

**CLASSIC ISRAEL EXPERIENCE**  
**12 Day Group Tour – Wednesday Arrival**

Day 1 Wednesday

***WELCOME TO HOLY ISRAEL!*** (Arrival Welcome & Transfer to Your Hotel)

**Assistance at Ben Gurion Airport**

After clearing passport control a Shalom Israel Tours representative will be waiting to welcome you, assist with your luggage, and escort you to your waiting chauffeur for transfer.

**Welcome Transfer to Tel Aviv**

Stretching along a beautiful beach strip of the Mediterranean Sea for 100 years, Tel Aviv is considered the face of modern Israel. Nicknamed “The White City” for its abundance of Bauhaus style architecture, Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage City in 2003.

**Overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel Options**

Day 2 Thursday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

***ESTABLISHING ISRAEL – A NATION IS BORN***

**Israel's Independence Hall 8am - 8:30am hotel pickup, let's go touring!**

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948, David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the founding of the State of Israel, establishing the first Jewish state in 2,000 years. Today, the space where this occasion took place serves as a museum that tells the story of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

**Latrun Police Station & Tank Museum**

Numerous significant battles took place here during the 1948 War of Independence. In 1967, Latrun was liberated from Jordanian rule. Today, it houses a memorial for fallen armored corps soldiers. Some 110 armored vehicles are displayed and can be climbed on.

**Underground Bullet Factory Museum**

This secret factory was established by the Haganah in 1945. While it appeared as a kibbutz laundry above ground, down below, 45 members of an underground mission were producing bullets in preparation of the War of Independence. The British never suspected.

**Beit Guvrin Cave Exploration**

Tour the ruins of important towns from the First Temple and Roman periods. In addition to the archaeological artifacts, enjoy the distinctive caves carved out of the ground for chalk.

**Overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel Options**

Day 3 Friday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

***TEL AVIV – THE MODERN CITY***

**The Diaspora Museum**

Located at Tel Aviv University, this museum houses displays from the days of the Second Temple to the present day. Explore Jewish identity via the six “gates” of family, community, faith, culture, the Jewish people among the nations, and the return to the land of Israel.

**Rabin Square & Memorial**

Visit the spot where the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzchak Rabin, was assassinated. The remodeled memorial square in central Tel Aviv is home to a monument dedicated in his memory. Learn about the assassination and Rabin's resonating impact on the State of Israel.

**Old Jaffa Port & Market**

Built 4,000 years ago, the Jaffa Port is the oldest in the world. The prophet Jonah embarked on his ill-fated journey from this port, and building materials for the First and Second Temples were delivered to Jaffa. The metropolis of Tel Aviv is largely an extension of Jaffa.

**Nachlat Binyamin Arts Fair**

The first and biggest of its kind in Israel, this average street comes alive every Tuesday & Friday. Displaying Israeli-made crafts, jewelry, home décor and art, all goods on display are hand made and sold by the artists, making a visit to this market a memorable experience.

**Overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel Options**

Day 4 Saturday (Free Day – Relax!)

***TEL AVIV – FREE DAY AT LEISURE***

**Day at Leisure in Tel Aviv**

Visit the “Soho” of Tel Aviv and stroll Dizengoff St., Shenken St. & Rothschild Blvd. Filled with funky street vendors, boutiques and coffee shops alongside simple kiosks and local fast food stalls, Tel Aviv brings out the urban hipster in anyone who walks down these streets.

**Overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel Options**

Day 5 Sunday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

***ISRAEL'S COAST – ANCIENT PORTS***

**Ancient City of Caesarea Ruins 8 - 8:30am hotel pickup, let's go touring!**

The Caesarea National Park contains the remains of a prestigious city established by King Herod the Great. Prepare to be amazed when you visit the mighty Roman Amphitheatre, the Hippodrome, a 20,000 seat horse racing arena, as well as the impressive Roman Aqueducts!

**Megiddo National Park**

Throughout history, Egyptian, Assyrian and Israelite leaders have all fought for control of the ancient city of Megiddo. Dating back nearly 5,000 years, Megiddo was strategically located on the trade route between Egypt and Assyria and was the site of numerous battles.

### **Druze Villages Mount Carmel**

The Druze, an ethnic group that split off from Islam approximately 1,000 years ago, has played an active role in supporting Israel since its founding. Learn about the history and culture of the Druze people on a visit to one of their villages on the top of Mount Carmel.

### **Mount Carmel Lookout**

Next we'll stop in Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa Bay from atop Mount Carmel. Haifa is Israel's main port city, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Israel and home to the famous Bahai Gardens. We'll take a few minutes to enjoy the spectacular views before continuing north.

### **Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Southern Galilee**

#### **Day 6 Monday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)**

#### ***THE GOLAN HEIGHTS & TZFAT – BATTLEFIELDS & KABALLAH***

### **Tzfat Old City & Artist Quarter**

Tzfat is one of the four holy cities in Israel. It has served as a spiritual center since the 1600s, when famous Kabbalists roamed here. Tzfat awaits art lovers, soul-seekers and historians to cobblestone alleys, medieval synagogues, galleries and mystical atmosphere.

### **Golan Magic Welcome Center**

Here the Golan comes alive. View a state-of-the-art model, complete with light and sound effects, and a film documenting its history on a 180 degree panoramic screen. This is a great way to deepen your knowledge about the Golan Heights in a relaxing and fun atmosphere.

### **Golan Heights Winery Tour**

Located high in the planes of the Golan in the small, ancient town of Katzrin, you will find this famous winery that exports to over 25 different countries. Take part in a tour and wine tasting to learn how the Yarden, Gamla, Mount Hermon and Golan lines are produced.

### **Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Southern Galilee**

#### **Day 7 Tuesday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)**

#### ***THE SEA OF GALILEE & JORDAN VALLEY – ASCEND TO JERUSALEM***

### **Capernaum National Park**

Visit the remains of a Second Temple period fishing village and its synagogue, and imagine the lives of those who dwelled there. We'll learn about the location where Jesus selected his Apostles and the modern day church that stands where the house of Peter once stood.

### **Mount of Beatitudes**

The Mount of Beatitudes sits on a hilltop at the northern point of the Sea of Galilee, this is where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. A Byzantine church was erected near the current site in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and it was used until the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Nazareth Holy Sites**

Next we'll continue our tour with a short drive to Nazareth, the town where Jesus spent his childhood. Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well and the Church of St. Gabriel. Visit the Blessed Cave, view Mary and Joseph's house.

### **Ancient Beit Alfa Synagogue**

Built during the Byzantine era, this excavated synagogue is most well known for its miraculously preserved mosaic. The mosaic vividly portrays the Binding of Isaac, the Temple of Jerusalem and the Zodiac, demonstrating Roman influence on Jewish culture.

### **Ascend to Holy Jerusalem**

Welcome to the holiest city in the world! Here you will touch the Western Wall, walk through the diverse and beautiful streets of “new” Jerusalem, and enjoy the city’s sounds, smells, and tastes; experience the people of Jerusalem, their diversity and vibrant culture.

### **Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options**

Day 8 Wednesday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

### ***JERUSALEM’S OLD CITY – THE ETERNAL CAPITAL***

### **Jerusalem Mount of Olives**

Located on the eastern slopes of the Jerusalem mountains, near the Temple Mount and the City of David, this peak is named after the olive trees that covered its grounds in biblical times. Today, camels, monasteries, and ancient tombstones dot these scenic slopes.

### **Old City Jewish Quarter**

The Jewish Quarter remains one of the single most-visited spots in all of Israel. Nestled within one square kilometer of land lay millennia of ancient history. The Old City dates back to the 8th century BCE and is home to numerous landmarks of historical significance.

### **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**

Located in the Old City's Christian Quarter, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is the holiest site in Christian faith. It is here that Jesus was crucified and later buried. At the center of the church is the Stone of Unction, the location where Jesus’ body was prepared for burial.

### **King David’s Tomb**

Possibly the tomb of the great Israelite King David, this site has been visited by pilgrims Jewish and Christian for centuries. It also served as a substitute prayer site when Jews were denied access to the Wailing Wall (1948 to 1967) while Jordan controlled the Old City.

### **Last Supper Room**

Visit the site of the Last Supper, where Jesus dined with his disciples on the night before his arrest. Situated above the Tomb of King David, this long hall is a perfect place for group or individual worship. The rooftop here offers a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem.

### **Bethlehem & Church of the Nativity**

It is at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where we will learn about the birth of Jesus. It is one of the world’s oldest churches and houses the Grotto of the Nativity, the spot where the birth took place, marked by a 14-point silver star flanked by majestic silver lamps.

### **Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options**

Day 9 Thursday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

***UNITED JERUSALEM – THE NEW CITY***

**Israeli Parliament Building – The Knesset**

Visit the seat of Israel's government since 1966. Sitting at the heart of modern Jerusalem, the Knesset is the home of the Israeli parliament with its 120 members. See Israeli democracy in action and learn about the architecture and art of the Knesset building itself.

**Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls**

Founded in 1965, this is the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel and one of the world's leading art and archaeology museums. Here you will find the oldest existing biblical manuscripts in the world, the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are housed in the Shrine of the Book.

**Mount Herzl National Cemetery**

A burial place for prominent Zionist figures such as Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, here you will also find an expansive military cemetery; one quite full for a country so young. The loss of the soldiers who fought for the land of Israel is palpable.

**Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**

In 1963, the Yad Vashem Museum was established as the world center for Holocaust research, education and commemoration. With survivor testimonies, powerful displays, artifacts and memorial gardens, this museum embodies one crucial message: Never again.

**Dinner & Tower of David Night Spectacular Show – Included Evening Activity!**

In the evening you'll head back to the Tower of David's rooftop to view an epic nighttime extravaganza of sight and sound depicting the conquests of the Greeks, Roman's, Crusaders, Turks, and others as they tried to overtake Jerusalem. This show is simply "Spectacular".

**Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options**

Day 10 Friday (Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle)

***THE JUDEAN DESERT – KING HEROD'S FORTRESS***

**Qumran National Park**

Learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls and the people who wrote them when you explore the Qumran National Park. Marvel at the table-like structures that are said to have been used to write the scrolls, the ritual baths and the caves where the scrolls were discovered in 1947.

**Masada Mountain & Cable Car**

Ride via cable car to the top of Masada and explore what remains of King Herod's palace. See what it was like to live there as you view the preserved baths, cisterns and barracks. It was here that leader Eleazer Ben Yair kept the Roman Legion's siege at bay for three years.

**Dead Sea Float Experience**

Yam Hamelach, literally meaning "Sea of Salt," is 417 meters below sea level, making it the lowest place on earth. Its salty water contains unique healing properties, which, combined with the nutrient-filled mud found on its shores, creates one luxurious and healthy day.

**Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options**

Day 11 Saturday (Free Day)

***SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM – DAY AT LEISURE***

**Shabbat Morning**

Finally some time to rest! Enjoy a morning at leisure at your hotel and relax...

**Ben Yehuda Street – Evening Recommendation**

Here you'll find all the restaurants, shops, street vendors and street performances you could ever ask for. Sip a latte at one of Ben Yehuda's many sidewalk cafes, grab a delicious frozen treat, invest in some Judaica, purchase souvenirs, and soak up the vibrant atmosphere.

**Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel Options**

Day 12 Sunday (Farewell Transfer to Ben Gurion)

**FAREWELL FOR NOW...WE'LL MISS YOU!**

**Farewell Transfer...We'll Miss you!**

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your temporary departure from Israel...Bye for now!

***GROUP TOUR LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES***

**11 NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

- 4 nights hotel in Tel Aviv, The Modern City
- 2 nights Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Northern Israel
- 5 nights hotel in the Holy City of Jerusalem

***TOUR SERVICES INCLUDED***

- Welcome Assist at Ben Gurion Airport
- Arrival & Departure Airport/Hotel Transfers
- 8 Days Touring in an Air-Conditioned Coach
- All Touring with a Professional Licensed Guide
- Israel Tours Hats/Israel Maps/ Bottle Carriers
- All Group Touring & Sites as per Tour Program

***MEALS INCLUDED***

- Daily Breakfast Buffet at each Hotel
- Nightly Dinners at Kibbutz Lavi Hotel
- Jerusalem Old City Restaurant Dinner

***OPTIONAL UPGRADES***

- VIP Welcome from the Door of your Plane: \$145
- Upgraded Room Types at each Hotel: Ask for details!
- Trip Insurance & Medical Coverage: Ask for details!
- Phone & SIM card & Wi-Fi Rentals: Ask for Details!

## GROUP TOUR PACKAGE PRICING

		3 Star Class		4 Star Class		5 Star Class		5 Star Deluxe	
Tel Aviv Hotels:		Prima Tel Aviv		Dan Panorama		Carlton Tel Aviv		The Dan Tel Aviv	
Northern Hotels:		Kibbutz Lavi		Kibbutz Lavi		Kibbutz Lavi		Kibbutz Lavi	
Jerusalem Hotels:		Prima Jerusalem		Dan Panorama		Inbal Jerusalem		The King David	
Tour Starts	Tour Ends	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
3-Jan-18	14-Jan-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,065	\$3,004	\$2,593	\$4,076	\$3,442	\$5,720
10-Jan-18	21-Jan-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,036	\$2,946	\$2,593	\$4,076	\$2,858	\$4,556
17-Jan-18	28-Jan-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,036	\$2,946	\$2,593	\$4,076	\$2,858	\$4,556
24-Jan-18	4-Feb-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,036	\$2,946	\$2,593	\$4,076	\$2,858	\$4,556
31-Jan-18	11-Feb-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,036	\$2,946	\$2,593	\$4,076	\$2,858	\$4,556
7-Feb-18	18-Feb-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,036	\$2,946	\$2,650	\$4,190	\$2,858	\$4,556
14-Feb-18	25-Feb-18	\$1,835	\$2,628	\$2,036	\$2,946	\$2,688	\$4,265	\$2,858	\$4,556
21-Feb-18	4-Mar-18	\$1,880	\$2,712	\$2,123	\$3,120	\$2,688	\$4,265	\$2,858	\$4,556
28-Feb-18	11-Mar-18	\$1,973	\$2,882	\$2,298	\$3,463	\$2,782	\$4,448	\$2,982	\$4,806
7-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,429	\$3,718	\$2,805	\$4,458	\$3,444	\$5,699
14-Mar-18	25-Mar-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,429	\$3,718	\$2,805	\$4,458	\$3,444	\$5,699
21-Mar-18	1-Apr-18	Passover		Passover		Passover		Passover	
28-Mar-18	8-Apr-18	Passover		Passover		Passover		Passover	
4-Apr-18	15-Apr-18	Passover		Passover		Passover		Passover	
11-Apr-18	22-Apr-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,467	\$3,794	Sold	Out	Sold	Out
18-Apr-18	29-Apr-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	Sold	Out	\$3,794	\$6,395
25-Apr-18	6-May-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$2,987	\$4,817	\$3,794	\$6,395
2-May-18	13-May-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,071	\$4,987	\$3,794	\$6,395
9-May-18	20-May-18	\$2,148	\$3,131	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,015	\$4,874	\$3,794	\$6,395
16-May-18	27-May-18	Shavuot		Shavuot		Shavuot		Shavuot	
23-May-18	3-Jun-18	\$2,065	\$3,038	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$2,987	\$4,817	\$3,794	\$6,395
30-May-18	10-Jun-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$2,987	\$4,817	\$3,794	\$6,395
6-Jun-18	17-Jun-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,120	\$5,082	\$3,794	\$6,395
13-Jun-18	24-Jun-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,208	\$5,258	\$3,794	\$6,395
20-Jun-18	1-Jul-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,208	\$5,258	\$3,794	\$6,395
27-Jun-18	8-Jul-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,475	\$3,809	\$3,082	\$5,012	\$3,605	\$6,017
4-Jul-18	15-Jul-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,429	\$3,718	\$2,906	\$4,659	\$3,444	\$5,699
11-Jul-18	22-Jul-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,429	\$3,718	\$2,906	\$4,659	\$3,444	\$5,699
18-Jul-18	29-Jul-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,429	\$3,718	\$2,887	\$4,615	\$3,444	\$5,699
25-Jul-18	5-Aug-18	\$2,107	\$3,064	\$2,490	\$3,779	\$2,947	\$4,676	\$3,504	\$5,759
1-Aug-18	12-Aug-18	\$2,107	\$3,064	\$2,490	\$3,779	\$2,947	\$4,676	\$3,504	\$5,759
8-Aug-18	19-Aug-18	\$2,107	\$3,064	\$2,490	\$3,779	\$2,947	\$4,676	\$3,539	\$5,825
15-Aug-18	26-Aug-18	\$2,107	\$3,064	\$2,490	\$3,779	\$2,947	\$4,676	\$3,539	\$5,825
22-Aug-18	2-Sep-18	\$2,107	\$3,064	\$2,490	\$3,779	\$2,802	\$4,392	\$3,522	\$5,792
29-Aug-18	9-Sep-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,429	\$3,718	\$2,742	\$4,332	\$3,444	\$5,699
5-Sep-18	16-Sep-18	Rosh Hashana		Rosh Hashana		Rosh Hashana		Rosh Hashana	
12-Sep-18	23-Sep-18	Yom Kippur		Yom Kippur		Yom Kippur		Yom Kippur	
19-Sep-18	30-Sep-18	Sukkot		Sukkot		Sukkot		Sukkot	
26-Sep-18	7-Oct-18	Sukkot		Sukkot		Sukkot		Sukkot	

3-Oct-18	14-Oct-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,467	\$3,794	\$2,987	\$4,817	\$3,759	\$6,329
10-Oct-18	21-Oct-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,071	\$4,987	\$3,794	\$6,395
17-Oct-18	28-Oct-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$3,126	\$5,100	\$3,794	\$6,395
24-Oct-18	4-Nov-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$2,938	\$4,722	\$3,794	\$6,395
31-Oct-18	11-Nov-18	\$2,078	\$3,061	\$2,497	\$3,854	\$2,906	\$4,659	\$3,794	\$6,395
7-Nov-18	18-Nov-18	\$2,071	\$3,049	\$2,475	\$3,809	\$2,906	\$4,659	\$3,794	\$6,395
14-Nov-18	25-Nov-18	\$2,046	\$3,004	\$2,394	\$3,648	\$2,906	\$4,659	\$3,076	\$4,958
21-Nov-18	2-Dec-18	\$2,034	\$2,981	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,742	\$4,332	\$3,040	\$4,893
28-Nov-18	9-Dec-18	\$1,971	\$2,868	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,742	\$4,332	\$3,040	\$4,893
5-Dec-18	16-Dec-18	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,742	\$4,332	\$3,040	\$4,893
12-Dec-18	23-Dec-18	\$1,997	\$2,864	\$2,265	\$3,391	\$2,961	\$4,767	N/A	N/A
19-Dec-18	30-Dec-18	\$2,040	\$2,907	\$2,495	\$3,849	\$3,158	\$5,157	N/A	N/A
26-Dec-18	6-Jan-19	\$2,040	\$2,907	\$2,462	\$3,784	\$2,906	\$4,659	N/A	N/A
2-Jan-19	13-Jan-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,200	\$3,260	\$2,861	\$4,571	\$2,904	\$4,636
9-Jan-19	20-Jan-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,778	\$4,401	\$2,904	\$4,636
16-Jan-19	27-Jan-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,811	\$4,464	\$2,904	\$4,636
23-Jan-19	3-Feb-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,729	\$4,307	\$2,904	\$4,636
30-Jan-19	10-Feb-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,729	\$4,307	\$2,904	\$4,636
6-Feb-19	17-Feb-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,811	\$4,464	\$2,904	\$4,636
13-Feb-19	24-Feb-19	\$1,933	\$2,800	\$2,134	\$3,129	\$2,887	\$4,622	\$2,904	\$4,636
20-Feb-19	3-Mar-19	\$1,968	\$2,863	\$2,214	\$3,285	\$2,797	\$4,436	\$3,095	\$5,013
27-Feb-19	10-Mar-19	\$2,067	\$3,029	\$2,424	\$3,697	\$2,842	\$4,522	\$3,480	\$5,767

**Reservation:** \$500/ person deposit, **Final payment:** 45 days prior to arrival in Israel.

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