



B'NEI MITZVAH TOUR

Day 1 | Monday

Individual arrivals at Ben Gurion Airport and meeting by one of our company tour representative, who will assist us with our luggage, escort us through customs and to our transfer vehicle. We will continue to our hotel in beautiful Tel Aviv, where we will check-in. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

We'll meet in the hotel for an introductory session to meet the other families and our tour guide. Following this we will have a Welcome Dinner at the Yemenite Restaurant Maganda

Overnight Tel Aviv

Day 2 | Tuesday

Visit the 'underground' at the Ayalon Institute, where to a once-secret munitions factory existed during the Mandate Period under Britain.

Stroll through the funky shops and cafes along Sheinken Street, the "Greenwich Village of Tel Aviv." Shop for unique craft items in Nachalat Binyamin's colorful, open-air market and see modern Tel Aviv in action.

We'll visit Independence Hall where we will listen to an audio presentation including David Ben Gurion's moving Declaration of Independence establishing the State of Israel.

We will end our day with a visit to the Old Port City of Jaffa (Yafo), just south of Tel Aviv for a beautiful panoramic view of Tel Aviv and a sense of the first Jewish city of the modern era, established in 1909.

Overnight Tel Aviv

Day 3 | Wednesday

After breakfast leave Tel Aviv and head for the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman rule. View the excavated Roman Theater, with its acoustic and theatrical sound, which was used for many performances throughout the centuries.

Continue to Kibbutz Ein Shemer for a unique kibbutz experience. Go back in time to the early days of the kibbutz, even before the state of Israel was created. Be part of the daily kibbutz life, see, feel, smell and taste what it means to live on a kibbutz and learn how it changed from the time the kibbutz was established until today.

Next we will take a Panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the beautiful Bahai Gardens with it's impressive Temples.

Then cross the Galilee until we reach our Kibbutz Hotel

Check in at dinner is included in the Kibbutz hotel

Overnight Upper Galilee Kibbutz

Day 4 | Thursday

After breakfast our first stop will be to the mystical city of Safed one of the Four Holy Cities, according to tradition and its Kabbalistic studies (the birthplace of Kabbalah). We will stroll through the narrow, winding alleyways and visit some of the beautiful synagogues, browse through the artist's workshops and galleries found in the flourishing artists' quarters.



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Jaffa Port



Nachlat Binyamin



Caesarea



Ein Shemer



Safed

We will enjoy an exciting Jeep ride tour of the Golan Heights. We will enjoy the scenic hills, and learn about the strategic importance and history of this land and its physical beauty.

Visit the Har Bental overlook. From this former military base we can look into Syria and learn about the village of Kunetra and the 1967 & 1973 Wars.

Conclude our day at the De Karina chocolate factory. Learn about chocolate in this small boutique hand made chocolate factory followed by a special workshop.

Overnight and Dinner at Kibbutz hotel

Day 5 | Friday

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Agamon Hahula nature reserve. A guided tour in a tractor-drawn safari wagon allows you an extra-close observation of the thousands of birds and more than 200 species of water fowl that make their homes in the reserve.

We will stop along the way at Beit Alpha to see a magnificent mosaic floor from an ancient synagogue showing the 12 signs of the zodiac.

We will stop for lunch (on your own accord) along the way.

We'll ascend up the Judean Mountains and upon arriving in Jerusalem, we will go to a point overlooking the Old City, where we commemorate our arrival to the heart of Judaism with a special Shehechyanu ceremony, a blessing introduced for Jews to offer thanks for new and unusual experiences.

After checking into our hotel, we will enter the Old City and walk to the Western Wall (Kotel), Judaism's Holiest site, for a Shabbat evening service unlike anything you have ever experienced.

We will all meet together at the Inbal hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner with Lone Soldiers as our special guests. Get to know these brave youths who have left their families in their native counties to live in Israel and serve in the IDF.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6 | Saturday

After breakfast at the Hotel we'll have the day at leisure to rest or walk around the quiet city of Jerusalem during Shabbat. Enjoy Shabbat services at one of Jerusalem's fabulous synagogues!

At night we'll enter into Migdal David to see the Sound and Light Show which displays the history of the city of Jerusalem along the ancient stones (on own, weather permitting).

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7 | Sunday

After breakfast, we will drive around the new city of Jerusalem to see the modern capital of Israel. At our first stop we will have the opportunity to 'give something back' to Israel by volunteering at Pantry Packers, packing healthy food bags with your own label to go out country-wide to needy families identified by the Israeli Government.

Then we will visit Yad Vashem. It is considered the first and most famous memorial to mankind's darkest period. We will visit the very moving exhibit at the Children's Pavilion.

We will continue to the Herzl Vision Museum, where we will visit Herzl's Dream, an interactive tour through the life and times of Zionism's founder. We will also visit Har Herzl, Israel's national cemetery, where we can visit the gravesites of Israel's greatest leaders and heroes, including Theodore Herzl, Ze'ev Jabotinski, and Yitzchak Rabin. We will return to our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Free evening on your own to explore Jerusalem and Ben-Yehuda Street and experience the night life of a modern and young Jerusalem

Overnight in Jerusalem



Golan Heights



Agamon HaHula



The Kotel



Jerusalem



Pantry Packers



Yad Vashem

Day 8 | Monday

After an early breakfast, we will depart to the Dead Sea area. Traveling south through the Judean Wilderness, we will arrive at the lowest point on earth at 1388 feet (423m) below sea level.

We will ascend by cable car to the ancient synagogue of Massada and explore the ancient fortress. Here was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. On Massada we will meet our Rabbi, and celebrate the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies!

After lunch at a Dead Sea Hotel we will enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure to put mud on us and to float in the waters of the Dead Sea at the Beach. Dinner will be in the hills of Judea at the "Land of Genesis". Here, after a desert camel ride, "Abraham" and his family will host us for a biblical-style dinner in their tent.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 9 | Tuesday

Visit the City of David and see the newest and exciting excavations of Jerusalem during the time of the first Temple period. Here we'll also walk through the New Herodian Road recently discovered

We'll then proceed to the holiest place in Judaism today, the Western Wall - "Kotel". The Kotel is part of the few remaining structures of the Temple Complex built by Herod the Great

Next we begin to descend through the many layers of Jerusalem's past at the time of the Temple through the Western Wall Tunnels. Inside, a most interesting model shows the different dwelling periods and history of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Stand on the site believed to be the nearest spot to the "Holy of Holies".

We'll then walk through the Jewish Quarter, which was reconstructed after the city was unified after the Six-Day War in 1967. A special point of interest in the restored Jewish Quarter is the "Cardo", meaning the "heart" of this ancient Byzantine City. View the unearthed main Roman thoroughfare and ancient marketplace lined with columns.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 10 | Wednesday

After breakfast we will drive to the Jerusalem forest for a Tree Planting Ceremony. Feel your connection with the land of Israel by planting a tree with your own hands. Next we will visit Latrun, the armored corps museum which presents visitors with the magnificent spirit of the armored corps since Israel's Declaration of Independence... the technological accomplishments of the corps, exhibitions of the Armored Corps legacy and a sense of the Zionist spirit that infuses our national sites.

Then we will have an exciting archaeological dig at Beit Guvrin. This site served as a major crossroad for commerce in ancient Israel and to this day, new discoveries are being made that shed more light on our past.

We return to our hotel to prepare for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 11 | Thursday

After a wonderful Israeli buffet breakfast, those leaving we will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back home. Leave Israel with everlasting memories....

מזל טוב!



Masada



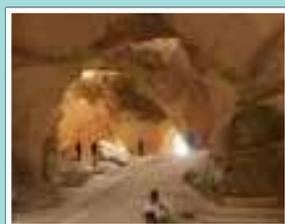
Land of Genesis



City of David



The Jewish quarter



Beit Guvrin



Latrun

שלום

Shalom!