

Israel Rhapsody

Wednesday Departures
12 Days • 10 Nights

An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour
Limited to 28 participants

Tour Includes:

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

15 Meals:

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

Special Features

- Visit fascinating Machon Ayalon
- 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



Cobblestone Street of Jaffa

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Wednesday: En Route

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

Thursday: 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 and evening at leisure in the “city that never sleeps”.

Friday: Tel Aviv

A fascinating day as we visit **Machon Ayalon** (Ayalon Institute); hear the riveting story of this pre-state underground Ammunitions Factory that functioned as a secret bullet factory making ammunition used in the struggle for Israeli independence. Under the disguise of a kibbutz above, the bullet manufacturing below was concealed from the British with the factory's openings covered by a 10-ton oven and a large washing machine camouflaging the noise of manufacturing bullets. Afterwards, continue to the 4,000-year-old port city of **Jaffa**. Explore the magnificently reconstructed Artists' Quarter with its galleries and boutiques. On to Tel Aviv's bustling **Carmel Market** and lively **Nachlat Benjamin Street** with its delightful craft stalls. Adjacent is **Sheinkin Street**, a popular street in Tel Aviv, for the trendiest boutiques, cafes and people watching—definitely the place to be on Friday afternoon! Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (B.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. Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this Mediterranean paradise. Tel Aviv's museums and restaurants are world-class. Don't miss Tel Aviv's hip port neighborhood, with its yachts, shops and café-filled promenades. (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 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: Jerusalem

Descend through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, lowest point on Planet Earth. Ascend Masada by cable car and see this last stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod the Great's palace, synagogue and bathhouse. Then, opportunity to enjoy an "unsinkable" swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea. Drive via the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, on your return to Jerusalem. We'll stop at the Western Wall on this Sabbath eve before arriving to the hotel (time permitting). Tonight, enjoy the traditional Friday dinner together. (B.D)

Saturday: Jerusalem

Enjoy a full day at leisure for relaxation and on your own exploration. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

Sunday: 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) – RHAPSODY – WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES

HOTEL PLAN	CORAL		RUBY		TURQUOISE		PEARL		AMBER		GOLD		OPAL		EMERALD	
Tel Aviv Haifa (Dlx, Bayview) Jerusalem	Herods (EBL) Dan Carmel Dan Panorama (D-E)		Sheraton Grand (DSV) Dan Carmel Inbal (DNC)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Inbal (DNC)		Carlton (P-E) Dan Carmel Orient (OE)		Sheraton Grand (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		David Kempinski (DSV) Dan Carmel David Citadel ■		Dan (DCL) Dan Carmel King David ▲		Dan (E) Dan Carmel (E) King David (DOC)	
2026 Departure Dates	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single	Twin	Single
May 27, Jun 3	\$5920	\$8230	\$6075	\$8540	\$6185	\$8765	\$6170	\$8740	\$6395	\$9305	\$6930	\$10415	\$7485	\$11280	\$8515	\$13135
Jun 10	5920	8230	6265	8925	6380	9150	6170	8740	6395	9305	N/A	N/A	7485	11280	8515	13135
Jun 17, 24	5920	8230	6265	8925	6380	9150	6170	8740	6395	9305	6930	10415	7485	11280	8515	13135
Jul 1	5750	7885	5885	8165	5995	8385	6055	8505	6395	9305	7205	10950	7000	10355	7995	12145
Jul 8, 15, 22 & Aug 5, 19, 26	5770	7920	5945	8280	6055	8505	6055	8505	6190	8885	6990	10530	7000	10355	7995	12145
Oct 7, 14, 21	5920	8230	6090	8575	6200	8800	6170	8740	6395	9305	6855	10265	7485	11280	8515	13135
Oct 28, Nov 4	5920	8230	5945	8280	6055	8505	6170	8740	6395	9305	6855	10265	7485	11280	8515	13135
Nov 11	5920	8230	5945	8280	6055	8505	6170	8740	6190	8885	6655	9845	7485	11280	8515	13135
Nov 18	5725	7835	5840	8090	6015	8425	6130	8655	6090	8690	6610	9765	7445	11200	8455	13015
Dec 9	5440	7265	5860	8140	6065	8530	5970	8340	5900	8315	6290	9110	6330	9075	7265	10755
Dec 16	5875	8140	6090	8595	6295	8985	6355	9105	6160	8855	6605	9760	7265	10850	8280	12685
Dec 23	5875	8140	6015	8445	6220	8835	6355	9105	6160	8855	6790	10130	7080	10495	8075	12300
Dec 30	5440	7265	5710	7835	5915	8225	5970	8340	5900	8315	6370	9270	6220	8860	7115	10475
2027 Departure Dates																
Jan 13, Feb 10	5440	7265	5770	7950	5730	7855	5785	7970	5900	8315	6290	9110	6170	8755	7045	10335
Feb 24	5710	7805	5810	8035	5830	8055	5945	8285	6055	8635	6445	9435	6210	8835	7105	10450
Mar 3, 10	5770	7920	5945	8280	6055	8505	6170	8740	6190	8885	6545	9625	6415	9240	7385	10985
Mar 17	5770	7920	5945	8280	6055	8505	6170	8740	6190	8885	6545	9625	6860	10085	7880	11930
Mar 24, 31, Apr 7*	5770	7920	5945	8280	6055	8505	6170	8740	6395	9305	6855	10265	6860	10085	7880	11930
Apr 28	5920	8230	6165	8730	6315	9025	6285	8970	6470	9455	6975	10505	7515	11340	8540	13185
May 12, 19	5920	8230	6090	8575	6200	8800	6170	8740	6395	9305	6930	10415	7485	11280	8515	13135

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 \$390
- ▲ King David: On Opal Plan, upgrade from Standard Room to Deluxe New City View Room (Floors 1-4) \$300
- * Revised touring due to holiday. 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.