

# Israel Serenade

## Tuesday Departures

13 Days • 11 Nights

*An Isram Israel Exclusive Tour  
Limited to 28 participants*

### Tour Includes:

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

### 16 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 the underground Ammunitions Factory at Machon Ayalon
- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Visit the beautifully restored former Templar settlement—Saron
- 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

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### Tuesday: En Route

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

### Wednesday: 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”.

### Thursday: Tel Aviv

Begin the day with a visit to **Weizmann House**, the recently restored unique and grand home of Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel and founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The house is presented in a living way, as if its residents are still living on the premises. Continue to the memorial site of **Khan Sha'ar Hagai** where the story unfolds of the fierce battles in this area during the War of Independence. Through emotional testimonies, you meet the fighters who broke through the road to Jerusalem; see a moving presentation of the struggle endured to keep open the lifeline to Jerusalem. On to the military junction at **Latrun**, once the border with Jordan; visit the **Tank Division Memorial**. Continue to **Saron**, a former **Templar settlement** restored to perfection with beautifully landscaped gardens and upscale restaurants. You may wish to return in the evening when Saron looks and feels magical. On to your hotel in Tel Aviv. (B)

### 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' 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) – SERENADE – TUESDAY 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 26	\$6510	\$8960	\$6580	\$9130	\$6745	\$9475	\$6860	\$9710	\$7030	\$10150	\$7760	\$11630	\$8245	\$12350	\$9370	\$14375
Jun 2	6510	8960	6775	9485	6920	9780	6910	9760	7095	10250	7810	11730	8245	12350	9370	14375
Jun 9	6510	8960	6965	9870	7115	10170	6910	9760	7095	10250	N/A	N/A	8245	12350	9370	14375
Jun 16, 23	6510	8960	6965	9870	7115	10170	6910	9760	7095	10250	7810	11730	8245	12350	9370	14375
Jun 30	6340	8610	6585	9110	6735	9405	6790	9525	7095	10250	8175	12440	7755	11425	8850	13390
Jul 7	6340	8610	6585	9110	6735	9405	6790	9525	6890	9830	7975	12020	7755	11425	8850	13390
Jul 14, 21 & Aug 4, 18, 25	6360	8650	6645	9225	6790	9525	6790	9525	6890	9830	7605	11310	7570	11065	8700	13105
Oct 6	6510	8960	6790	9520	6940	9815	6910	9760	7095	10250	7710	11530	7845	11560	8920	13530
Oct 13, 20	6510	8960	6790	9520	6940	9815	6910	9760	7095	10250	7710	11530	8245	12350	9370	14375
Oct 27, Nov 3	6510	8960	6645	9225	6790	9525	6910	9760	7095	10250	7710	11530	8245	12350	9370	14375
Nov 10	6510	8960	6645	9225	6790	9525	6910	9760	6890	9830	7510	11115	8245	12350	9370	14375
Nov 17	6320	8570	6540	9035	6750	9440	6870	9675	6790	9635	7465	11030	8200	12265	9310	14260
Dec 8	6025	7990	6530	9030	6800	9545	6710	9360	6570	9205	7085	10265	7040	10055	8080	11925
Dec 15	6465	8865	6760	9485	7030	10005	7090	10120	6830	9740	7420	10950	7975	11825	9095	13860
Dec 22	6465	8865	6685	9335	6955	9850	7090	10120	6830	9740	7670	11445	7790	11475	8895	13470
Dec 29	6025	7990	6380	8725	6650	9240	6710	9360	6570	9205	7245	10585	6935	9840	7935	11650
2027 Departure Dates																
Jan 12, Feb 9	6025	7990	6435	8840	6460	8865	6460	8865	6570	9205	7085	10265	6825	9625	7785	11370
Feb 23	6295	8525	6480	8925	6505	8950	6620	9180	6725	9525	7245	10585	6870	9705	7845	11485
Mar 2	6360	8650	6645	9225	6790	9525	6910	9760	6890	9830	7285	10670	6910	9790	7905	11600
Mar 9	6360	8650	6645	9225	6790	9525	6910	9760	6890	9830	7360	10815	7125	10220	8200	12160
Mar 16, 23	6360	8650	6645	9225	6790	9525	6910	9760	7015	10080	7480	11070	7570	11065	8700	13105
Mar 30, Apr 6	6360	8650	6645	9225	6790	9525	6910	9760	7095	10250	7710	11530	7570	11065	8700	13105
May 11, 18	6510	8960	6790	9520	6940	9815	6910	9760	7095	10250	7810	11730	8245	12350	9370	14375

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

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 THE ABOVE HOTELS. CALL FOR DETAILS. FOR TOURING BY PRIVATE CAR, SEE PAGE 30.