

ISRAEL: You'll Love it from the First SHALOM

April 26 – May 7, 2021 \$3695.00 per person

(land cost based on double occupancy)

April 26 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.

April 27 DAY 2: Shalom to Israel. Arrive Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv; our meeting time will be approximately 3 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 and guide. We'll have a briefing on the next few days of activity. **Arthur Boutique Hotel. (D)**

April 28 DAY 3: 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. Our walk winds through the Christian quarter with a brief visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We continue into the **Jewish Quarter**. Walk along the **Cardo**, the colonnaded main street



of Byzantine Jerusalem. Learn the history of 3000 years of Jewish presence in Jerusalem and the region Shopping time and a lunch break in the **Jewish Quarter**. 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. This evening, you may choose an **optional visit to David's Citadel** and attend the incredible **Sound and Light Show. (B)**

April 29 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). Visit the **Machane Yehuda** market and enjoy the frenzy of sights, smells and tastes of this world famous market. Shop, enjoy lunch and wander on your own. *Time permitting* we will drive to the beautiful Christian sites of the **Garden Tomb** and **Garden of Gethsemane**. Return to the hotel. **(B)**



April 30 DAY 5: Drive south from Jerusalem to **Gush Etzion**. We 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. Return to Jerusalem later in the day and prepare for the **Sabbath**. You might go to the **Kotel** and participate with thousands of

people as Shabbat is welcomed. Together, we participate in a special **Shabbat of a Lifetime dinner** at home with a Jewish family. (B, D)

May 1 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 will point out highlights of some of the places that we have seen already during our journey. (B)



May 2 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)

May 3 DAY 8: Start our day with an exciting ride through the rugged hills of the **Golan Heights** and a visit to **Banias**, the water source of the Jordan River. As we drive, you'll view the **Hula Valley** below and climb into the mountains to the **Crusader's Nimrod Fortress** for an interesting tour of the ruins. Continue 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 & Lebanon. We have a fun shopping stop at the **Kibbutz Naot** factory store. You may purchase a pair or 2 of the famous sandals. Return to the Kibbutz for dinner & overnight. (B, D)

May 4 DAY 9: Goodbye to our Kibbutz and travel to **S'fat**, 16th century birthplace of the mystical "Kabala" movement. Walk the cobbled streets, visiting a **500 year old synagogue** and 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 **Tel Aviv/Jaffa** and the **Market House Boutique Hotel** for 3 nights. Wander this evening on the beach; people watch and enjoy dinner on your own. (B)



MAY 5 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. 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)**

MAY 6 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)**

MAY 7 DAY 12: Join us on a visit to the **Carmel Market & Nahalat Binyamin** for delicious fresh squeezed drinks from pomegranates and shopping for beautiful Israeli made handicrafts for fabulous gifts. 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; OR, a leisure day to enjoy the beach. We depart the hotel together for 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)**

OPTIONAL EXTENSION to EILAT WITH FULL DAY TOUR to PETRA AVAILABLE

Check with Laura for Details

- Accommodations at superior hotels & kibbutz guest house
- Israeli Buffet Breakfast **(B)** daily & 5 additional dinners **(D)**
- 10 days sightseeing: all 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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Deposit of \$250.00 per person will hold your space
Final Payment will be due Feb 22, 2021 (deposit is fully refundable up to Feb 15, 2021)
50% penalty Feb 22 – Mar 31 • 100% penalty from April 1 to departure
Cancellation insurance strongly recommended

NAME _____ ROOMMATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DEPOSIT CHECK ENCLOSED (\$250.00 per person) _____
VISA/MasterCard accepted (coordinate with Laura)

YES, I'm interested in cancellation insurance _____

YES, I need assistance booking air _____

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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