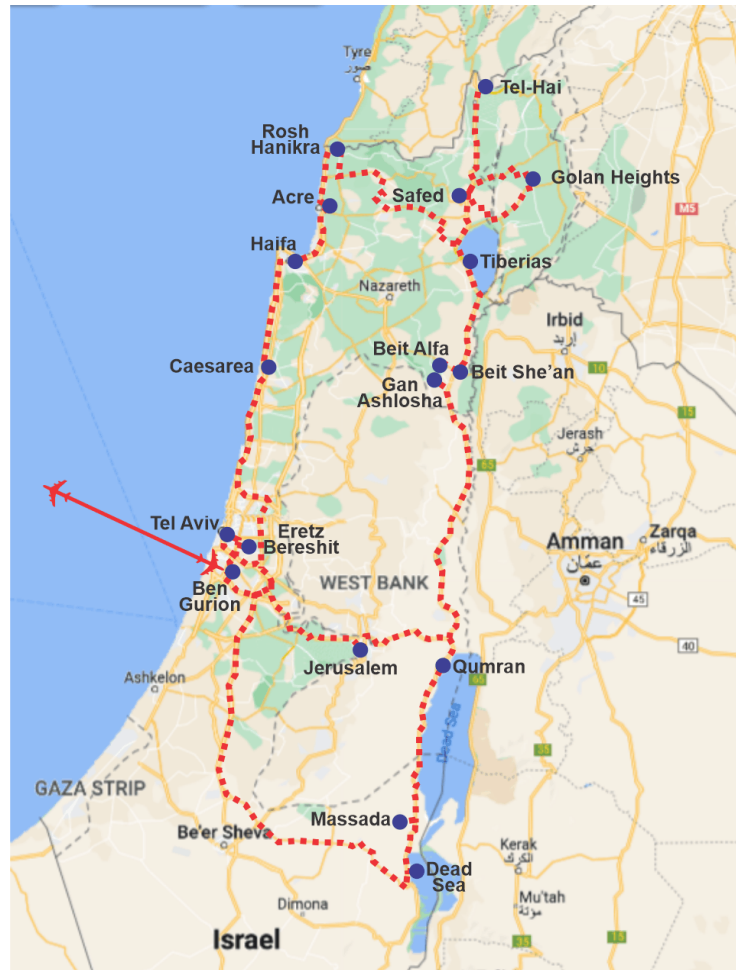
Day 12 - Sat: Jerusalem (Shabbat)

Day at leisure. In observance of Shabbat, today is a free day. Families can explore the Old City and the Jewish Quarter, one of the four quarters of the Old City on foot. Or simply relax at the hotel. Dinner is on your own. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B]

Day 13 – Sun: Jerusalem, Ben Gurion Airport, USA

After breakfast, you may have some time on your own depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time, you'll be picked-up by your guide and transferred to Ben Gurion Airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip USA-Tel Aviv
- Private round-trip transfers:
 - Ben Gurion Airport to your Hotel in Tel Aviv
 - Hotel in Jerusalem to Tel Aviv Airport
 - Meeting and assistance on arrival and departure at Ben Gurion Airport
- 12 nights' accommodation:
 - Tel Aviv 2 nights
 - Jerusalem 8 nights
 - Tiberias 2 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast Daily
 - 3 lunches
 - 11 dinners
 - Middle Eastern Kosher dinner with entertainment
 - Machne Yehuda Shuk bites tour dinner
 - Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration dinner
 - Traditional Shabbat dinner with songs & prayers
 - Shabbat dinner with Locals
 - 6 regular dinners
- Visit the Diaspora Museum
- Tour Tel Aviv and Old Jaffa
- Excursion to the Ayalon Institute and Weizman House
- Visit the Armored Corps Museum and memorial
- Explore Beit Guvrin National Park
- Tour Jerusalem old city
- Walk through the famous Western Wall Tunnels
- Walk to the Western Wall on Shabbat evening
- Blessing at Mt. Scopus
- Enjoy the warm spring water pools at Gan HaShlosha

- Visit Beit Alfa and Beit She'an
- Jeep ride in the Golan Heights
- Visit 2 Synagogues in Safed
- Descend by cable car into the underwater grottoes of Rosh Hanikra
- Tour the old city of Acre
- See the Clandestine Immigration and Naval museum in Haifa
- Walk on the ruins of Caesarea
- Tour Modern Jerusalem
- Discover Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were found
- Rabbi Service on Masada for Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Receive preparatory disc with Torah readings
- HWDT special gift to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah child
- Swim at one of the Dead Sea Spa Hotels
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration evening
- Visit Yad Vashem the Holocaust Memorial
- English speaking guides
- All entrance fees and attractions as per the above itinerary
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Portage at the airport and hotels (1 bag per person)
- Expenses of personal nature
- Tips to driver and guide

Hotels in Your Tour

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist Class		
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	4
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	4
Tiberias	Lavi - Lev room	5
First Class		
Tel Aviv	Renaissance-Sea View room	4
Jerusalem	Orient	4.5
Tiberias	Lavi - Lev room	5
Deluxe		
Tel Aviv	Dan-Deluxe room	4
Jerusalem	King David-Deluxe New City View room	4.5
Tiberias	Kibbutz Lavi-Hadar wing	4

Hotels above are for guidance only and may be changed at time of booking.

MEAL PLAN: Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

Group Prices:

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.

Inclusion of tour conductors must be considered at time of request.

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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Other Options

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.