



Wednesday

Welcome to Israel! Arrival to Ben Gurion airport where you will be met and assisted before passport control, by our VIP service representative; Transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Thursday

Start the day with a visit to **Itzhak Rabin Center**; learn the legacy of the late Prime Minister and explore the making, the history and the development of the state. Next, visit the **Independence Hall** where the establishment of the state of Israel was declared.

Continue to **Neve Tzedek**, the first neighborhood of Tel-Aviv built in 1887 outside the old port city of Jaffa; explore the narrow alleys and the unique low buildings; Proceed to the **Carmel market** and enjoy the vibrant noises, smells and colors; onto Jaffa, an ancient port city, named for Japheth, one of the sons of Noah who built it after the flood; Stop at the **Visitors' Center** and enjoy a multimedia presentation of the 8000 year old port town and its history ; walk around the restored city, the Artists' Quarter ,galleries and the renovated harbor.

Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Friday

Visit **Tel-Aviv museum**, Israel's largest art museum that displays a wide collection of permanent and temporary exhibits of both Israeli and international artists.

Witness the old meet the new as you visit **Sarona**, originally a 140 year old German Templar colony, occupied later by the British forces and handed back to the Israelis in 1947; the complex served as Israel Defense Forces headquarters for many years; It has now been restored, preserving the original architecture, and converted to a lively pedestrian open air commercial center.

Drive through the main streets of Tel-Aviv, passing by **Rabin's Square**, place of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin.

Before heading back to the hotel, stop at **Tel-Aviv port** and enjoy the promenade along the seafront with the unique shops, cafés and youthful ambiance.

Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Saturday

At leisure

Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Sunday

Drive along the coastal plain to **Caesarea**, once the roman capital of the region. Explore the ruins and excavations of the Crusaders' city and the amphitheatre which has been restored as a concert venue; learn the history of the city through a multimedia presentation; Proceed to **Haifa** to visit the Clandestine Immigration and Naval museum ("**Af al Pi Chen**") and hear the story of the illegal immigrants to Israel at the time of the British mandate. Visit **Acre**, one of the ancient port cities in Israel, declared by UNESCO as a world heritage site; learn the history of the city through its unique buildings, fortresses and intact fortifications. Visit the underground Crusader City and walk through the old city, mosques and local market.



Overnight at Mitzpe Hayamim Spa hotel.

Monday

Drive to **Safed**, one of the four holy cities in Israel, also considered the center of the Kabbalah, the Jewish mysticism ; Visit the Joseph Caro and the Ari synagogues, the most important synagogues in the city; stroll around the artists' quarter and the picturesque alleyways. Continue to the Golan Heights; Stop at Gadot overlook, the memorial site for the fallen of the Golan, located over former Syrian bunkers and see the monument built on site in honor of the Alexandroni brigade. Tour the reconstructed **Talmudic Village of Katzrin** and experience ancient life through the restored home, olive press and ancient synagogue.

Continue to **Mount Bental**, a dormant volcanic mountain, for a panoramic view of Mount Hermon and the Golan; learn the story of one of the largest tank battles that took place in 1973 war. Return to your hotel.

Overnight at Mitzpe Hayamim Spa hotel.

Tuesday

Drive to Tiberias; Visit **Capernaum** and explore the ruins of the synagogue and church of St. Peter. Enjoy a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee; visit the **Yigal Alon center** where an ancient 2000 year old ancient boat discovered is displayed.

Onto **Nazareth** to visit the Church of Annunciation.

Continue to **Beit Shean**, also called "Scythopolis", the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods.

Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem; Stop at **Mount Scopus** for a blessing as you enter the city.

Overnight at David Citadel hotel Jerusalem.

Wednesday

Tour the **Old City** of Jerusalem; Visit the Jewish and Christian quarters; Walk through the Cardo, the reconstructed main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Visit the Wailing Wall.

Continue to the **City of David** and explore the excavations of the first temple period; learn the story of ancient Jerusalem as you tour the **Western Wall tunnels**; discover the hidden layers of the walls revealed underground. Return to your hotel to freshen up and get ready for your night out.

Enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner followed by the **Spectacular night show at Tower of David Museum.**

Overnight at David Citadel hotel Jerusalem.





Israel Deluxe - a Small Group Experience

Maximum 12 participants

Valid from March 8, 2017 – December 27, 2017

Thursday

Start the day with a visit to the **Israel museum**, the shrine of the book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the new holy land model, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period. Continue for a tour at the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems.

Experience the contemporary Jerusalem at the famous **Mahane Yehuda Market** with its authentic and colorful stands; Enjoy the "**Shuk bites**" and taste a variety of local food.

Continue to **Yad Vashem**, the memorial to the holocaust.

Overnight at David Citadel hotel Jerusalem.

Friday

Drive through the Judean desert; Stop at **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** and explore the lush oasis filled with waterfalls, vegetation and rare wildlife. Continue to **Massada**, ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress; visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, the bathhouses etc.

Descend by cable car.

Next, stop for **lunch and spa facilities** in one of the leading hotels in the area.

Overnight at David Citadel hotel Jerusalem.

Saturday

Day at leisure

Overnight at David Citadel hotel Jerusalem.

Sunday

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport where you will be met and assisted by our VIP representative who will escort you through security check and passport control.

Goodbye to Israel! Hope to see you again on your next visit.

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<i>Israel Deluxe – a Small Group Experience</i>						
Deluxe vehicles						
Maximum 12 participants						
Wednesday arrival - 11 nights/8 touring days						
	Royal Beach Tel-Aviv Executive room (without lounge) Mitzpe Hayamim - Junior suite David Citadel Jerusalem Superior New City			Carlton Tel-Aviv Deluxe Full Sea View Mitzpe Hayamim - Junior suite David Citadel Jerusalem Superior New City		
Tour dates	Single	Double	Third	Single	Double	Third
3/8/2017	\$5,760	\$3,942	\$3,398	\$6,255	\$4,040	\$2,979
3/15/2017	\$5,760	\$3,942	\$3,398	\$6,255	\$4,040	\$2,979
4/26/2017	\$5,944	\$4,034	\$3,643	\$6,438	\$4,132	\$3,223
5/10/2017	\$5,944	\$4,034	\$3,643	\$6,536	\$4,180	\$3,223
5/17/2017	\$5,944	\$4,034	\$3,643	\$6,536	\$4,180	\$3,223
6/14/2017	\$5,939	\$4,034	\$3,653	\$6,536	\$4,180	\$3,233
6/21/2017	\$5,939	\$4,034	\$3,653	\$6,536	\$4,180	\$3,233
7/12/2017	\$5,756	\$3,942	\$3,408	\$6,353	\$4,090	\$2,989
8/2/2017	\$6,588	\$4,358	\$3,824	\$6,353	\$4,089	\$2,989
8/30/2017	\$5,633	\$3,881	\$3,408	\$6,230	\$4,028	\$2,989
10/18/2017	\$5,944	\$4,034	\$3,643	\$6,536	\$4,180	\$3,223
10/25/2017	\$5,797	\$3,960	\$3,447	\$6,389	\$4,107	\$3,028
11/8/2017	\$5,760	\$3,942	\$3,398	\$6,255	\$4,040	\$2,979
11/22/2017	\$5,711	\$3,917	\$3,398	\$6,206	\$4,015	\$2,979
12/6/2017	\$5,638	\$3,881	\$3,398	\$6,132	\$3,979	\$2,979
12/27/2017	\$6,030	\$4,076	\$3,496	\$6,524	\$4,174	\$3,077

The rates include the following:

- VIP meeting and assistance before passport control upon arrival and departure.
- Private arrival transfer from Ben Gurion airport to hotel in Tel-Aviv.
- Private departure transfer from Jerusalem hotel to Ben Gurion airport.
- 11 night accommodation in first class category hotels and upgraded rooms on bed & breakfast. VIP amenities included in the room at the Carlton hotel.
- Dinners are included at the hotel in the north.
- 8 sightseeing days as per itinerary.
- Tours will be conducted in our **modern, deluxe type of vehicles:**
 - Mercedes E. Class, Mercedes Viano, deluxe Chevrolet Savannah or deluxe Mercedes Sprinter – depending on number of participants.
- Professional government licensed English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees to all sites as described in the program.
- Gil Travel Kit