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*13 Days / 11 Nights*  
**UNDISCOVERED**

# ISRAEL

**An In-Depth Jewish Heritage Tour**

**MARCH/APRIL/OCT.**

**FROM \$TBA**

**Valid  
Passport  
Required**  
Must be valid for six months  
beyond return date



\*Rate is for payment by cash/check. See reverse for credit card rate. Rates are per person double occupancy and INCLUDE air taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change). SUBJECT TO AIR CONFIRMATION.

## OUR JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR TO ISRAEL ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 – BOSTON/MIAMI~TEL AVIV:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport or Miami International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Israel (via possible intermediate stop) with meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while in flight.

**DAY 2 – TEL AVIV:** Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight. (D)

**DAY 3 – TEL AVIV~JAFFA:** After breakfast we will enjoy a walking tour of Neve Tzedek, one of Tel Aviv's oldest but yet most fashionable neighborhoods and the first Jewish neighborhood outside of Jaffa. We'll also visit the artsy Florentin neighborhood, famous for its nightlife, and will enjoy a tasting tour in the Flea Market in Old Jaffa. We will enjoy lunch at the famous Dr. Saksuka restaurant in Jaffa and will enjoy the famous dish Shashuka and taste a large variety of Chef Gabsu's special menu. After lunch will have a Graffiti ("Urban Art") Tour of South Tel Aviv. In Tel Aviv this is looked at as cultural and political art and not the urban blight we may think of it as at home. The rest of the afternoon free. Return to the hotel for overnight. (B, L)

**DAY 4 – CARMEL MOUNTAIN~HAIFA~ACRE~ROSH HANIKRA:** After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and drive to Carmel Mountain where we will visit Nahal Me'arot Nature Reserve – one of the oldest prehistoric communities in the world and also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, we'll drive to Haifa and view the famous Bahá'í Gardens. Then it's on to Acre to visit the Crusaders' halls, the Templars' tunnel, and the Old Port. End your day at Rosh Hanikra and go down by a short cable-car ride to the "grotto" – a cluster of caves carved into the cliffs by the sea. It is one of the most spectacular sites of natural beauty in Israel. Drive to your hotel in Galilee. Check in and dinner. Overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – HULA~SAFED~JORDAN RIVER:** After breakfast, our first stop will be a visit to the Agamon Hula Tourism Park situated in the heart of the Hula Valley and is considered one of the world's most prominent bird-watching sites. The Hula Valley nature reserve is the primary site for birds migrating along the Syrian-African Rift between Africa, Europe and Asia. Your next stop will be Safed, the City of Mystics. Visit the synagogue of Rabbi Isaac Luria and Rabbi Joseph Karo and wander through the alleys, lanes and art galleries in the Old City of Safed. We will enjoy a cheese making workshop followed by lunch at the Adir Winery, home to some wonderful aromatic wines. We will end our day with kayaking on the Jordan River before returning to our hotel in Galilee. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 – TEL DAN NATIONAL PARK~GOLAN HEIGHTS~OZ 77~VALLEY OF TEARS:** After breakfast, visit Tel Dan which is a National Park that combines a lush nature reserve with a Biblical archaeological experience. The Dan River, one of the sources of the Jordan, flows through the reserve, its water coming from the snowmelt of the nearby mountain. Enjoy a short hike at Tel Dan. You will ascend the Golan Heights by a jeep ride and visit Mt. Bental, from where you will have a magnificent view. You will continue your tour of the Golan Heights and drive to Oz 77 which is a heritage site in Kibbutz Elrom near the Valley of Tears (Emek Ha Bacha). You will watch a fascinating film which depicts the story of the battle of the Valley of Tears when the Syrian Army tried to penetrate the Israeli frontline during the Yom Kippur War and was stopped by the Israeli Armored Corps. Your next stop will be De Karina, a chocolatier, where you will make your own chocolate. Drive back to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Galilee. (B, D)

**DAY 7 – JORDAN VALLEY~BEIT SHE'AN~DEAD SEA:** After breakfast, check out of your hotel and drive south via the Jordan Valley. Visit the Island of Peace located between Israel and Jordan. The land is owned by Jordan but leased to Israeli farmers based on the Israel-Jordan Treaty

of Peace. Then it is on to visit Beit She'an, one of the oldest cities in Israel. Continue to the Dead Sea. Check in to our Dead Sea area hotel in the early afternoon so that you will have to time to enjoy the Dead Sea at leisure. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. Overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 8 – MASADA~EIN GEDI~QUMRAN:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we continue south to Masada, the site of the last stand by a group of Jewish Zealots against the mighty Roman Empire just three years after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. You will then continue to Ein Gedi, a natural desert oasis where King David, before he was king, hid from King Saul. Continue on to Qumran to see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then it's on to Genesis Land for a camel ride and special dinner. Drive to Jerusalem and check into your hotel. Overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 9 – JERUSALEM:** After breakfast, we will start the day with a breathtaking view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Our next visit will be a tour of the Western Wall Tunnels. Continue with a tour of the City of David, which will begin with a breathtaking observation point overlooking Jerusalem 3,000 years back in time. While exploring the recently excavated fortresses and passageways, you will relive King David's conquest of the Jebusite city as described in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Samuel. The underground tour finally ends at the Gihon Spring, the major water source of Jerusalem for over 1,000 years and where, according to the book of Kings, Solomon was anointed King. In the afternoon we will visit the Old City. Overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. (B)

**DAY 10 – YAD VASHEM~ISRAEL MUSEUM~YEHUDA:** After breakfast you will visit Yad Vashem, the memorial that honors both the Holocaust martyrs and the "Righteous Amongst the Nations" who have been recognized for their compassion and courage when risking their lives to save the lives of Jews. Your next stop will be the Israel Museum where you will see the Model of Jerusalem in the times of the Second Temple and the Dead Sea Scrolls. On to the famous Mahane Yehuda marketplace for a guided tasting tour with stories about the people in the market. Return to the hotel in Jerusalem for overnight. (B)

**DAY 11 – GUSH ETZION~SOUND & LIGHT SHOW:** After breakfast will drive to Gush Etzion for a special IDF (Israeli Defense Force) experience, including a presentation about combatting terrorism, given by some of the most experienced anti-terror experts in the country. We will have a unique shooting lesson and three rounds of shooting with different rifles. We will have a lunch break and enjoy a hand-to-hand combat demonstration. Every participant will get a certificate. Drive back to Jerusalem, where we will enjoy free time, and, after dinner enjoy the Sound and Light show at the Tower of David. Return to our hotel for overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 12 – PATH FOR PEACE~BLACK ARROW~WEIZMANN INSTITUTE:** After breakfast will drive south and visit the "Path for Peace" at Moshav Netiv HaAsara, a mosaic project located on the border wall dividing the Gaza strip from Netiv HaAsara. We will also see some of the destruction caused by Kite Terror, Hamas' crude method of scorching Israeli earth from Gaza. On to the Black Arrow Memorial to learn about the situation in Gaza Strip and the border with Israel. On the way back we will visit the Weizmann Institute of Science and the house of Israel's first president Chaim Weizmann and drive back to Jerusalem. Farewell dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

**DAY 13 – TEL AVIV~MIAMI/BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight to Boston or Miami (possible intermediate stop). Meal and beverage service available while in flight. (B)

#### **OUR UNDISCOVERED ISRAEL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston/Miami-possible intermediate city-Tel Aviv and return, with meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while in flight. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- Meeting and assistance at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- 11-nights' accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.*
- Breakfast (B) daily, 2 lunches (L) and 8 dinners (D).
- 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.
- Complete set of travel documents.

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

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