



# 11-Night Israel Deluxe

## WEDNESDAY

### **BEN GURION / TEL AVIV**

Arrival at Ben Gurion airport where you will be met and assisted before passport control, by our VIP service representative. Transfer to your hotel.

*Overnight in Tel Aviv.*

## THURSDAY

### **TEL AVIV / JAFFA**

Start the day with a visit to the Independence Hall where the establishment of the state of Israel was declared. Next, visit Itzhak Rabin Center; learn the legacy of the late Prime Minister and explore the making, the history, and the development of the state. Continue to Jaffa, an ancient port city, named for Japheth, one of the sons of Noah who built it after the flood. Visit the old city and stroll around the restored city, the Artists' quarter, galleries, and the renovated harbor. Visit Tel Aviv Museum, Israel's largest art museum that displays a wide collection of permanent and temporary exhibits of both Israeli and international artists. Witness the old meet the new as you visit Sarona, originally a 140 year old German Templar colony, occupied later by the British forces and handed back to the Israelis in 1947. It has now been restored, preserving the original architecture, and converted to a lively pedestrian open air commercial center.

*Overnight in Tel Aviv.*



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## FRIDAY

### TEL AVIV

Start the day with a visit to Ayalon Institute, once a secret underground ammunition factory. Drive through the main streets of Tel Aviv, passing by Rabin's Square, place of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin. Stop at Tel Aviv port and enjoy the promenade along the seafront with the unique shops, cafés, and youthful ambiance. Continue to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv built in 1887 outside the old port city of Jaffa; explore the narrow alleys and the unique low buildings. Proceed to the Carmel market and enjoy the vibrant noises, smells, and colors. End the day at Nahalat Benyamin and enjoy the live street music, arts, crafts, and handmade jewelry.

*Overnight in Tel Aviv.*

## SATURDAY

### AT LEISURE

Drive to Cana to visit the Wedding Church, where Jesus performed His first miracle turning water into wine. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation, Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Proceed to Yardenit, the baptismal site on the Jordan river; next, stop at Beit Shean to visit the newly excavated Roman city and amphitheatre. Drive along the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem.

*Overnight in Tel Aviv.*

## SUNDAY

### CAESAREA / HAIFA / ACRE

Drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region. Explore the ruins and excavations of the Crusaders' city and the amphitheater which has been restored as a concert venue; learn the history of the city through a multimedia presentation. Proceed to Haifa to visit the Clandestine Immigration and Naval Museum ("Af al Pi Chen") and hear the story of the illegal immigrants to Israel at the time of the British mandate. Visit Acre, one of the ancient port cities in Israel, declared by UNESCO as a world heritage site; learn the history of the city through its unique buildings, fortresses, and intact fortifications. Visit the underground Crusader City and walk through the old city, mosques, and local market.

*Overnight in Galilee.*



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## MONDAY

### **SAFED / MITZPE GADOT / KATZRIN / GOLAN HEIGHTS**

Drive to Safed, one of the four holy cities in Israel, also considered the center of the Kabbalah, the Jewish mysticism. Visit the Joseph Caro and Ari synagogues, the most important synagogues in the city; stroll around the artists' quarter and the picturesque alleyways. Continue to the Golan Heights; stop at Gadot overlook, 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. Stop at the Golan Winery for a tour and wine tasting. Continue to Mount Bental, a dormant volcanic mountain, for a panoramic view of Mount Hermon and the Golan; learn the story of one of the largest tank battles that took place in the 1973 war. Return to your hotel.

*Overnight in Galilee.*

## TUESDAY

### **TIBERIAS / CAPERNAUM / NAZARETH / BEIT SHEAN / JERUSALEM**

Visit Tiberias. Continue to Capernaum and explore the ruins of the synagogue and church of St. Peter. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and visit the Igal Alon center where a 2000 year old ancient boat discovered is displayed. Onto Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. Continue to Beit Shean, also called "Scythopolis", the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Drive via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem; stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city.

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

## WEDNESDAY

### **JERUSALEM (OLD CITY)**

Tour the Old City of Jerusalem; visit the Jewish and Christian quarters; walk through the Cardo, the reconstructed main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Visit the Wailing Wall. Learn the story of ancient Jerusalem as you tour the Western Wall tunnels; discover the hidden layers of the walls revealed underground. Return to your hotel to freshen up and get ready for your night out. Enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner followed by the Spectacular night show at the Tower of David Museum.

*Overnight in Jerusalem*



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## THURSDAY

### **JERUSALEM (NEW CITY)**

Start the day with a visit to the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the new Holy Land model, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period. Continue for a tour at the Knesset, Israel's parliament house and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Experience the contemporary Jerusalem at the famous Mahane Yehuda market with its authentic and colorful stands; enjoy the "Shuk bites" and taste a variety of local food. Continue to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust.

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

## FRIDAY

### **EIN GEDI / MASSADA / DEAD SEA**

Drive through the Judean desert. Stop at Ein Gedi nature reserve and explore the lush oasis filled with waterfalls, vegetation, and rare wildlife. 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 for lunch and spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area.

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

## SATURDAY

### **AT LEISURE**

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## SUNDAY

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