



## **Israel 12 Nights Tour With Eilat**

### **FRIDAY**

Arrivals at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be meet by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Tel Aviv

### **SATURDAY**

Free day at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv

### **SUNDAY**

Drive north to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region. See the excavations of the crusaders' city, aqueduct and amphitheater restored as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel and visit the naval museum of the illegal immigration to Israel during the British mandate.

Drive to Acre; walk along the old harbor and colorful local market ; Continue to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh Hanikra.

Descend by cable car into the famous limestone grottoes.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

### **MONDAY**

Drive to Safed, center of Kabbalism. Visit the Joseph Caro and the Ha' Ari synagogues, the most important in the city; stroll around the Artist's Quarter. Embark on an enjoyable Jeep tour to the foothills of the Golan.

Continue to the Golan Heights; Stop at an observation point over the city of Kuneitra and Syrian terrain.

Stop at Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp ; Visit the gushing Banias Springs.

Next, stop at Tel-Hai ; See the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920.

Meet with a Kibbutz member and learn about their unique lifestyle.

Overnight at a kibbutz guesthouse.



## **TUESDAY**

Drive to Tiberias to visit the Rambam's grave; Proceed to Beit Shean, also called "Scythopolis", the largest archeological park in Israel filled with remarkable excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Stop at Beit Alpha to see the exquisite mosaic floor of a synagogue from the Byzantine period.

Proceed to Gan Hashlosha, (Sachne) and enjoy the pristine water springs flowing out of the foothills of Mount Gilboa, the famous mounsite where King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines.

Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem; Stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city.

Overnight Jerusalem.

## **WEDNESDAY**

Tour the old city of Jerusalem.

We first visit the tomb of King David on Mt. Zion, then walk along the the ancient Roman road, known as the Cardo, and visit the four Sepharadic synagogues in the Jewish Quarter restored after the 1967 war.

After exploring the tunnels under the Western Wall, we'll visit the Davidson Center and walk through the Roman Cardo to the local Arab bazaar, then go through the Jaffa gate to David's Tower museum and see the ancient remains of the city from the time of the First Temple.

Overnight Jerusalem

## **THURSDAY**

Enjoy witnessing the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies at the Western Wall, then continue to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of its ultra orthodox communities.

A drive past the Knesset, Israel's parliament will take us to see the Menorah decorated with the biblical themes. Next, we'll go to the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book containing the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the miniature replica of Jerusalem during the Second Temple.

The drive to Mount Herzl and the military cemetery will be followed by a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial. We will visit the ammunition hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Day War and converted into a national memorial site and museum.

Overnight Jerusalem



## **FRIDAY**

After driving through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, we'll stop at Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered, then continue to Masada, ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress, and visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, bathhouses, and more. The descent will be by cable car.

Next stop will be for lunch and a visit to the spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area.

Overnight Jerusalem

## **SATURDAY**

Free day at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight Jerusalem

## **SUNDAY**

Travel south to the Negev Desert, visit Israel's Air Force Museum at Hatzerim to view aircraft and equipment and hear the story of this brave fighting force.

Stop for a camel ride and a visit to an authentic Bedouin tent ; Learn about Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch.

Proceed to Sde Boker and see Ben Gurion's hut and his grave overlooking the magnificent Zin Valley. Stop at Mitzpeh Ramon to view the amazing Ramon Crater, a geological wonder.

Arrive to Eilat for overnight.



## **MONDAY**

Free day in Eilat or Day In Petra (optional)

After visa assistance at the Jordanian Border, we'll drive directly to Petra along desert highways to the unique rose-red city of Petra built by the Nabateans (an early nomadic tribe). Renowned for its massive rock-cut architecture, pools, dams, and water channels, Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the South of Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. The visit can include a short 700-meter horseback ride to the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) to get inside Petra and back to the gate outside.

Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The Treasury, Royal Tombs, The Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter), and many other smaller monuments that fascinate the visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. After the visit, time for lunch in a good restaurant. After lunch, drive back to border. On the way, we'll pay a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility of a walk around. Then transfer to border around 18:00 PM, and then cross to Eilat.

Overnight Eilat

## **TUESDAY**

Eilat/Timna/Tel-Aviv

Visit the underwater observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world, built into a coral reef.

Drive to Timna to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations.

Drive back to Tel-Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv



## **WEDNESDAY**

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport

## **SUMMARY OF SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Meeting & Assistance at the airport upon arrival.
- Arrival & departure transfers
- 8 full days of sightseeing in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle.
- Professional government licensed English speaking guide.
- Full Israeli breakfast daily.
- Jeep tour at the foot of the Golan
- Lunch & Swim/SPA at the Dead Sea in a Hotel by the beach
- Visit to the Western Wall tunnel
- Visit to the Davidson Center
- All entrance fees (gratuities not included).
- Camel ride
- Bedouin hospitality with lunch
- Underwater Observatory in Eilat
- 12 nights accommodation using hotel plan of your choice