

MY TURN | MAY 2023 ITINERARY

DAY 1 > THURSDAY: Baruch HaBah — Welcome to Israel!

NOTE: To best acclimate for the journey ahead, travelers are encouraged to arrive at least a day early. Group rates are available at the Jerusalem hotel.

- Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport on your self-booked flight
- A complimentary "pre-tour" is available for anyone already in Israel from the night before or arriving to Ben Gurion Airport by 9:30am this day. Notify us at least a month in advance if you plan to participate.
 - Pick-up at 12:00pm from our Jerusalem hotel and travel to the bustling open-air **Mahane Yehuda Marketplace** for lunch on own
 - View the renowned **Chagall Windows** at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem
- Evening: Enjoy a welcome dinner at **Joy Restaurant** in the Mamilla Complex followed by the **Tower of David Night Spectacular** show in the Old City

Meals Included: Dinner

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM

DAY 2 > FRIDAY: The Old City of Jerusalem

- Experience a panoramic introduction to Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade**
- Enter the Old City via the **Zion Gate** – Explore the rooftops, alleyways, and ancient squares of the **Jewish Quarter**
- Reflections at the Kotel – **The Western Wall** — explore the **Southern Wall Excavations** and go deep under the Old City in the **Kotel Tunnels**
- Return to our accommodations - Freshen up, relax, and experience the quiet that descends on Jerusalem as the city prepares for the start of Shabbat
- Evening: Option to experience Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall followed by a festive **Shabbat dinner** as a group at our hotel

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM

DAY 3 > SATURDAY: Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Morning Option: Return to the Old City to tour the historic **Christian Quarter** and **Arab Shuk** (bazaar), including a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Shabbat lunch is included at our hotel
- Afternoon Option: Jerusalem Beyond the Walls – **Montefiore's Windmill**, Yemin Moshe, Mishkenot Sheananim, and the **First Jerusalem Train Station Market**
- Evening: Discover Jerusalem nightlife at **Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall**, the German Colony, the Russian Compound, and beyond (on own)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM

DAY 4 > SUNDAY: Loss & Renewal in Israel

- Docent-led tour of **Yad Vashem** World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- Learn about the leaders who shaped the story of modern Israel at **Mt. Herzl National Cemetery**
- Walking tour of the **Knesset** grounds, Israel's parliament building, and stop for a photo-op at the Knesset Menorah
- Evening: Travel to the near-desert for a short **camel ride** and a desert tent dinner feast at Eretz Bereisheit

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM

DAY 5 > MONDAY: Adventures in the Judean Desert

- Rise early and travel into the deep **Judean Desert**

- Ascend **Masada** via the cable cars or hike up the Snake Path – Tour of Herod's desert mountaintop fortress and the bastion of an ancient Jewish rebellion
- Experience effortless **floating at the Dead Sea** with access to the **private beach and spa** at the Crowne Plaza Resort
- Travel northwards to the Galilee via the **Jordan River Valley**, part of the vast Syrian-African Rift
- Check-in and dinner at our country resort accommodations in the Galilee

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OVERNIGHT: GALILEE

DAY 6 > TUESDAY: Mystics in the Galilee

- Walking **tour of a local kibbutz** (*groups staying at Ginnosar only*) or relaxed morning to enjoy the hotel facilities
- Explore **ancient Tsfat** – The historic center of Jewish mysticism in the Galilee
- Lunch on own and personal exploration time in the **Tsfat artists' colony** and meet with **Kabbalistic artist**, Avraham Lowenthal
- Embark on a **Sea of Galilee** cruise from Tiberias followed by dinner on the waterfront at **Decks Restaurant**

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OVERNIGHT: GALILEE

DAY 7 > WEDNESDAY: Perspectives from the Golan Heights

- Ascend the Golan Heights and explore this rugged region of Israel on a **historical off-road jeep trek**
- View Israel's neighbors and navigate former IDF bunkers at the summit of **Mt. Ben-Tal, a dormant volcano on the Golan**
- Tasting and tour at the **Pelter Winery** on the Golan, one of Israel's most acclaimed boutique wineries
- The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the hotel facilities with dinner included

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OVERNIGHT: GALILEE

DAY 8 > THURSDAY: Along the Mediterranean Coast

- Leave your mark taking part in a **tree-planting** ceremony in the JNF's Tzomet Golani Forest
- Travel westward toward the Mediterranean Coast, and take in the views of **Haifa** from the **Bahai Temple Gardens** on the slopes of Mount Carmel
- Discover the culture of Israel's **Druze community**, enjoying traditional hospitality and lunch at Ussafiya village in the Carmel Mountains
- Explore **Caesarea** – Herod's Roman amphitheater and grand palace on the beach
- Arrive to Tel Aviv in the early evening, Israel's cultural and commercial capital
 - 10-day tour travelers will check-in to our resort hotel on the coast and enjoy a free evening with dinner on own
 - 8-day tour travelers will have limited free time prior to a scheduled transfer to Ben Gurion Airport leaving from our Tel Aviv hotel at 7:30pm
Accommodations in Tel Aviv are not included tonight for 8-day travelers unless otherwise requested (group rates available)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

OVERNIGHT: TEL AVIV

DAY 9 > FRIDAY: Founding of Modern Israel

- Visit the **Ayalon Institute** – Learn about the story of the Haganah and the quest to create a modern Jewish State at this secret ammunition factory
- Tour the **ancient port city of Jaffa** and browse the **Jaffa Flea Market**
- Continue on to explore Tel Aviv's trendy **Rothschild Boulevard**, and view **Independence Hall** where the modern State of Israel was founded
Independence Hall is currently closed for renovations and will re-open in 2022

- Spend the rest of the afternoon celebrating the Tel Aviv spirit at the **Nahalat Binyamin street festival** and **Carmel Market** in the historic **Neve Tzedek** neighborhood
- Program wrap-up and farewells on the beach followed by the option to attend a Kabbalat Shabbat service on the beach (summer only) or at a local synagogue
- Evening: Enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner experience as a group at our hotel

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OVERNIGHT: TEL AVIV

DAY 10 > SATURDAY: Shabbat on the Beach

An optional day tour of Acco & Rosh Hanikrah is also offered this day

- Relaxed morning to explore Tel Aviv on own or enjoy the city's **Mediterranean beach culture**
- Shabbat lunch is included at our hotel along with late check-out till 2:00pm
Accommodations are not included tonight unless otherwise requested (group rates available)
- Walking Tour — **Rabin Square Memorial**, HaBimah Theater Grounds, and the classic Bauhaus architecture of Tel Aviv
- Included evening airport transfers:
 - Pick-up at 7:30pm for a transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for those traveling home on an overnight return flight
 - Pick-up for a transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for those including the Eilat Package (Days #11-12)
Flight schedules vary and typically depart from Tel Aviv between 5:30pm-7:30pm

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Acco (Acre) & Rosh Hanikrah Day Tour (Optional)

A day tour of the Western Galilee is offered as an alternative to the final Saturday in Tel Aviv (Day #10). This optional tour covers the Rosh Hanikrah ocean caves and the ancient seaport of Acco – including the Templar Tunnels and Crusader-era castle. The tour starts in the morning at our Tel Aviv hotel and returns to Tel Aviv that evening in time for connecting flights back to North America or on to Eilat. The cost of the Acco & Rosh Hanikrah Day Tour is \$100 per person, and it covers all transportation and touring costs. Lunch is not included.

Eilat & Petra Extension (Optional)

Conclude your travels at the Red Sea resort city of Eilat (Days #11-12) – with the option to visit Petra, Jordan's wonder of the world. The package includes two nights at a resort hotel with breakfast daily, round-trip domestic flights, and all airport transfers. The Eilat extension is designed as a vacation package and is not guided. The guided day tour of Petra in Jordan costs an additional \$375 per person. It includes round-trip transfers, entrance fees, border/visa fees (subject to change), tips, and lunch (not kosher).

DAY 10 > SATURDAY: Depart for Eilat

- Evening: Travel on a domestic flight to Eilat
- Arrive at Eilat Airport and transfer to our resort accommodations on the Red Sea

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

OVERNIGHT: EILAT

DAY 11 > SUNDAY: Optional Petra Tour

- Option #1: Relaxed day to enjoy Eilat and the Red Sea
- Option #2: Guided day tour of Petra including lunch (not kosher)

Meals Included: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: EILAT

DAY 12 > MONDAY: Red Sea Relaxation

- Relaxed day to enjoy Eilat and the Red Sea
Check-out is at 11:00am, however, guests will retain access to hotel facilities for the full day
- Transfer from the hotel to the Eilat Airport for a domestic flight to Ben Gurion Airport
Accommodations are not included tonight unless otherwise requested (group rates available)

Meals Included: Breakfast

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