

Ahavath Sholom
Community Israel Experience
June 12 – 21, 2012

Day 1 Tuesday June 12th

WELCOME TO HOLY ISRAEL!

Welcome at Ben Gurion Airport

After clearing passport control a Shalom Israel Tours representative will be waiting to welcome you, assist with luggage, and escort you to your waiting chauffeur.

Ascend to Holy Jerusalem

Welcome to the holiest city in the world! Here you can touch the Western Wall, walk through the diverse and beautiful streets of Jerusalem, and enjoy countless hours of excitement. Enjoy the unique city's sounds, smells, and tastes; experience the people of Jerusalem, their diversity and vast culture. There is no better place to start your adventure.

Dinner & Orientation

Enjoy a welcome dinner & orientation and get ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 2 Wednesday June 13th

JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY – THE ETERNAL CAPITAL

City of King David

3,800 years ago, kings and prophets set foot on the very path you are embarking on, as you discover how the ancient city of Jerusalem was born. Walk through a Canaanite tunnel, explore passageways used by the Babylonians, and relive Biblical stories where they happened!

Davidson Center Archeology Gardens

This center contains everything you ever wanted to know about the rich history of Jerusalem architecture, with artifacts galore. Next to the Southern Wall, find a recent excavation of seventh century royal palaces.

Western Wall Tunnels

Descend underground into these famous tunnels which span an impressive length of 485 meters. Stand on the original Roman Street from the times of Herod the Great and watch as the hidden layers of the Western Wall are revealed before your eyes.

Night Spectacular at the Tower of David

In the stunning courtyard of the Citadel, become a part of this epic nighttime extravaganza of sight and sound projected onto its ancient walls. Through the combination of twenty projectors, scores of original music composed for the event, and the romantic environment of archeological remains, the story of Jerusalem unfolds through giant virtual images.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 3 Thursday June 14th

THE JUDEAN DESERT – KING HERODS FORTRESS

Masada Mountain Fortress & Cable Car

Ride via cable car to the top of Masada and explore what remains of King Herod's palace, imagining what it was like to live there as you view the well preserved baths, cisterns, barracks. It was here that Eleazer Ben Yair and his followers kept the Roman Legion at bay for three years.

Dead Sea Float & Mud Experience

Come visit one of the most famous tourist sites in all of Israel. Its water is five times saltier than the ocean and contains unique healing qualities. Read the paper while floating on the dense, salty water, and lather yourself with the nutrient-filled mud—an all-around luxurious day!

Ein Gedi National Park

In the days of the Bible, David hid from Saul amongst these rivers and canyons. Today, Ein Gedi serves as a modern refuge from city life and from the arid desert. Enjoy this beautiful haven—hike the clearly marked trail, splash in the waterfalls and keep your eyes peeled for exotic wildlife!

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 4 Friday June 15th

JERUSALEM'S NEW CITY – THE NEW NATION

1967 Six Day War - Ammunition Hill

Travel to the former Jordanian military post where one of the bloodiest battles of 1967 took place. Learn about the courageous lives of soldiers who sacrificed everything in order to achieve victory on that fateful day, ending in the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem.

Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum

Taking a unique approach to understanding the Holocaust through focusing on the experience at an individual level, this museum uses survivor testimonies and an unbelievable collection of original artifacts to present the horrors of genocide in an entirely different light than you have ever witnessed before. Never again.

Machne Yehuda “Shuk” (Market)

This bustling outdoor marketplace, with its 250 plus vendors, is considered the heartbeat of downtown Jerusalem. You want it, the shuk's got it; clothing, Judaica, fresh produce, meats, diamonds, restaurants, and random musicians playing throughout.

Friday Night Tour to the Western Wall

On the eve of Shabbat Jerusalem transforms in to a different place. Stores shut down, the streets and alleyways are silent and all are in anticipation for the weekly Shabbat. In this atmosphere come explore the Jewish Quarters alleyways and hear countless stories of generations who never forgot and yearned to return to Zion.

The Kotel (The Western Wall)

Here stands the most sacred site in all of Judaism; the remnant of the ancient Jewish Temple. Jews come from all over the world to pray at the wall and feel its strong spiritual presence. Get ready for an evening you'll never forget as you head down to the wall of the Kotel, Get swept up in lively dancing and festivities in the heart of Holy Jerusalem.

Shabbat Dinner & Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 5 Shabbat June 16th

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM – THE HOLY CITY

Shabbat Morning & Lunch

Shabbat; the perfect time to unwind. Enjoy a morning of leisure and lunch at your hotel.

Old City Jewish Quarter Shabbat Tour

The Jewish Quarter, haRova Yehudi, remains one of the single-most visited spots in all of Israel. Nestled within one square kilometer of land lays millennia of ancient history, it dates back to the 8th century BCE. Twisting and turning through this historical maze, visit synagogues and museums along the way to learn the story of the Jewish people in this area.

Old City Muslim Quarter Shabbat Tour

To the surprise of many, an entirely different world existed and continues to exist hidden within the secret alleyways of the Old City Muslim Quarter. Filled with oft-forgotten historical and Jewish religious sites, learn the stories of the Jewish families that lived in the Muslim Quarter nearly one-century ago, and the pioneers who re-inhabit their homes today.

Ben Yehuda Street

Looking for a night out on the town? Here, at one of the favorite gathering places for young Jerusalemites, you'll find all the restaurants, shops, street vendors, and street performances you could ask for. Sip a latte at one of Ben Yehuda's many sidewalk cafes, grab a delicious, chocolate fro-yo, invest in some Judaica, and watch the world of Israeli youth pass you by.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 6 Sunday June 17th

ISRAEL'S COAST – ANCIENT PORTS & VINEYARDS

Ancient City of Caesarea

The Caesarea National Park contains the remains of a prestigious city established by King Herod the Great. Prepare to be amazed when you visit the mighty Roman Amphitheatre, the Hippodrome, a 20,000 seat horse racing arena, as well as the impressive Roman Aqueducts!

The Carmel Winery

This is serious wine country. Learn about the history of Israeli wine from the 1880's right up to the recent quality revolution. With 3,000 acres of vineyards producing over 15 million bottles of wine a year, this winery has a lot to say about the ancient and new history of wine.

Zichron Yaakov

One of the first Jewish settlements of Halutzim in the country, founded in 1882 by Baron Edmond James de Rothschild and named in honor of his father. Here are many quaint and charming restaurants and coffee shops, interspersed between beautifully designed stores that sell local art works and lovely souvenirs.

The Bahai Gardens in Haifa

Welcome to “The Eighth Wonder of the World.” Considered the most striking landmark in all of Haifa, the elaborate magnificence of these enchanting gardens leaves visitors stunned.

Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosaur Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 7 Monday June 18th

THE GALILEE & TZFAT – MOUNTAIN OF KABALLAH

Tel Dan National Park

After breakfast we'll spend the morning at a historical park built and conquered by the Tribe of Dan. In the center of the park you'll find a fascinating archeological site with the remains of the biblical city, Laish. Near the site, there is the Dan River, a source of the Jordan River.

Kibbutz Misgav-Am Border Lookout

The most magnificent view of the Galilee, Mount Hermon, and Lebanon you will ever experience. The kibbutz is located on the north-west side of the Naftali mountain range in the Upper Galilee. On the north side is Lebanon and to the east is the Hula Valley and Mount Hermon.

Tzfat – Holy City of Air

Tzfat, the City of Air, is one of the four holy cities in Israel. It has been a spiritual center since the 1600's when it was the center of Kabbala (Jewish mysticism). One of Israel's holiest cities awaits soul-seekers, nature enthusiasts, and historians to its cobblestone, art-lined streets, majestic mountains, and Kabbala-infused atmosphere.

Tzfat Artists Quarter

Browse Israel's best religious art as you wander through ancient narrow cobblestone streets. You'll see men and women deeply engaged in the creative, often religious, process of artistry; yet the friendly artists always have time to speak with tourists who pop into their workshops.

Kabbalah Glassblower Presentation

Blow your mind and come meet the famous Kabbalistic glassblower of Tzfat, Sheva Chaya. Watch her do a fascinating live glass blowing presentation with Kabbalistic explanations. Hear her inspiring life story; From Denver high school valedictorian to Princeton to Tzfat painter and glassblowing.

Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosaur Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 8 Tuesday June 19th

THE GOLAN HEIGHTS – ISRAEL’S LAST FRONTIER

Mount Bental IDF Bunker

During the Yom Kippur war of 1973, this was the site of one of the largest tank battles in Israel’s history. You will learn about the battle as you stand on the grounds where it took place. You will look out over the mountain as you view Israel through the same lenses as its soldiers did years ago.

Kibbutz El Romm & the Valley of Tears

This valley is known today for the heroism of the Israeli seventh Armored Brigade and their strength in defending Israel from the oncoming Syrian attack in the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Though outnumbered and practically defeated, Israel triumphed over the Syrians.

Golan Heights Jeeping

Take an exhilarating ride through the Golan Heights. With the sun on your face and the wind in your hair, you’ll venture up, down, and all around the luscious green hills of the North. Keep an eye out for bright and blooming fields of flowers and wild animals grazing. This is a great trip!

De Karina – Mountain Chocolate Factory

Here in Ein Zivun, you will take a tour through a world of mountainous chocolate. Learn about this type of chocolate and the knowledge and experience that has been passed down for generations. You’ll get a first-hand look at the manufacturing process, not to mention samples for tasting!

Golan Magic Welcome Center in Katzrin

Get ready for a multi-sensory experience as you are greeted by a presentation on a 180-degree screen. Continue on to view a state-of-the-art model of the Golan Heights, complete with light and sound effects! Here, the history of the Golan Heights is transformed into a multi-faceted journey.

Dinner & Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosaur Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 9 Wednesday June 20th
TEL AVIV & OLD JAFFA

Arrive in Tel Aviv

Stretched along the beautiful beach strip of the Mediterranean, Tel Aviv is Israel's largest city and biggest commercial center. It is a busy metropolis, which inspires its visitors with a unique energetic atmosphere of excitement and fun.

Independence Hall

This multi-disciplinary museum is a must-see attraction for everyone who loves Israel and wants to learn more about the country. Be a part of the momentous day in Israel's history and experience the emotional moment when Ben Gurion established the State of Israel with the signing of the Declaration of Independence at this very site.

The Palmach Museum

This experiential museum covers the Palmach legacy through fascinating personal stories of individuals. Join the group of young Palmach recruits as they tell their story from their recruitment date right up until the War of Independence. Commemorate these warriors who died fighting for the state of Israel through this powerful and interactive experience.

Old Jaffa Port

One of the most attractive places on Israel's coast, this spot is full of biblical and historical references. It also serves as a hub for artists, galleries, and individualistic shops where you can find just about anything your heart desires.

Farewell Dinner

Before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure from Israel (come back soon!), enjoy a festive group dinner to reminisce over your amazing experience. We'll miss you!

Day 10 Thursday June 21st
FAREWELL FOR NOW... WE'LL MISS YOU!

Morning Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport...Bye for Now!

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your temporary departure from Israel...Farewell!

TOUR SERVICES PROVIDED

Welcome at Ben Gurion Airport
Group Transfers to/from Ben Gurion Airport
7 Days with a Professional Guide
6 Days Tour in a Luxury Coach

MEALS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

Welcome Dinner & Orientation
Daily Breakfast Buffet at each Hotel
Shabbat Dinners & Lunches in Jerusalem
Night Dinners at the Kibbutz Ginosaur Hotel, Sea of Galilee

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

5 nights at the Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem June 12-17, 2012
3 nights at the Kibbutz Ginosaur, Sea of Galilee June 17-20, 2012
1 night at the Prima Hotel, Tel Aviv June 20-21

SITES YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

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TOTAL LAND & AIR PACKAGE PRICING:

- **Per Adult Sharing Double: \$3,149**
- **Per Adult Single Supplement: \$595**
- **Child Discount as 3rd with Parents: \$325**

RESERVATION: A \$180 per person deposit is requested at time of registration.
FINAL BALANCE: Final balance is due 30 days prior to the clients' arrival in Israel.

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