



THE HERITAGE ULTIMATE TOUR

WEDNESDAY

Upon arrival to Ben Gurion Airport, you will be met by the local representative in the "Baggage Claim" area, just past the "Passport Control" counters. You will be assisted to the driver who will transfer you to your hotel in Tel Aviv. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv

THURSDAY

INDEPENDENCE HALL-MINI ISRAEL-LATRUN-YAD MORDECHAI

Start the day with a visit to the Independence Hall, which was the setting of the historic declaration that brought the State of Israel into being. Next, drive to Latrun to visit the new "Mini Israel" park including miniature models of the most important sites and buildings in the country. Continue to visit the Ayalon Institute, once an ammunition factory for the Haganah, the underground movement before May 1948. Proceed to Yad Mordechai, named after Mordechai Anilevitz, the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto. Visit the restored battlefields of the war of liberation and learn about their heroic story.

Overnight Tel Aviv

FRIDAY

TEL AVIV

Visit the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora at the Tel Aviv University, which depicts more than 2000 years of Jewish life in the Diaspora. Drive then through the main streets of Tel Aviv, Israel's center of business and entertainment. Stop at Rabin Square, and pay your respects to the former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated there in 1995. Continue to Old Jaffa, where you would visit the ancient ruins, walk along the winding streets, visit some galleries and enjoy the view from the promenade. Next is Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1909 and recently restored. Also visit Nahalat Benyamin, the pedestrian street of the city with its musicians, hand-made jewelry and artifacts. Before returning to your hotel, stop at Sheinkin, the lively and colorful street especially known for its unique shops, café life and youthful ambiance.

Overnight Tel Aviv

SATURDAY

Enjoy a day at leisure in Tel Aviv. You might want to stroll by the Mediterranean beach, visit Jaffa, or the newly restored old Tel Aviv port, or just relax by the hotel's swimming pool.

Overnight Tel Aviv

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SUNDAY

CAESAREA-HAIFA-AKKO-ROSH HANIKRA-KIBBUTZ

Travel through the Sharon Plain to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the country; see the excavations of the Roman statues, the aqueduct and the Roman theater, which has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa and to the summit of Mount Carmel, for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the Western Galilee. View the Bahai Temple, with its golden dome and the exotic Persian gardens. Visit then the Clandestine Immigration and Naval Museum, "AF AL PI CHEN". Its exhibitions tell the story of the efforts to bring Jewish immigrants to Israel from war-thorn Europe. Drive to Acre and walk along the old harbor and the local market. Continue to the northernmost point of Israel, Rosh Hanikra. Ascend to the top of the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean and descend by cable car into the limestone Grottos. Continue then to Kibbutz Lavi, just in time for dinner.

Overnight Kibbutz

MONDAY

SAFED-JEEP RIDE-GOLAN HEIGHTS

Travel to Safed, the mystic city in the Upper Galilee. Visit two of its beautiful ancient synagogues, Joseph Caro and Ha'Ari, and the artists' colony. On to the Golan Heights, stopping for an exciting jeep ride in the area. View the former Syrian fortifications and stop at Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp. Proceed to Tel Dan Nature reserve and then hike to the Baniyas Waterfall. Continue on to the Tel Chai Museum and the nearby Roaring Lion—a monument dedicated to the brave fighters who tried to hold off invading Arab forces. Return then to Kibbutz Lavi, just in time for dinner.

Overnight Kibbutz

TUESDAY

TIBERIAS-BEIT SHEAN-BEIT ALPHA-SACHNE-JERUSALEM

Start the day with a visit to the Rambam Grave in Tiberias. Travel then to Beit Shean and see the new excavations, the exciting new Tel uncovered recently and the ancient Roman Amphitheater. Drive to Beit Alpha, where a most beautiful Byzantine synagogue mosaic floor is displayed. On to Gan Hashlosha, (Sachne) where you will have an opportunity to enjoy the water springs located at the foot of the Gilboa Mountain, the famous mountain where King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines. Proceed along the Jordan Valley onto Jerusalem. Before checking into your hotel, stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city.

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WEDNESDAY

JERUSALEM OLD CITY

Visit the traditional Tomb of King David on Mount Zion. Enter the Old City and walk along the ancient Roman road - the Cardo. Visit the four Sephardic synagogues in the Jewish quarter, all beautifully restored after the Six Days War. Walk to the Western Wall and view the Temple Mount with the Dome of the Rock Mosque, which marks the site of the Temple. Visit the underground tunnels, which take you through Jerusalem's ancient civilization. Also visit the Davidson Center, where you could see a real-time virtual reality reconstruction of the Herodian Temple Mount as it stood prior to its destruction by Roman troops in the year 70 AD. Walk through the Cardo to the local Arab bazaar. Proceed then to the Tower of David Museum, which tells the city's 5,000-year-old history through visual and audiovisual aids, including models, maps, holograms and videos.

Overnight Jerusalem

THURSDAY

JERUSALEM NEW CITY

Drive to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra orthodox communities. Drive by the Knesset, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Continue to the Israel Museum; visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed. Also view the scale model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Drive to Mount Herzl, the military cemetery. Continue to Yad Vashem, a memorial to the Holocaust, and visit the museum. End today's sightseeing with a visit to the Ammunition Hill. This is a former Jordanian army stronghold that was conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Days War and later converted into a national memorial site and museum.

Overnight Jerusalem

FRIDAY

DEAD SEA-QUMRAN-MASSADA

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the surface of the globe. Stop at Qumran and visit the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered by desert Bedouins. Proceed along the Dead Sea to Massada, the site of the most dramatic act in the Jewish history. Ascend by cable car and tour the mount; see the excavations, enjoy the view of the wilderness. Descend by cable car. Next stop is for lunch and Spa facilities at one of the leading hotels in the area. You would have an opportunity to float on the Dead Sea, before returning to Jerusalem, in time for the Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Jerusalem

SATURDAY

Enjoy a day at leisure in Jerusalem. A visit to one of the museums might be interesting, or just strolling and soaking in the atmosphere of this beautiful city on Shabbat may be just enjoyable.

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SUNDAY

TIMNA-EILAT-UNDERWATER OBSERVATORY

Drive to Timna, to see the copper mines and King Solomon's Pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations. Continue to Eilat and visit the Underwater Observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world, built into a coral reef. Check into your hotel.

Overnight Eilat

MONDAY

Day at leisure in Eilat OR Optional tour to Petra.

Overnight Eilat

TUESDAY

MITZPEH RAMON-SDE BOKER-MAMSHIT-AIR FORCE MUSEUM-TEL AVIV

Leave Eilat and stop at Mitzpeh Ramon to gaze into the Ramon Crater, a geological wonder. Continue northward, visiting Kibbutz Sde Boker, where you will see Ben Gurion's Hut and grave, overlooking the magnificent Zin Valley. Drive to Mamshit for a camel riding experience and visit to an authentic Bedouin tent. Learn about the Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch. Next stop is to visit Israel's Air Force Museum near Beer Sheva, to view the planes and the equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force. Drive then back to Tel Aviv and check into your hotel.

Overnight Tel Aviv

WEDNESDAY

Your driver will meet you next to your hotel's front desk and you will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport, for your departure flight.