

CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL



**Dates available on
request**

\$TBA from March 1-23

\$TBA from April 3 – May 15

\$TBA from May 16 – June 25

\$TBA June 26 – July 25

\$TBA from July 26 – August 31



*** All rates are per person, twin occupancy and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees and Fuel Surcharges.
The above rates are for payment by credit card.
See Reservation Form for discount cash/check rates.**

OUR CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~TEL AVIV: Depart Boston Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Israel (via Intermediate City) with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while in flight.

DAY 2 - TEL AVIV: Arrive at Ben Gurion International airport near Tel Aviv where we will be met & assisted by an Amiel Tours representative. Transfer to Dan Panorama (or similar) in Tel Aviv for overnight. (D)

DAY 3 - JAFFA~NEVE TZEDEK~TEL AVIV: After breakfast drive to the Old City of Jaffa. Visit the pictorial artist quarter and the fisherman port. On to Neve Tzedek for a walking tour of the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv; the galleries, artworks, and cafes. Continue to Rothschild Boulevard to visit the Independence Hall, the same hall in which Prime Minister Ben Gurion declared independence and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. Walk along Rothschild Boulevard where you can see The White City of Tel Aviv (UNESCO World Heritage): Tel Aviv was founded in 1909 and developed as a metropolitan city under the British Mandate in Palestine and was planned by Sir Patrick Geddes. The various architects created an outstanding architectural ensemble of the Modern Movement in a new cultural context. Visit the colorful HaCarmel Market, the pedestrian street of Nahlat Binyamin and the SOHO like Sheinkin Street. Visit Rabin Square. Prime Minister Rabin was a Brigade Commander during Israel's War of Independence. His Brigade (HAREL Brigade) broke the siege and liberated Jerusalem. Visit contemporary art galleries or go to the Tel Aviv Art Museum for an introduction to Israeli contemporary art. Dinner and overnight at Dan Panorama (or similar) in Tel Aviv. (BB, D)

DAY 4 - CAESAREA~ HAIFA~ ACRE: After breakfast drive through the Sharon plain to Caesarea, the seat of the Roman Procurator of the Judea in the time of Christ. View the ruins of Roman, Byzantine and Crusader times. On to Haifa for an observation point on the Bahai Hanging Gardens. Continue to visit the city of World Heritage Site of Acre. Acre is an exceptional historic walled port-city with continuous settlement from the Phoenician period. Acre preserves substantial remains of its medieval Crusader buildings beneath the existing Moslem fortified town dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. The remains of the Crusader town of Acre, both above and below the present-day street level, provide an exceptional picture of the layout and structures of the capital of the medieval Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem. Present-day Acre is an important example of an Ottoman walled town, with typical urban components such as the citadel, mosques, khans, and baths well preserved, and partly built on top of the underlying Crusader structures. Visit the Crusaders city and Templar castle, the later Ottoman city and the even later British prison use in the years leading up to Israel's Independence. Dinner and Overnight at a Kibbutz HaGoshrim (or similar). (BB, D)

DAY 5 – MT. BEATITUDE~GOLAN HEIGHTS: Drive to Mount Beatitude for a visit and view point on Capernaum and Tabgah. Drive north to visit the Dan Nature Reservation and see one of the main water sources of Israel. It's a unique opportunity to learn and discuss the water issue of Israel and our region. Ascend Golan Heights to visit to a Druze village, meet the local people to learn about the Druze religious and way of life Visit Golan winery and then Moshav Aniam which is perfectly located to tour the area, explore the Artists' Village in the moshav. Aniam was started by a group of people in the high tech industry and not in agriculture. Members include professionals, artists, jewelers and more. Dinner and Overnight at Kibbutz HaGoshrim (or similar). (BB, D)

DAY 6 - BEIT SHEAN, MASADA~DEAD SEA: Breakfast in your hotel, Drive south to visit Beit Shean – Schitopolis: see the Roman Theater, the Amphitheater and the Paladius Street. Visit a Hi-Teck Herb Farm; SDE TRUMOT. Drive along the Jordan Valley and ascend Masada; 500 meters high above the Dead Sea. The Fortress of Massada is set on a giant cliff, 600 m. length, 300 m. width and 2000 years old - the greatest castle in history built by King Herod. A cable car takes the visitors up to the cliff, to an unforgettable tour of the palaces, the warehouses and residential areas, the water complex, the impressive fortified system and to the most fascinating view of the Judean Desert. Swim & Float at the Dead Sea. Dinner and Overnight at The Crown Plaza Dead Sea (or similar). (BB, D)

DAY 7 - RAMON CRATER~ HAN HASHAIAROT~JERUSALEM : Drive south via the Big Crater to visit the Ramon Crater and the Visitors Centre. Proceed to Kibbutz Sde Boker to visit Ben Gurion's Hut; David Ben Gurion was the 1st Prime Minister of Israel). Visit a Bedouin Tent in HAN HASHAIAROT, enjoy Bedouin Hospitality and learning about their life in the desert Drive along Ella Valley to Jerusalem. Dinner and Overnight in at Dan Panorama (or similar) in Jerusalem (BB, D)

DAY 8 - JERUSALEM: Start our day in the archaeological park of Davidson Center. See the Menorah which stands next to the Knesset, Israel Parliament. Visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book and the Scale Model of Jerusalem. Drive to Yad VaShem and visit the Holocaust museum. Dinner and Overnight in at Dan Panorama (or similar) in Jerusalem (BB, D)

DAY 9 – MT. OLIVES~GETHSEMANE~OLD CITY JERUSALEM: Breakfast in your hotel. Start the day in with a beautiful view of the Old City of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives. Visit Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Christ. Enter the Old City via Jaffa Gate, walk via the Grand Bazar to the Via Dolorosa and to the Church of Holy Sepulcher. Ascend to the roof of the Austrian Hospice, located next to the third station along the Via Dolorosa, for a bird's-eye view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Stroll along the Jewish Quarter to see the Cardo and the Western Wall Visit Mt. Zion and King David tomb. Dinner and Overnight in at Dan Panorama (or similar) in Jerusalem (BB, D)

DAY 10 – TEL AVIV~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport to board our transatlantic flight to Boston (*via Intermediate City*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while in flight.

OUR CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Round trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 30 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 30.
- Round trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Tel Aviv and return, with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while aloft.
- Meeting and assistance at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Portage of luggage at Ben Gurion International Airport and the hotels.
- 8-night accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary, based-on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA for June-July 25, 2013 and \$TBA for July 26-August 31, 2013 per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour.*
- Substantial Israeli buffet breakfast (BB) and dinners (D) daily.
- Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- Professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- Expert English-speaking tour guides as required.
- All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.

A \$450 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with **Durgan Travel Service** are automatically enrolled in **Travel Protection Insurance** through **Trip Mate (1-800-555-9095)**, *UNLESS* you "opt out" and check-off the "NO" box below on the Reservation Form. Please *ONLY* call **Trip Mate** if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and trip delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24-hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and life or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max..

TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150, *should* be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120-days prior to departure. After processing, the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

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