

ISRAEL: You'll Love it from the First **SHALOM**

Nov 4, 2019 – Nov 15, 2019 \$3285.00 per person
(land cost based on double occupancy)

Monday Nov 4 DAY 1: Pack your bags & board your flight from the USA to Tel Aviv. You might use airline mileage, call on your own, or request assistance from Laura.

Tuesday Nov 5 DAY 2: Shalom to Israel. Arrive Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv; our meeting time will be approximately 4 PM. Assistance and transfer to Jerusalem (if you arrive earlier you may transfer on your own to the hotel). Check in to our hotel/home for the next 5 nights. Welcome dinner; meet the group, get to know our guide and have a briefing on the next few days of activity. **Arthur Boutique Hotel (D)**

Wednesday Nov 6 DAY 3: Early start as we go to the **Temple Mount** (if open to the public) to see the **Dome of the Rock and Mosque of Al Aqsa**. From here we proceed into the **Old City of JERUSALEM**, entering through one of the gates leading into the **Moslem Shouk**. Learn the history of 3000 years of Jewish presence in Jerusalem. Our walk continues through the **Christian quarter** with a visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Enter the **Jewish quarter** at the **Cardo**, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Shopping time and a lunch break in the **Jewish Quarter**. Arrive at the **Southern Wall Excavations and Kotel Western Wall**. We descend into **Rabbinical Tunnel** walking adjacent to the lowest level of the Temple Mount. Enjoy the multi-media production giving a colorful overview of Jerusalem's history. Then, on to the **City of David**. Walk through the ancient **Hezekiah tunnels** carved through the stone almost 3000 years ago to store water in emergency cisterns. *(Order of itinerary subject to change)* **(B)**



Thursday Nov 7 DAY 4: We begin at the **Museum of Theodore Herzl** and learn the history of modern **Zionism**. Continue on to **Mount Herzl Military Cemetery**; pay respect to Israel's military heroes as well as Prime Ministers Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Our next stop is **Yad Vashem**, memorial to the 6 Million. We visit the unforgettable **Museum, Hall of Remembrance and Children's Pavilion**. Drive via the **Supreme Court Building** and the **Knesset** (Parliament) to the **Israel Museum** to visit the **Shrine of the Book**, home of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. See the **Scale Model** of Jerusalem, showing the city during the Herodian period (Second Temple). Our next stop is the poignant **9-11 Memorial** in the Jerusalem Forest. It is the only memorial outside the USA that commemorates the 9 11 disaster. Visit the **Machane Yehuda** market and enjoy the frenzy of sights, smells and tastes of this world famous market. Shop, enjoy a late lunch and wander on your own. Time permitting we will drive to the beautiful Christian sites of the **Garden Tomb** and **Garden of Gethsemane**. Then return to the hotel. **(B)**



Friday Nov 8 DAY 5: Drive south from Jerusalem to **Gush Etzion**. Visit the museum and learn the poignant history of the Gush Etzion Kibbutz dating from the 1920's. We will drive to the unique **Caliber 3 Anti-terrorist training Center** for a most interesting and interactive experience. Next, stop at **Herodian** and visit the recently excavated **Tomb of King Herod**. Return to Jerusalem late in the day and prepare for the **Sabbath**. We might go to the **Kotel** and participate with thousands of people as Shabbat is welcomed. A very special **Shabbat of a Lifetime dinner** is planned with a Jewish family at a local home. **(B, D)**



Saturday Nov 9 DAY 6: Travel southeast today through the wilderness of the **Judean Desert** to the lowest spot on earth, the **Dead Sea**. The “**Sea Level**” sign enroute is a fabulous photo op for everyone. Continue along the shoreline and arrive at **Masada**, the mountain fortress built as a summer palace by Herod. Here the Jewish Zealots fought against mighty Rome 2000 years ago. Ride the cable car to the top and tour **Herod's Palace, the Synagogue and Bathhouse**. We travel further south and following lunch access the **Dead Sea** for a **Float-Swim**. Heading back north, time permitting, stop at **Qumran**, discovery site of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. On our return to Jerusalem, drive to the **Mount of Olives** for the panoramic view of the city. Our guide points out highlights of the places that we have seen already during our journey (B)

Sunday Nov 10 DAY 7: Depart Jerusalem traveling east and north via the Jericho Road, passing in the distance, the oldest city in the world. Drive through the Jordan Valley and see firsthand, the **safety fence** separating Israel from the Palestinian territory. Traveling along the **Jordan River** we'll stop and view the **Baptismal Site** relevant for Christians. Watch as the Judean Desert begins to flow into the greenery of Samaria. Arrive at **Bet She'an** and tour the Scythe city dating back 1800 years. Continue to **Beit Alfa** and see the **ancient synagogue** and its' famous zodiac mosaic. Drive north of the **Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)** to **Kibbutz Merom Golan**, home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)



Monday Nov 11 DAY 8: Start our day with an exciting ride through the rugged hills of the **Golan Heights** and a visit to **Tel Dan**. Stop at a former Syrian fortification and climb into the relics of Syrian Tanks. We continue to the **Crusader's Nimrod Fortress** for an interesting tour of the ruins, and then to **Katzrin**, capital of the Golan. We'll stop at a **winery** to learn about the ideal conditions to cultivate the grapes & olives and we have an opportunity to taste the well-regarded world renowned wines coming from this Golan region. Continue touring the Golan Heights as we ascend **Har Ben Tal** for a view beyond the border into Syria. A fun shopping stop at the **Kibbutz Naot** factory store. You may purchase a pair or 2 of the famous sandals. View the beautiful **Hula Valley** and return to the Kibbutz for overnight (B, D)

Tuesday Nov 12 DAY 9: Good bye to our Kibbutz and travel to **S'fat**, 16th century birthplace of the mystical "Kabala" movement. Walk the cobbled streets; if open, we visit one of the **500 year old synagogues** and explore galleries in the quaint **Artists' Colony**. Enjoy a bit of shopping on the **Artist Street**. Driving west, we approach **Megiddo**, and visit the ancient ruins and the famous water tunnel. Continue through to the upscale city of **Caesarea** and the port built by Herod 2000 years ago. See the multimedia presentation and then visit the **hippodrome** and **Theater** in use today for concerts and plays. Arrive to Tel Aviv and the **Market House Boutique Hotel** for 3 nights. Wander this evening on your own along the beach. Walk and enjoy dinner at the seashore, people watch or sit for a coffee. (B)



Wednesday Nov 13 DAY 10: Tel Aviv touring starts with a visit to the **Palmach Museum**. Learn about the rebirth of the State of Israel and the beginnings of the modern **Israel Defense Force**. We continue to **Independence Hall**. Ben Gurion proclaimed Israel's Independence in 1948 from this building. Proceed to the **Innovation Center** and see some of the great inventions that Israel has given the world. We'll walk into **Jaffa** one of the oldest port cities of the Mediterranean and enjoy a tour through the magnificently restored town. There is time to stop for lunch and shopping. Touring continues through Tel Aviv and will include the **Rabin Memorial** and the outstanding shopping and people watching along **Dizengoff Street**. (B)

Thursday Nov 14 DAY 11: Driving south we arrive at **Machon Ayalon** for a tour of the secret bullet factory & fascinating glimpse into the activities of the organization known as the **Hagannah**, the early Israel Defense Force. On to **Beit Guvrin** to explore some interesting caves, possibly used during the Bar Kochba revolt. Return via the Latrun road for a stop at the **Tank Corp Museum, Yad Lashiryon**. There are over 100 different types of tanks at this museum. Enjoy an unforgettable opportunity as you climb on board and have a great photo op!! (B)

Friday Nov 15 DAY 12: A leisure day to enjoy the beach. Be sure to visit the **Carmel Market** for delicious fresh squeezed drinks from pomegranates. Buy some spices to bring home. Wander into **Neve Tzedek** to see the galleries and shops, or stroll to the **“White City”** (a UNESCO site) for a walking tour to learn about the Bauhaus architecture. Be sure to visit the wonderful craft market at **Binyamin Nahalat**, a short walk from the hotel. We depart the hotel together and enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. Continue to the airport for return flights to the USA. Flights should be scheduled for 10 PM or later **(B, D)**

\$3285.00 TOUR INCLUDES:

- accommodations at 5 star boutique hotels & kibbutz guest house
- Israeli Buffet Breakfast **(B)** daily & 5 additional dinners **(D)**
- 9 days sightseeing: admissions detailed in itinerary are included
- English speaking licensed guide/fully air-conditioned bus
- Transfers to and from airport based on suggested flight times
- Porterage of 1 full size bag per person at hotels/airport

Valid Passport Required (if it is not a US passport contact me)
Tips to guide, bus driver and hotel staff are additional

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50% penalty Aug 20 – Sept 20 100% penalty from Sept 20 to Nov 4

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