

#### Jewish Heritage 14 nights/16 days – Wednesday arrival (Roots, History)

# Day 1 – Tue: USA, Tel Aviv

Board your flight to Israel, from your preferred North American gateway, and relax on your way to Tel Aviv.

## Day 2 – Wed: Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

## Day 3 – Thu: Independence Hall, Mini Israel, Latrun

Start the day with a visit to the Independence hall where the establishment of the state of Israel was declared; next, drive to Latrun to visit the armored corps museum, one of the most diverse tank museums in the world; visit the new "Mini Israel" miniature park including miniature replicas of the most important landmarks and buildings in Israel. Continue to visit Ayalon Institute, once an ammunition factory for the Hagana, the underground movement before May 1948. Overnight Tel-Aviv.

### Day 4 – Fri: Tel Aviv

Visit the Diaspora Museum; drive around the main streets of Tel Aviv, center of business and entertainment of Israel. Stop at Rabin's Square, place of assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Continue to Old Jaffa, an 8000-year-old port city; visit the ancient ruins and walk along the restored artists' quarter. Visit Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1887 and Nahalat Benyamin, the pedestrian street of the city with its musicians, hand made jewelry and artifacts. Next, stop at Sheinkin, the lively and colorful street especially known for the unique shops, café life and youthful ambiance. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

### Day 5 – Sat: Tel Aviv

Day at your leisure to attend services, discover Tel Aviv or spend sometime by the beach nearby.

### Day 6 – Sun: Caesarea, Haifa, Acre, Rosh Hanikra

Drive north to Caesarea, once the roman capital of the region. See the excavations of the crusaders' city, the aqueduct and the amphitheater which has been restored as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel. Drive to Acre; walk along the old harbor and local market; continue to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh Hanikra. Descend by cable car into the limestone grottoes. Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

### Day 7 – Mon: Safed, Gadot, Banias, Tel Hai

Drive to Safed, center of kabala movement; visit the Joseph Caro and the Ari synagogues, the most important synagogues in the city; stroll around the the artist's quarter. Enjoy a Jeep tour to the foots of the Golan. Continue to the Golan Heights; stop at Gadot overlook (Mitzpe Gadot), the memorial site for the fallen of the Golan, located over former Syrian bunkers and see the monument built on site in honor of the Alexandroni brigade; proceed for a magnificent observation point over the city of Kuneitra, and the Syrian territory. Visit the Banias springs. Next, a visit to Tel-Hai; see the "roaring lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. Meet with a Kibbutz member and learn about their unique lifestyle. Overnight at a kibbutz guesthouse.

### Day 8 – Tue: Beit Shean, Beit Alpha, Gan Hashlosha, Jerusalem

Drive to Tiberias to visit the Rambam's grave; proceed to Beit Shean, also called "Scythopolis", the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from the Roman and Byzantine periods. Stop at Beit Alpha to see the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue from the Byzantine period. Onto Gan Hashlosha, (Sachne) where you will have an opportunity to enjoy in the water springs located at the foots of the Gilboa mountain, the famous mountain on which King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines. Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem; stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city. Overnight in Jerusalem.



# Day 9 – Wed: Jerusalem: Old City

Tour the Old City of Jerusalem. Start with a visit of King David's Tomb on Mount Zion. Walk along the Cardo, the ancient Roman road; visit the four Sephardic synagogues restored after the 1967 war in the Jewish Quarter. Tour the Kotel Tunnels; visit Davidson Center and walk through the Roman Cardo, to the local Arab bazaar. Walk through Jaffa Gate to Tower of David Museum and see the ancient remains of the city beginning with the First Temple period. Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Day 10 – Thu: Jerusalem: New City

Enjoy seeing the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies at the Kotel. Continue to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra orthodox communities. Drive to mount Hertzel, the military cemetery and Yad Vashem, the memorial to the holocaust. Visit the Ammunition Hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold, conquered by the Israeli army in the six day war, and 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 the Israel Museum, the shrine of the book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the new Holyland model – a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period. Overnight Jerusalem.

### Day 11 – Fri: Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea. Stop at Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Masada, ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress. Visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, the bathhouses etc. Descend by cable car. Next stop is for lunch and Spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area. Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Day 12 – Sat: Jerusalem

Day at your leisure to attend services, immerse yourself in Jerusalem's Old City to explore the side street shops, take fantastic photos, taste the local food or visit some part of the city you have missed.

### Day 13 – Sun: Timna/Underwater Observatory/Eilat

Travel south through the Negev desert, Visit Timna to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations. Continue to Eilat and stop to visit the underwater observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world, built into a coral reef. Overnight in Eilat.

### Day 14 – Mon: Eilat

### At Leisure or optional tour to Petra (additional charge)

After visa assistance at the Jordanian Border, drive straight to Petra through desert highways. Your ultimate destination is the astonishing rose-red city of Petra which was built by the Nabateans (an early Arab tribe). Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the South of Jordan more than two thousand years ago. The visit begins with the possibility of short horseback riding for about 2,300 ft. until the entrance of the Siq, which is less than 1 mile long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) to get inside Petra and back to the gate outside. Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The Treasury, Royal Tombs, The Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El-Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments, which fascinate visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. After the visit, enjoy lunch at a nice restaurant, followed by a drive back to the border. En-route, stop for a short visit at Aqaba with possibility for a short walk. Transfer to border at approximately 18:00 for crossing to Eilat. Overnight in Eilat.

# Day 15 – Tue: Eilat, Mitzpe Ramon, Sde Boker, Tel Aviv

Depart Eilat via Mitzpe Ramon to gaze into the Ramon crater, a geological wonder. Proceed to Sde Boker and see Ben Gurion's hut and grave overlooking the magnificent Zin valley. Stop for a Camel riding experience and visit to an authentic Bedouin tent. Learn about the Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch. Continue to Hatzerim and visit Israel's air force museum to view the planes and equipment and hear the story of this brave fighting force. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

# Day 16 - Wed: Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.



# Israel 2016-17

# **Tour Includes:**

- Transfer on arrival and departure (from/to Ben Gurion Airport) ٠
- 14 nights accommodation •
- Daily breakfast •
- 2 dinners at Kibbutz Lavi ٠
- 10 touring days and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Jeep tour in the Galilee ٠
- Light lunch in a Bedouin tent on the way to Eilat ٠
- Government licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to the sites visited as per itinerary ٠

## Tour does not Include:

- Airfare between USA and Israel •
- ٠ Airport taxes
- Expenses of a personal nature ٠
- Tips to driver, guide or hotel staff

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Hotels in the to Accommodation	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C	Plan E		
Tel Aviv	Dan Tel Aviv – Deluxe room	Dan Tel Aviv – Standard room	Carlton Tel Aviv	Prima City		
Galilee	Kibbutz Lavi - Hadar wing	Kibbutz Lavi - Hadar wing	Kibbutz Lavi - Hadar wing	Kibbutz Lavi - Hod wing		
Jerusalem	King David – Deluxe New City room	King David – Standard room	David Citadel – Superior New City	Prima Kings		
Eilat	Dan Eilat - Deluxe room	Dan Eilat - Standard room	Dan Eilat - Standard room	Prima Music		

The hotels appearing in the table might be replaced with similar ones.

## **Tour Prices:**

Accommodation	Plan A			Plan B		Plan C		Plan D			Plan E				
Tours starting on	Per person 3rd		Per person 3rd		Per person 3rd		Per person		3rd	Per person		3rd			
	Double	Single	рах	Double	Single	pax	Double	Single	рах	Double	Single	рах	Double	Single	pax
2016															
Jul 6 13 20 27	5,165	8,235	3,109	4,869	7.645	3.109	4,675	7,245	3,549	3,859	5,635	2,469	3,475	4,915	3,169
Aug 3	5,105	0,200	3,103	4,003	7,045	3,103	4,075	7,245	3,343	3,033	5,055	2,403	5,475	4,313	3,103
Aug 10	5,409	8,725	3,135	5,115	8,135	3,135	NOT VALID		4,069	6,109	2,525	3,505	4,975	3,195	
Aug 17	5,355	8,619	3,135	5,065	8,029	3,135	4,715	7,315	3,575	4,025	6,005	2,519	3,445	4,865	3,139
Aug 24 31	5,025	7,945	3,135	4,729	7,359	3,135	4,675	7,229	3,575	3,569	5.099	2,309	3,415	4,815	3,115
Sep 7 14	3,023	7,343	3,133	4,723	7,555	3,133	4,075	1,225	3,373	3,303	5,055	2,303	5,415	4,015	3,113
Oct 26	5,315	8,535	3,109	4,989	7.889	3.109	4.675	7.245	3,549	3,539	5,035	2,285	3,239	4,499	2,969
Nov 2 9	5,515	0,000	5,105	4,303	7,005	5,105	4,075	7,245	0,040	0,000	5,005	2,200	0,200	т,тоо	2,303
Nov 16 23 30	4,809	7,535	3.095	4,515	6,945	3,095	4,655	7,209	3,535	3,239	4,505	2,279	3,219	4,465	2,955
Dec 7	-	,		,		-		,	-				,	,	,
Dec 14	5,129	8,169	3,095	4,825	7,559	3,095	NOT VALID		3,625	5,235	3,015	3,115	4,275	2,875	
Dec 21	5,389	8,695	3,095	5,069	8,049	3,095	5,019	7,935	3,815	3,795	5,599	3,045	3,115	4,275	2,875
Dec 28	5,265	8,439	3,095	4,945	7,799	3,095	4,575	7,039	3,589	3,425	4,889	2,435	3,059	4,175	2,825
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Jan 4 11 18 25	4,665	7,245	3,095	4,369	6,659	3,095	4,375	6,649	3,535	3,195	4,409	2,269	2,975	4,019	2,755
Feb 1 8 15	4,000	1,240	0,000	4,303	0,000	0,000	4,070	0,045	0,000	0,100	<del>-</del> , <del>-</del> 05	2,205	2,313	+,015	2,700
Feb 22	4,815	7,549	3,095	4,525	6,959	3,095	4,375	6,649	3,535	3,359	4,705	2,269	3,109	4,259	2,865
Child - up to 12 years old - sharing room with parents, Half Board basis															
All departures	2,599			2,599 2,049			1,999			2,299					

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