

MY TURN IN ISRAEL

2023 PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY #1 | THURSDAY

- If you are participating in the complimentary pre-tour trip, please meet your guide at 12:00 PM in our Jerusalem hotel lobby 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
- Meet in the lobby at 6:00 PM for our welcome dinner at Joy Restaurant in the Mamilla Complex
- Tower of David Night Spectacular show in the Old City

OVERNIGHT – JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Dinner

DAY #2 | FRIDAY

- 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

OVERNIGHT – JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY #3 | SATURDAY

- 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)

OVERNIGHT – JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY #4 | SUNDAY

- 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
- Lunch on own along the way
- Walking tour of the Knesset grounds, Israel's parliament building, and stop for a photo-op at the Knesset Menorah
- Travel to the near-desert for a short camel ride and a desert tent feast at Eretz Breisheit

OVERNIGHT – JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY #5 | MONDAY

- 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 Vert Hotel Resort
- Travel north 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

OVERNIGHT – GALILEE

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY #6 | TUESDAY

- Relaxed morning at our accommodations
- 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

OVERNIGHT – GALILEE

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY #7 | WEDNESDAY

- 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
- Lunch on your own in the Golan Heights city of Katzrin
- Tasting and tour at the Golan Heights winery
- The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the hotel facilities with dinner included

OVERNIGHT – GALILEE

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY #8 | THURSDAY

- Depart the Sea of Galilee region and travel to the Western Galilee
- Descend into the ocean-swept caves of Rosh HaNikra on Israel's far northern border
- Lunch is served at the Rosh HaNikra restaurant overlooking Israel's rugged coast
- Explore the ancient seaport of Acco, including the Knights Hall and Templar Tunnels
- Continue to Haifa, Israel's most diverse city, for a view of the Bahai Temple Gardens on the slopes of Mount Carmel
- Arrive to Tel Aviv in the early evening, Israel's cultural and commercial capital.
 - 10- and 12-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)

OVERNIGHT – TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY #9 | FRIDAY

- 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
- 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 or at a local synagogue
- Evening: Enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner experience as a group at our hotel

OVERNIGHT – TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY #10 | SATURDAY

- Relaxed morning to explore Tel Aviv on own or enjoy the city's Mediterranean beach
- Shabbat lunch is included at the hotel along with a late check-out at 2:00 PM
- Walking Tour — Rabin Square Memorial, HaBimah Theater Grounds, and the classic Bauhaus architecture of Tel Aviv
- Dinner on your own in Tel Aviv
- For 10-day travelers flying back to North America tonight, a complimentary transfer will be provided back to Ben Gurion Airport at 7:30 PM. Accommodations are not included tonight for 10-day travelers unless otherwise requested (group rates available).

OVERNIGHT – TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY #11 | SUNDAY

- Honor the immense bravery of Hannah Szenes in the place she called home along Israel's Mediterranean shore
- Explore Caesarea – Herod's Roman amphitheater and grand palace on the beach
- Travel to the Carmel Mountains overlooking the Mediterranean Coast
- Discover the culture of Israel's Druze community, enjoying traditional hospitality and lunch at Ussafiya village in the Carmel Mountains
- Tour the Museum of the Jewish People (Diaspora Museum) on the campus of Tel Aviv University

- Dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

OVERNIGHT – TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY #12 | MONDAY

- Travel to Neot Kedumim Biblical Park to plant a tree in a JNF forest and discover the natural world of ancient 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
- Lunch on your own
- Learn how Israel became a “Startup Nation” at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation in Jaffa
- Discover the richness of Jewish Ethiopian culture and take part in a traditional meal at Battae Heritage Center in Tel Aviv
- For 12-day travelers flying back to North America tonight, a complimentary transfer will be provided back to Ben Gurion Airport at 7:30 PM. Accommodations are not included tonight for 12-day travelers unless otherwise requested (group rates available).

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