

## ***Israel Amos Classic Tour***

10 Days | 9 Nights | 6 Guided Touring Days

### **Friday *Arrival***

Pick up from Ben Gurion Airport. Our BGN Airport representative will meet you at the arrival hall (as per your landing details) & will lead you to the car for transfer to Tel Aviv. **Overnight in Tel Aviv.**

### **Saturday *At leisure***

Day at leisure in Tel Aviv. **Overnight Tel-Aviv**

### **Sunday *Traveling north along the Mediterranean Coast***

Travel from Tel Aviv north, via the coastal highway, to tour **Caesarea National Park**. Walk the archaeological park for an in-depth guided tour of some of the best preserved Roman and Crusader ruins, including the vast Roman hippodrome, the renovated amphitheater and more. Proceed along the coast to **Haifa** and enjoy a panoramic view of Haifa Bay atop **Mount Carmel**. visit "Af Al Pi Chen", the Naval Museum of the illegal immigration to Israel at the British mandate time. Drive to **Acre** to walk along the Old Harbor and local Arab Bazaar. Travel to Israel's northernmost point at **Rosh Hanikra**. Descend by cable car to tour the limestone sea grottoes. **Overnight in the Galilee** - Kibbutz Hotel.

### **Monday *In the Galilee & Golan heights***

Drive to **Safed**, Known in Hebrew as Tzefat - one the four Jewish Holy Cities & a world know Kabbalah Center. Visit the Ari Hakadosh Synagogue, where the "Shulchan Aruch" was compiled by Joseph Karo, stroll through the local **Artists' Quarter** and tour the Visitors Center. Proceed with a fun & exciting Jeep tour to the foot of the **Golan Heights**. Ascend the Golan, by car, and stop at an observation point over the Syrian city of Kuneitra. On for a short walk at Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp. Proceed for another short walk at the **Banias Springs**. Visit Tel-Hai and see the "Roaring Lion" monument telling the heroic battle story of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. Meet with a Kibbutz member and learn about their unique lifestyle. **Overnight in the Galilee** - Kibbutz Hotel.

### **Tuesday *From the Galilee to Jerusalem***

Short ride to **Tiberias**, an ancient & very present Israeli city located on the western shores of the Sea of Galilee. Visit Rambam's Tomb; Proceed to **Beit Shean**, also known as "scythopolis", the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful Roman and Byzantine era excavations. Proceed to **Beit Alpha** to explore the magnificent mosaic floor of a synagogue dating to the Byzantine era. On to **Gan Hashlosha**, (the Sachne) located at the foot of the Gilboa Mountains, with an opportunity to enjoy its fresh & cool water springs. Late afternoon, travel via the **Jordan Valley** to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, stop at **Mount Scopus** for a blessing as you enter the city. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

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### **Wednesday** *Jerusalem the Old City*

Day begins with a tour of **Mount Zion** & a visit to King David Tomb. Walk into the Old City, along the Cardo, an ancient Roman Market Road. Proceed into the **Jewish Quarter** & visit the four Sephardic Synagogues restored after 1967 war. Special feature of the day: Guided tour of the **Kottel Tunnels**. Proceed to tour the Davidson Center and walk to the local Arab Bazaar. At Jaffa gate visit the **David Tower Museum** and explore Jerusalem's ancient remains beginning with the first temple period. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

### **Thursday** *Jerusalem the New City*

Start the day with a visit at the Kottel complex to see & enjoy the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies as they take place every Monday & Thursday. Continue to **Mea Shearim** and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra-orthodox Jewish communities. Drive to **Mount Hertzal**, the Israeli Military Cemetery and visit **Yad Vashem**, Holocaust Memorial. Proceed to tour **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. Drive by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament and see the Menorah with its Biblical emblems. Visit the **Israel Museum**, the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and tour the new Holyland Model – a miniature second temple replica of Jerusalem. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

### **Friday** *Qumran, Massada & Dead Sea*

Drive via Edomim Road into the **Judean Desert**. Stop to visit **Qumran**, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Continue to **Massada**, Tour the new visitors' center and ascend Massada by cable car for a tour of the archaeological site known as the fortress of King Herod and last stronghold of the Zealots. Descend by cable car & travel for the last part of the day for some fun & relaxation at one of the **Dead Sea** Hotels for lunch and Spa facilities. **Overnight in Jerusalem.**

### **Saturday** *At leisure*

Day at leisure in Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem.

### **Sunday** *Departure*

Transportation to Ben Gurion Airport. End of service or proceed with your chosen extension.