



The Jewish Heritage Tour

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS – FRIDAY ARRIVAL

Friday Ben Gurion Airport/Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. **Overnight: Tel Aviv x 2 nights.**

Saturday

At leisure in Tel Aviv. [B]

Sunday Caesarea/ Haifa/Acre/Rosh Hanikra

Drive north to Caesarea, once the roman capital of the region. See the excavations of the crusaders' city, the Roman aqueduct and the amphitheatre, which has been restored 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. Drive to Acre; walk along the old harbor and local market. Continue to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh Hanikra. Descend by cable car into the limestone Grottoes. **Overnight: Kibbutz x 2 nights.** [B]

Monday Safed/Tel Facher/Banias/Tel Hai

Drive to Safed, center of Kaballa movement. Visit the old synagogues and stroll the old Artists' colony. Enjoy a Jeep tour to the foot of the Golan Heights. See the former Israeli fortification, and overlook Kuneitra and the Syrian part of the Golan Heights. Proceed to Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp and continue to visit the Banias springs. Next, a visit to Tel-Hai; see the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. [B]

Tuesday

Beit Shean/Beit Alpha/Gan Hashlosha/Jerusalem

Drive via Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee to Beit Shean, also called "Scythopolis", the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Stop at Beit Alpha to see the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue. Proceed to Gan Hashlosha (Sachne) where you will have an opportunity to enjoy the spring located at the foot of the Gilboa mountain, the famous mountain on which King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines. Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem, stopping at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city. **Overnight: Jerusalem x 5 nights.** [B]



Wednesday

Jerusalem: The Old City

Tour the old city of Jerusalem. Start with a visit to the tomb of King David on Mount Zion. Walk along the Cardo, the ancient Roman Road; visit the four Sepharadic synagogues in the Jewish quarter, all beautifully restored after 1967 war. Tour the Kotel tunnels; visit the Davidson center and walk through the Cardo, to the local Arab bazaar. Walk through Jaffa gate to the David's Tower museum to see the ancient remains of the city beginning with the first Temple period. [B]

Thursday

Jerusalem: The New City

Celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies at the Kotel (Wailing Wall). Continue to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra orthodox communities. Drive by the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, and stop to see the unique Menora with the biblical emblems. Next, visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed and the new Holyland Model – a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Drive to Mount Herzl, the military cemetery and Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust. Visit the Ammunition Hill, a former Jordanian army camp which, at the time of the 6 days war, became a symbol to the braveness of the Israeli soldiers in the battle of Jerusalem. [B]

Friday

Qumeran/Massada/Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea. Stop at Qumeran, the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Massada, ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress, visiting the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, the bathhouses etc. Descend by cable car. Next stop is for lunch and spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area. [BD]

Saturday

Jerusalem

At leisure. [B]

Sunday

Jerusalem/Ben Gurion Airport

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure flight.

