

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

October 25 – November 5, 2021 \$3695.00 per person
(land cost based on double occupancy)

October 25 DAY 1: Pack your bags and board your flight from the USA to Tel Aviv. Request airline assistance from your travel consultant.

October 26 DAY 2: Shalom to Israel. Arrive Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv; our meeting time will be approximately 3 – 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 five nights. Welcome dinner; meet the group and guide. We'll have a briefing on the next few days of activity. **Arthur Boutique Hotel (D)**

October 27 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)**



October 28 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)**



October 29 DAY 5: Drive south from Jerusalem to **Gush Etzion**. We will visit the museum and learn the poignant history of the Gush Etzion Kibbutz dating from the 1920s. 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)**



October 30 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)**

October 31 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 two nights. **(B, D)**

November 1 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 and 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 and Lebanon. We have a fun shopping stop at the **Kibbutz Naot** factory store. You may purchase a pair or two of the famous sandals. Return to the Kibbutz for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

November 2 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 three nights. Wander this evening on the beach; people watch and enjoy dinner on your own. **(B)**



November 3 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)**

November 4 DAY 11: Driving south we arrive at **Machon Ayalon** for a tour of the secret bullet factory and an 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)**

November 5 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 for Details

- Accommodations at superior hotels and kibbutz guest house
- Israeli Buffet Breakfast **(B)** daily & five 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
- Portage of one full size bag per person at hotels/airport

Valid Passport Required (if it is not a US passport let your consultant know)
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 August 15, 2021

(deposit fully refundable up to Aug 15, 2021 unless there are additional issues with covid closings)

50% penalty September 1 – September 30, 100% penalty from October 1 to departure

Cancellation insurance strongly recommended

Israel currently requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry

NAME _____ ROOMMATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DEPOSIT CHECK ENCLOSED (\$250.00 per person) _____

VISA/MasterCard accepted (coordinate with Laura).

There will be a 3½ % charge for the use of a credit card.

YES, I'm interested in cancellation insurance _____ **YES**, I need assistance booking air _____

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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