

Israel Prelude

Thursday Departures
9 Days • 7 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
 Limited to 28 participants*

Tour Includes:

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 5 Days of Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Walking Tour of Tel Aviv
- Arrival and Departure Transfers with Special Assistance (International Flights)

11 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Friday Dinner Get-together in Tel Aviv
- Dinner in Haifa
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv
- Restaurant Dinner in Jerusalem

Special Features

- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Dinner and special presentation in Haifa
- Descend to the Underwater Grottos at Rosh Hanikra
- Enjoy wine tasting at a local Winery
- Thrilling Jeep Ride in the Golan
- Night Tour of "illuminated" Jerusalem
- Tour Herodian Mansions or Hasmonean Tunnel
- Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem
- WiFi enabled buses and Free WiFi at all hotels
- Tips to all restaurant staff

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



View from the Ramparts, Jerusalem

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Thursday: En Route

Depart the U.S.A. on your flight to Israel.

Friday: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in trendy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Balance of the afternoon at leisure in the "city that never sleeps". Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (D)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour with the group guide through the city's well known streets including **Dizengoff Square** and **Ben Gurion House**, former residence of the First Prime Minister. Or, take the *optional full day tour of Masada and the Dead Sea (\$160 per person based on locally scheduled bus tour)*. (B)

Sunday: Tel Aviv/Haifa

Depart Tel Aviv. Drive to the extraordinary **Israeli Museum** at the **Yitzhak Rabin Center** chronicling the life of the late Prime Minister and the development of the State of Israel. Continue to ancient **Caesarea**; explore the Roman and Crusader ruins including the impressive 2,000-year-old theater (still in use!) and aqueduct. Arrive in **Nazareth**, the sacred town where Jesus spent part of his youth; visit the Church and view **Mary's Well**. On to the sparkling port city of **Haifa**; check into your hotel atop Mt. Carmel. Evening: Enjoy **Dinner** and a special cultural presentation (*subject to minimum 10 tour participants*). (B,D)

Monday: Haifa

Begin the day with a view of the golden-domed **Baha'i Shrine** and visit the breathtaking "hanging gardens," – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive along the coast to **Rosh Hanikra**; descend by cable car to see the magnificent underwater grottoes. Time to enjoy some fine **wines at a local winery**. Then continue to the timeless Crusader city of **Acre**; walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful Middle Ages. Return to Haifa for an evening at leisure in the picturesque **German Colony**, with its great dining options and special ambiance. Your guide and driver will be available to assist with transportation to this charming neighborhood. (B)

Tuesday: Haifa/Jerusalem

Depart Haifa en route to **Safed**, one of Judaism's holiest cities, where the Kabbalah was developed in the 16th-century; visit the ancient synagogues and the charming **Artists' Quarter**. On to **Capernaum**, by the Sea of Galilee; see the fantastic ruins of the ancient 5th-century synagogue. Continue through the southern Golan Heights to visit a former Syrian army bunker at **Kibbutz Kfar Charuv**, settled by Americans and Israelis together; view the fertile valleys below as you tour the kibbutz and enjoy **lunch**. We'll then have a thrilling afternoon as we board our **Jeeps** and ascend the strategic **Golan Heights** to learn about the 20th century battles that protected Israel's future. We'll stop at the **Syrian Officers' Club** and hear the story of Israel's most famous Mossad spies, **Eli Cohen "Our man in Damascus"**. Then drive south and rise

through the mountains to “golden” Jerusalem, stopping first for a blessing and a toast to our arrival in the eternal city. Overnight in Israel’s capital. (B.L)

Wednesday: Jerusalem

Drive to Hadassah Medical Center to see the sublime Chagall Windows. On to Yad Vashem, Israel’s national Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, with its Children’s Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. Then, to Mount Herzl to pay respects to Israel’s founders and heroes. Pass the post-modern Supreme Court and the Knesset (Parliament) en route to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Time to walk through the Israel Museum and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden; see the Scale Model of ancient Jerusalem. Evening: Night Tour of illuminated Jerusalem followed by a Restaurant Dinner and the “Night Spectacular” Sound & Light Show at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting). (B.D)

Thursday: Jerusalem

Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the



Market at Acre

Last Supper. Enter the Old City to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Walk to the Western Wall, last remnant of the Second Temple. View the Dome of the Rock. Proceed through the extraordinary Hasmonean Tunnel (tunnel schedule permitting) or tour the Herodian Mansions, a completely excavated residential quarter from 2000 years ago. Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; stroll through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas. This afternoon, at leisure for relaxation and strolling the neighborhoods of Jerusalem. Or, an optional visit to Bethlehem may be arranged. A free night tonight. The shops are open late as it’s the start of the Israeli weekend. Enjoy the many eateries along the outdoor Mamilla Mall, Ben Yehuda Street, or the “Tachana”. (B)

Friday: En Route

Transfer to the Airport for your international departure flight; special assistance is provided for check-in service. (B)

LAND PRICES PER PERSON (USD) – PRELUDE – THURSDAY DEPARTURES																
HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv	Herods (EBL)		Sheraton Grand (DSV)		Carlton (P-E)		Carlton (P-E)		Sheraton Grand (DSV)		David Kempinski (DSV)		Dan (DCL)		Dan (E)	
Haifa (Dlx, Bayview)	Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel		Dan Carmel (E)	
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama (D-E)		Inbal (DNC)		Inbal (DNC)		Orient (OE)		David Citadel ■		David Citadel ■		King David ▲		King David (DOC)	
2026 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 28, Jun 4	\$4765	\$6455	\$4800	\$6530	\$4875	\$6675	\$4945	\$6815	\$5070	\$7140	\$5430	\$7880	\$5740	\$8350	\$6445	\$9605
Jun 11, 18, 25	4765	6455	4995	6915	5070	7065	4945	6815	5070	7140	5430	7880	5740	8350	6445	9605
Jul 2, 9	4660	6245	4765	6460	4840	6605	4875	6675	5070	7140	5610	8235	5445	7795	6130	9015
Jul 16, 23, Aug 6, 20, 27	4675	6270	4795	6530	4875	6675	4875	6675	4950	6890	5305	7630	5355	7615	6055	8870
Oct 8, 15, 22	4765	6455	4890	6705	4965	6850	4945	6815	5070	7140	5380	7780	5740	8350	6445	9605
Oct 29, Nov 5	4765	6455	4800	6530	4875	6675	4945	6815	5070	7140	5380	7780	5740	8350	6445	9605
Nov 12	4765	6455	4800	6530	4875	6675	4945	6815	4950	6890	5260	7530	5740	8350	6445	9605
Nov 19	4630	6185	4695	6335	4835	6595	4905	6735	4845	6695	5215	7450	5695	8270	6385	9490
Dec 10	4440	5810	4620	6185	4755	6440	4790	6515	4735	6470	4995	7000	5000	6945	5640	8075
Dec 17	4705	6335	4850	6640	4985	6900	5020	6970	4820	6650	5115	7255	5565	8010	6245	9235
Dec 24	4705	6335	4850	6640	4985	6900	5020	6970	4995	7010	5415	7860	5565	8010	6245	9235
Dec 31	4440	5810	4620	6185	4755	6440	4790	6515	4735	6470	4995	7000	4895	6730	5490	7795
2027 Departure Dates																
Jan 14, Feb 11	4440	5810	4655	6255	4670	6265	4670	6265	4735	6470	4995	7000	4895	6730	5490	7795
Feb 25	4620	6165	4695	6335	4710	6350	4780	6490	4845	6695	5105	7225	4935	6810	5550	7910
Mar 4, 11	4675	6270	4800	6530	4875	6675	4945	6815	4950	6890	5185	7385	5085	7110	5760	8305
Mar 18, 25, Apr 1, 8*	4675	6270	4800	6530	4875	6675	4945	6815	5070	7140	5380	7780	5355	7615	6055	8870
Apr 29, May 13, 20	4765	6455	4890	6705	5040	7005	5020	6970	5070	7140	5430	7880	5740	8350	6445	9605

Tel Aviv: (EBL) Exec. Sea View Room/Business Lounge Access (DSV) Deluxe Sea View Room (P-E) Premium Sea View Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DCL) Deluxe Room, City Side/King David Crown Lounge Access (E) Executive Sea Facing Room/King David Crown Lounge Access; Executive Lounge access in Haifa
NOTE: Sea View Room at all hotels in Tel Aviv are Partial Sea View.

Jerusalem: (D-E) Deluxe Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DNC) Deluxe New City View Room (OE) Orient Room/Exec. Lounge Access (DOC) Deluxe Old City View Room

UPGRADES IN JERUSALEM (Per Room, Total Stay):

- David Citadel: Upgrade from Superior Room to Deluxe Pool View/Partial Old City View Room \$234
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$185
- * Revised touring due to holidays. Please inquire for Special rates for child or adult as third in room.

Tour is guaranteed on a minimum of 4 passengers. Should the tour fall below 4 passengers, you'll be offered the option of touring by Share-a-car at a supplement of \$495 per person (3 persons minimum).

MIX & MATCH ABOVE HOTELS. CALL FOR DETAILS. FOR TOURING BY PRIVATE CAR, SEE PAGE 30.