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JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR 2009/2010 - 14 nights

Regular Wednesday Departures

Wednesday - Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv

You will be met by our representative at Ben Gurion Airport and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Thursday – Independence Hall/ Mini Israel/ Latrun/ Yad Mordechai

We start the day with a visit to the Independence Hall; where the establishment of the state of Israel was declared. We continue to Latrun to visit the new "Mini Israel" park including miniature models of the most important sites and buildings in the country. Our next stop is a visit to the Ayalon Institute, once an ammunition factory for the Hagana; the underground movement before May 1948. Afterwards travel to Yad Mordechai; named after the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto - Mordechai Anilevitz, and visit the restored battle fields of the war of liberation and learn about their heroic story. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Friday - Tel Aviv

Today we visit the Diaspora museum and then drive around the main streets of Tel Aviv; centre of business and entertainment of Israel. We stop at Rabin's Square; place of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin and continue to old Jaffa, an 8000 year old port city. In port Jaffa we visit the ancient ruins and walk along the restored artists' quarter, Neve Tzedek; the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv built in 1909, and Nahalat Benyamin; the pedestrian street of the city with its musicians, hand made jewellery and artefacts. Our last stop is at Sheinkin; the lively and colourful street especially known with the unique shops, café life and youthful ambiance. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.



Saturday - At leisure

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Sunday - Caesarea / Haifa / Acre / Rosh Hanikra

Our day begins with a drive north to Caesarea; once the roman capital of the region.

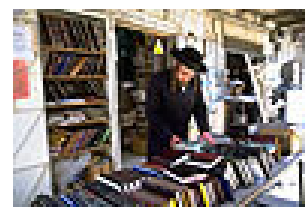
Here we can see the excavations of the crusaders' city, the aqueduct and the amphitheatre which has been resorted as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel and visit "Af Al Pi Chen"; the naval museum of the illegal immigration to Israel at the time of the British mandate. We drive to Acre to walk along the old harbour and local markets and then continue to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh Hanikra to descend by cable into the limestone Grottoes. Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

Monday - Safed / Tel Facher / Baniyas / Tel Hai

Visit to Safed, centre of Kaballa movement. We visit the Joseph Caro and the Ha'Ri synagogues; the most important synagogues in the city and stroll around the Artists' quarter. Next we enjoy a jeep tour to the foot of the Golan and then continue to the Golan Heights. We continue with stop at an observation point over the city of Kuneitra and the Syrian Territory, a stop at Tel Facher; a former Syrian army camp, and then a visit the Baniyas Springs. We conclude our day with a visit to Tel- Hai to see the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. Meet with a Kibbutz member and learn about their unique lifestyle. Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

Tuesday - Beit Shean / Beit Alpha / Gan Hashlosha / Jerusalem

We drive to Tiberias to visit Rambam's grave and then continue to Beit Shean, also called "Scythopolis"; the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Our next stop is at Beit Alpha to see the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue from Byzantine period. Afterwards we travel to Gan Hashlosha (Sachne) where you will have an opportunity to enjoy in the water springs located at the foot of the Gilboa mountain; the famous mountain on which King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines. We travel to Jerusalem via via the Jordan valley with a stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city. Overnight in Jerusalem.



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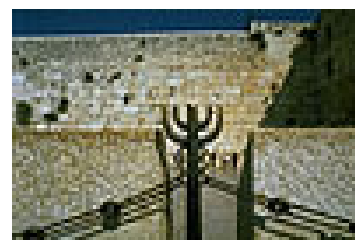
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Wednesday - Jerusalem: The Old City

Our Old City Tour begins with a visit of the tomb of King David on Mt Zion and a walk along the Cardo; the ancient Roman Road and a visit to the four Sephardic synagogues restored after 1967 war in the Jewish quarter. We explore the Kotel tunnels, visit the Davidson center, proceed through the Roman Cardo to the local Arab bazaar. We conclude with a walk through Jaffa gate to David's Tower museum and see the ancient remains of the city beginning with the first temple period. Overnight in Jerusalem



Thursday - Jerusalem: The New City

Celebrate the Bar Mitzvah ceremonies at the Kotel and then continue to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra orthodox communities. We drive by the Knesset; Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Our next stop is a visit to the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the book; where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and view a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period. Afterwards we drive to mount Hertzl, the military cemetery and then to Yad Vashem; the memorial to the holocaust. We next visit the ammunition hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold, conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Day War, and converted into a national memorial site and museum. Overnight in Jerusalem

Friday - Qumran / Massada / Dead Sea

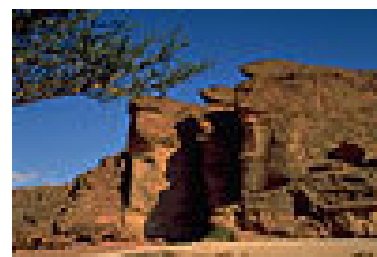
We drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea with a stop at Qumran; the site where the Dead Sea scrolls was found. Our next stop is Massada where we will ascend and descend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress, visiting the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, the bathhouses etc. We stop for lunch and Spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday - At leisure

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday - The Negev Desert /Timna/ Eilat

Travel south to the Negev desert, visit Israel's Air Force Museum near Beer Sheva to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force. Continue south, visiting kibbutz Sde Boker, to see Ben Gurion's hut and grave, overlooking the magnificent Zin valley. Stop at Mitzpeh Ramon to gaze into the Ramon Crater, an otherworldly geological wonder. Drive to Timna to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillar and marvel at the huge multi-coloured rock formations proceed to Eilat. Overnight in Eilat.



Monday -Eilat

At leisure or optional tour to Petra (additional charge)

Travel to Petra begins through desert highways with visa assistance at the Jordanian border. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans (an early Arab tribe) who settled in the South of Jordan more than two-thousand years ago. It is an astonishing rose-red city almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. It was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Our visit begins with the possibility of a short horseback-riding for about 700 m until the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) to get inside Petra and back to the gate outside. Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The Treasury, Royal Tombs, The Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments. After the visit, enjoy lunch at a nice restaurant followed by a drive back to the border. On our journey back we have a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility to stop and take a walk around. We will cross the border around 18:00 to Eilat. Overnight in Eilat

Tuesday -Eilat / Mamshit / Tel Aviv

Visit the Underwater Observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world built into coral reef. We drive to Mamshit for a Camel riding experience and visit to an authentic Beduin tent and learn about the Bedouin hospitality with a light lunch. Drive back to Tel Aviv. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

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After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

From AU\$4010 per person
(based on share twin in 3 star accommodation)
Upgrade available to 4 or 5 star hotels
Inclusions: Return Airport Transfers, Accommodation,
Breakfast, 2 lunches, Sightseeing & Entrance Fees,
Jeep Tour in Galilee, Ticket to theatre play showing at the time
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