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2009 MACCABIAH OPTIONAL TOURS

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**ADDITIONAL COSTS APPLY*

***JULY 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2009**

FULL DAY TOUR:
**Olympic Museum &
Old and New Tel Aviv/Jaffa**

*Tuesday, July 14
*Friday, July 17
*Tuesday, July 21

Cost: US \$ 60.00 per person. (based on minimum 20 people)

Arrive at the Olympic Museum at 9:00 am for a one hour tour in the new interactive complex. Continue to Old Jaffa, the ancient port city from Biblical times, and then head to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of the new city of Tel Aviv. Visit Independence Hall and view the Bauhaus architecture along Rothchild Boulevard. Opportunity for shopping along trendy Sheinkin Street and the Nahlat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Market (on Tuesday and Friday only).

FULL DAY TOUR:
**Adventure Track: Dig for a
Day and Jeep Ride**

*Tuesday, July 14
*Thursday, July 16
*Tuesday, July 21

Cost: US\$ 105.00 per person. Includes Lunch (based on minimum 20 people)

Join the archaeologists at the historical site of Beit Guvrin and go underground to help sift through the ancient sands. Picnic lunch on site, near the amazing columbarium (pigeon house) and then board jeeps for a ride through the beautiful Ella Valley. This is the famous location where David defeated Goliath.

FULL DAY TOUR:
Massada and Dead Sea

*Tuesday, July 14
*Monday, July 20

Cost: US\$ 120.00 per person. Includes Lunch (based on minimum 20 people)

Ascend Masada and tour King Herod's historic hilltop fortress, where a small band of Jewish zealots took refuge after the Roman destruction of the Second Temple in 70 BCE, resisting a prolonged siege by the Roman army. Visit one of the spa hotels on the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth, for lunch and swim, and an opportunity for a Dead Sea spa treatment. Note: Spa treatments are to be paid individually and directly to the hotel.

FULL DAY TOUR:
**In the Footsteps of the War
of Independence**

*Tuesday, July 14
*Wednesday, July 15
*Sunday July 19
*Monday, July 20
*Tuesday, July 21

Cost: US\$ 70.00 per person. (based on minimum 20 people)

This tour includes a visit to both the Palmach Museum and the Ayalon Institute. The Palmach Museum provides an interactive experience as we follow the lives of the young fighters at the beginning of the state of Israel. Then visit the hidden bullet factory at the Ayalon Institute in Rehovot. From there proceed to the Independence Hall.

FULL DAY TOUR:
**Caesarea and Zichron
Yaakov**

*Wednesday, July 15
*Tuesday, July 21

Cost: US\$ 95.00 per person. Includes Lunch (based on minimum 20 people)

Visit the spectacular archeological site of Caesarea, inhabited by Romans, Phoenicians, Crusaders, and Turks, all faithfully rendered at the new audiovisual center. Cool off by walking through the Roman water tunnel at the Mei Kedem and marvel at the engineering feats of the Romans as you wade through one third of a mile of waist high water. Lunch at the Tichbi Winery. Proceed to the hilltop town of Zichron Yaakov, for a stroll through the recreated 19th century main street featuring boutique shops and cafes.

FULL DAY TOUR:
**Tiberias and the Sea of
Galilee Cruise**

*Wednesday, July 15
*Wednesday, July 22

Cost: US\$ 100.00 per person. (based on minimum 20 people)

Drive North through the Jezreel Valley to the ancient city of Tzippori, where parts of the Talmud were written and from there to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy a lake cruise and visit the ancient synagogue at Hamei Tiberias with its most unique mosaic floor.

<p>FULL DAY TOUR: Akko and Rosh Hanikrah *Thursday, July 16 *Sunday, July 19</p>	<p>Cost: US\$ 75.00 per person. (based on minimum 20 people)</p> <p>Visit the spectacular grottoes on the Mediterranean Sea at the border with Lebanon taking the cable car from the mountain top down to the sea. Then on to Akko, Crusader City and Napoleonic War battle site. Tour the underground Crusader City, the Turkish Hamam and the old market and port.</p>
<p>HALF DAY TOUR: Diaspora Museum *Sunday, July 19</p>	<p>Cost: US\$ 45.00 per person. (based on minimum 20 people)</p> <p>Visit the Diaspora Museum on the Tel Aviv University Campus. Jewish life through the centuries and throughout the world is recorded and displayed in a series of galleries. Accompanied by a museum docent.</p>
<p>FULL DAY TOUR: Tzfat and Bahai Gardens *Wednesday, July 15 *Monday, July 20</p>	<p>Cost: US\$ 95.00 per person. (based on minimum 20 people)</p> <p>The Kabbalah city of Tzfat is located in the hills of northern Galilee. Meet with a Kabbalah artist, visit the ancient synagogues and tour the art galleries and ships in the Old City. Return via Haifa for a view of the amazing Bahai Gardens stretching down from the Carmel Mountain to the sea.</p>

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 Options:

- Olympic Museum & Old and New Tel Aviv/Jaffa
- Adventure Track: Dig for a Day and Jeep Ride
- Massada and Dead Sea
- In the Footsteps of the War of Independence

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 Options:

- Caesarea and Zichron Yaacov
- Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee Cruise
- In the Footsteps of the War of Independence
- Tzfat and Bahai Gardens

Thursday, July 16, 2009 Options:

- Adventure Track: Dig for a Day and Jeep Ride
- Akko and Rosh Hanikrah

Friday, July 17, 2009 Options:

- Olympic Museum & Old and New Tel Aviv/Jaffa

Sunday, July 19, 2009 Options:

- Akko and Rosh Hanikrah
- In the Footsteps of the War of Independence
- Diaspora Museum

Monday, July 20, 2009 Options:

- Massada and Dead Sea
- Tzfat and Bahai Gardens
- In the Footsteps of the War of Independence

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 Options:

- Olympic Museum & Old and New Tel Aviv/Jaffa
- Adventure Track: Dig for a Day and Jeep Ride
- Caesarea and Zichron Yaacov
- In the Footsteps of the War of Independence

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 Options:

- Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee Cruise