

## ***Israel Heritage – Friday arrival***

**10 Days | 9 Nights | 7 Guided Touring Days**

### **Day 1 Friday Arrival**

Our representative will meet you after passport control upon your arrival to Ben Gurion Airport, assisting as you pick up your luggage and head out for the transfer to your hotel. Check in at the hotel in Tel Aviv. **Overnight: Tel Aviv**

### **Day 2 Saturday At leisure**

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

### **Day 3 Sunday Travel to the North**

Breakfast & check out of the hotel. Drive south to **Rehovot**. Visit the **Weizmann Institute** which played a key role in the development of the state. Enjoy the new, amazing presentation of high technology and see the mansion house of Haim Weizmann, the first president of Israel. Continue, via Mediterranean coastal road to **Caesarea**, built over 2000 years ago by King Herod the Great, which served as a key Mediterranean port for centuries. Hear about Caesarea's role in Jewish history, including its part in the Great Revolt of AD66, and interact with three-dimensional historical figures that come to life using cutting-edge technology. Onwards to visit **Zichron Yaacov** for a stroll through the historic streets of one of the earliest settlements from Israel's first immigration period. Visit the **Atlit Detainee Camp**, telling the heroic story of the struggle of Jewish immigrants at the detention center established by the British Mandate in the 1930s. Finally, we are on to **Haifa** - Israel's major port city, with a stop at the Louis Promenade for a great view of the Haifa Bay and the beautiful Baha'i Gardens. **Overnight: Haifa**

### **Day 4 Monday Tzfat and the Galilee**

Breakfast & check out of the hotel. Drive via mountain ranges and valleys extending from the west to the east of the Galilee region. Visit a **Galilee Winery** for an Israeli wine-tasting tour. Continue to **Rosh Pina**, originally founded in 1878 by a group of ultra-orthodox Jews intending to become farmers, with the support of Baron Edmund de Rothschild. Rosh Pina is one of Israel's oldest colonies but today boasts a small town known for great restaurants, cafés and art galleries. Drive to **Safed (Tzfat)**, walk the ancient sections of the city visit its synagogues and hear stories of the Kabbalists. The Tzfat tour will end with a visit to its famous **artists' colony** where we will meet a **Kabala** artist and learn about his special techniques and context. In the afternoon, we will visit the beautiful **Hula Valley**, Israel's first Nature Reserve - considered to be one of the world's most important centers for bird watching and ornithology. **Overnight: Kibbutz hotel (Dinner included)**

### **Day 5 Tuesday Golan Heights**

This touring day will give you an opportunity to enjoy the north of Israel in a unique and exciting way. We will start our day by driving up into the **Golan Heights** with a visit to **Mount Bental**, a beautiful spot for a panoramic view of the Upper Galilee, the Golan Heights, Mount Hermon and Syria. Visit **Golan Magic**, an entertaining 3D multi-media adventure. Experience the gigantic Golan Heights model, the largest of its kind in the world, accompanied by special narration, sound and light effects. Visit a **Golan Olive Oil Mill** and Visitor Center, a uniquely-designed building with ancient ambience, as your guide explains the olive oil production process. We will finish the first half of the day at **Mitzpe Gadot**, which once served as a Syrian base, commanding a spectacular view of the Hula Valley and kibbutzim below. The rest of the day is free! We will be happy to provide you with a list of the options in the area and recommend the most suitable ones for your party. Some options include: biking or hiking tour, rappelling, kayaks or even participating in a gourmet chocolate workshop. And so much more... Evening Option (Seasonal) - a lantern tour in either the Valley of the Lost River or Nimrod Fortress. **Overnight: Kibbutz hotel (Dinner included)**

#### Day 6 **Wednesday Travel to Jerusalem**

Breakfast & check out of the hotel. Our first stop will be the **Tel Hai Museum**. This memorial is dedicated to a dramatic battle in 1920 led by Joseph Trumpeldor, a hero known for his national loyalty. Descend to the shores of **Lake Kinneret** (Sea of Galilee) for a short visit to **Tiberias**, a city which was a significant spiritual center during the Mishna and Talmudic periods. Continue south along the Jordan Valley to visit the "**Naharayim Experience at Gesher**". Nicknamed the "start-up" of last century, this unusual light and sound show is filled with models demonstrating the dam system, running water and a combination of sounds and colors. The demonstration shows how the desert transformed into a symbol of - and a vision for - Jewish immigration and industrial development in Israel. Our day will continue with a **drive to Jerusalem** through the **Jordan Valley's** stunning landscape. We will stop at **Mt. Scopus** upon arrival in **Jerusalem** for a magnificent view of the city and a brief explanation about the capital's past and future. **Overnight: Jerusalem**

#### Day 7 **Thursday Old City of Jerusalem**

After breakfast, we will start our tour through the **Old City of Jerusalem**. We'll walk through one of this ancient walled city's many gates to see the restored **Jewish Quarter**, the **Western Wall** (Ha Kotel), the colorful bazaars and the Cardo. Walk to the **City of David** for a virtual reality movie about King David's historical city, and a "wet" walking tour of the ancient water system connecting **Warren's Shaft** to the Shiloah tunnels (**Hezekiah's Tunnel**). Continue to the Archaeological Garden and the new **Southern Wall Excavations** (Davidson Center) - the same steps once used by pilgrims entering the Holy Temple. \*Thursday is the day many Bar Mitzvah celebrations take place at the Western Wall. During our walk we will meet some of them and get to wish them a MAZAL TOV! **Overnight: Jerusalem**

#### Day 8 **Friday Jerusalem's New City**

Visit the graves of Israel's former prime ministers, and soldiers who died in battle, at the **Mount Herzl Cemetery**. We will then continue to the museum at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial**, including the Valley of the Communities. We will pass by the **Knesset** - Israel's Parliament building, as well as the famous **Menorah** and the new home of Israel's Supreme Court. We will visit the **Israel Museum** to see the **Shrine of the Book** with a display of **Dead Sea Scrolls** and visit Jerusalem Second Temple model. Neighborhood tour around the **Mahane Yehuda Market** to meet different local ethnic groups and taste some of their cultural foods. Drive to the Western Wall to participate in meaningful **Kabbalat Shabbat** services as the Jewish Sabbath descends over Jerusalem. **Overnight: Jerusalem**

#### Day 9 **Saturday Masada & Dead Sea \*\***

On to the Dead Sea Valley via **Ma'aleh Edumim** and the Inn of the Good Samaritan in the **Judean Desert**. First part of the day: ascend **Massada** by cable car to explore the fortress of King Herod and last stronghold of the Zealots. Second part of the day: a short drive from Massada to enjoy a dip & float in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth: 1,200 ft below sea level. **\*\*** You will receive **separate voucher** for this day tour

Evening Option - Enjoy a breathtaking sound & light show at the Tower of David citadel. The show is highly recommended due to its unique way of depicting the different periods in Jerusalem's long history. Duration: Around one hour. **Overnight: Jerusalem**

#### Day 10 **Sunday Departure**

Check out of the hotel & transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for the flight home