

Dates & Rates

Israel: Jewish Heritage and Eilat Tour
2023-2024



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TOUR DATES & RATES - PRICE IS PER PERSON/ PER ROOM TYPE

HOTEL PLAN	Plan A			Plan C			Plan D		
Tel Aviv Galilee Jerusalem Eilat	Dan Tel Aviv-Deluxe room Kibbutz Lavi-Hadar wing King David - Deluxe New City room Dan Eilat - New Eilat room			Dan Panorama Kibbutz Lavi-Eden wing Dan Panorama Dan Panorama			Prima City Tel Aviv Kibbutz Lavi-Eden wing Prima Kings Prima Music		
Tours starting on	Per person in Double	Per person in Single	3rd pax adult	Per person in Double	Per person in Single	3rd pax adult	Per person in Double	Per person in Single	3rd pax adult
2023									
Mar 3 10 17 24	\$6,247	\$10,028	\$3,882	\$4,292	\$6,355	\$3,266	\$3,581	\$4,976	\$3,443
Apr 14 21 28	\$6,861	\$11,213	\$3,882	\$4,441	\$6,634	\$3,278	\$3,581	\$4,976	\$3,443
May 5 12									
May 26	\$6,861	\$11,213	\$3,882	\$4,441	\$6,634	\$3,278	\$3,581	\$4,976	\$3,443
Jun 2 9 16									
Jun 23	\$6,961	\$11,387	\$3,893	\$4,595	\$6,910	\$3,417	\$3,752	\$5,317	\$3,588
Jun 30	\$6,424	\$10,353	\$3,893	\$4,502	\$6,736	\$3,408	\$3,725	\$5,228	\$3,555
Jul 7 14 21	\$6,274	\$10,065	\$3,893	\$4,483	\$6,666	\$3,408	\$3,725	\$5,228	\$3,555
Jul 28	\$6,511	\$10,480	\$4,086	\$4,580	\$6,881	\$3,491	\$3,744	\$5,295	\$3,580
Aug 4 11 18									
Aug 25	\$6,204	\$9,926	\$3,882	\$4,311	\$6,431	\$3,291	\$3,543	\$4,931	\$3,426
Sep 1									
Oct 13 20 27	\$6,861	\$11,213	\$3,882	\$4,441	\$6,634	\$3,278	\$3,581	\$4,976	\$3,443
Nov 3 10									
Nov 17	\$5,638	\$8,861	\$3,800	\$4,241	\$6,311	\$3,266	\$3,413	\$4,696	\$3,401
Nov 24	\$5,576	\$8,734	\$3,789	\$3,781	\$5,396	\$3,165	\$3,378	\$4,581	\$3,350
Dec 1 8									
Dec 15	\$6,178	\$9,873	\$3,882	\$4,250	\$5,822	\$3,463	\$3,336	\$4,497	\$3,289
Dec 22	\$6,830	\$11,128	\$3,882	\$4,666	\$5,935	\$3,700	\$3,476	\$4,777	\$3,331
2024									
Jan 5 19	\$5,367	\$8,337	\$3,789	NOT VALID			\$3,336	\$4,497	\$3,219
Jan 26	\$5,367	\$8,337	\$3,789	\$3,781	\$5,396	\$3,165	\$3,336	\$4,497	\$3,219
Feb 9 16									
Feb 23	\$5,660	\$8,897	\$3,800	\$3,962	\$5,738	\$3,198	\$3,427	\$4,679	\$3,294
NOTE: Tours will be operated on the dates mentioned above.									

JEWISH HERITAGE ISRAEL TOUR + EILAT 2023-2024

13 DAYS | 12 NIGHTS | 8 GUIDED DAYS

The Ultimate Jewish Heritage Israel Tour brings you around Israel to experience its offerings in every corner, complete with extended time in Tel Aviv and special excursion to Eilat in the south. With an optional day tour to Petra with an additional charge.

TOUR OVERVIEW

Multiple Departures	All-year-round.
Highlights	Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Safed, Golan Heights, Galilee, Tiberias, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea, Eilat, Ramon Crater *Optional Petra
Duration	13 days, 12 nights
Activity Level	Moderate
Private Tour Guide Option	Want your tailor-made tour? We can do it too.
Notes	Land Only Package. Airfare is not included in the price. We will be glad to book your flights.

ITINERARY

DEPARTURE, THURSDAY



- Depart from the USA for your Jewish Heritage Israel Tour

DAY 1, FRIDAY



- Upon arrival at **Ben Gurion Airport**, proceed to the arrival hall.
- Transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv

DAY 2, SATURDAY



Day at Leisure

- Explore the city, enjoy a café, meet up with friends!

Overnight Tel-Aviv.

DAY 3, SUNDAY



- Ride along the coast north to the beautiful **Caesarea**, once the Roman capital of the region; View the excavations of the Crusaders' city, the aqueduct, and the Amphitheatre that has been restored as a concert venue comparable in performers and musicians to Madison Square Garden or Carnegie Hall in NYC.
- Proceed to **Haifa** to visit the **Clandestine Immigration and Naval museum** ("Af al Pi Chen") and learn the story of the illegal immigrants who came to Israel at the time of the British Mandate.
- Enjoy a drive to **Acre** (Akko), the Old City recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site; walk through the old port and local market.
- Continue to **Rosh Hanikra**; descend by cable car into the gorgeous underwater grottoes and admire the spectacular natural formation.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

DAY 4, MONDAY



- Walk the spectacular narrow alleyways and a picturesque Artists' quarter in **Safed** (Tzfat), one of the four holy cities in Israel. Visit the Caro and Ari synagogues.
- Enjoy an adventurous **Jeep tour** at the foot of the **Golan Heights**.
- Continue to the Golan Heights; stop at the **Gadot overlook**, the memorial for the fallen of the Golan, located over former Syrian bunkers; view the monument built in honor of the Alexandroni brigade.
- Proceed to a magnificent observation point over the city of Kuneitra and the Syrian territory.
- Drive to **Tel-Hai**; see the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920, Meet with a Kibbutz member and learn about their unique lifestyle.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

DAY 5, TUESDAY



- Drive to **Tiberias** to visit **Rambam's grave**; Continue through the Jordan valley to **Beit Shean**, known as "Scythopolis", and see the fascinating excavated remains from the Roman and Byzantine periods.
- Stop at **Beit Alpha** to admire the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue discovered in 1929.
- Visit **Gan Hashlosha** national park and enjoy the warm spring water pools and waterfalls.
- Continue via the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem; Stop at **Mount Scopus** for a blessing as you enter the city.

Overnight Jerusalem.

DAY 6, WEDNESDAY



- Visit the Tomb of King David on **Mt. Zion**.
- Walkthrough the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. See the **Cardo** - the heart of the ancient Roman City, visit the four **Sephardic Synagogues** restored after the 1967 war, tour the **Western Wall Tunnels**, and visit the archaeological park at **Davidson Center**;
- Walkthrough the **colorful local bazaar** toward the **Tower of David Museum** that presents the history of Jerusalem and ancient remains of the city beginning with the first temple period.

Overnight Jerusalem.

DAY 7, THURSDAY



- Enjoy seeing the Bar Mitzvah ceremonies at the **Western Wall**.
- Drive through **Mea Shearim**, one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra-orthodox communities.
- Proceed to **Mount Herzl**, named after the founder of modern Zionism, to pay your respect to some of the nation's more influential figures. Continue to **Yad Vashem** - the museum that tells the stories of the Holocaust commemorates the lives of those who perished and survived its atrocities and ends with a breathtaking view of Jerusalem.
- Visit **Ammunition Hill**, a former Jordanian army stronghold, returned to Israel during the six-day war and converted into a national memorial site and museum. Drive by the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament, and see the Menorah with its biblical emblems.
- Next, visit **The Israel Museum, Jerusalem**, the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the Holy Land Model, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period.

Overnight Jerusalem.

* Optional: Celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at the Wall. For this special option, see below.

DAY 8, FRIDAY



- Drive through the **Judean desert** to the **Dead Sea**-the lowest point on earth. Then, visit **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found.
- Ascend **Masada** by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans. Visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, and bathhouse. Descend by cable car.
- Next, stop for a “**Lunch and Swim**” at the spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area and enjoy a float in the mineral-rich Dead Sea.

Overnight Jerusalem.

DAY 9, SATURDAY



Enjoy the day at your leisure.

Overnight, Jerusalem.

DAY 10, SUNDAY



- Travel south through the **Negev desert** with its rolling hills of sand.
- Stop at **Timna**, a large geological and archaeological park. Marvel at the multicolored rock formations and copper mines and view the outstanding Solomon's pillars.
- Continue to **Eilat**, the southernmost resort city on the shores of the **Red Sea**. Visit the **Underwater Observatory: Marine Park Eilat**, built into a coral reef, and enjoy the opportunity for a close look at the rich life of the Gulf of Eilat.

Overnight, Eilat.

DAY 11, MONDAY - FREE DAY IN EILAT OR DAY TOUR TO PETRA (WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE)



- Straight to **Petra**, the astonishing rose-red city was built by the Nabateans (An early Arab tribe). Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams, and water channels. The visit begins with the possibility of a short **horseback ride**. Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the treasury, royal tombs, the court, roman theatre, roman street, Qasser el- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter), and many other smaller monuments which fascinate the visitors. The city is considered to be the second wonder of the world. *Visa is required in advance
- After the visit, it's time for lunch in a nice restaurant.
- On the way, enjoy a short visit to **Aqaba** with the possibility to stop and take a walk around.
- Return to Eilat

Overnight, Eilat.

DAY 12, TUESDAY



- Depart **Eilat** via **Mitzpe Ramon**; stop to gaze into the **Ramon crater**, a geological wonder.
- Proceed to **Sde Boker** where the famous **home of David Ben Gurion**, Israel's first Prime Minister whose home is now a museum. Sde Boker was founded in 1952 by several pioneering families who were later joined by the iconic leader, David Ben Gurion.
- Just south of Sde Boker, visit Ben Gurion's **burial site**, set in a beautiful location overlooking one of the most striking and impressive views in the Negev, across the **Zin Valley**.
- Experience Bedouin hospitality with a **camel ride**, a visit to an authentic **Bedouin tent** for lunch, and a conversation.
- Continue to **Hatzerim** and visit Israel's Airforce Museum to view the fighter planes and to hear the story of this brave fighting force.

Overnight, Tel Aviv

DAY 13, WEDNESDAY



Transfer to Ben-Gurion airport for departure.

*Program sequence is subject to change without advanced notice.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Gil Travel is committed to keeping Israeli Ministry of Health (MOH) guidance and/or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines and restrictions regarding personal movements and social distancing to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). These guidelines include the requirement to wear a protective mask that covers the nose and mouth in public and guidelines regarding personal movement, gatherings, transportation, and businesses.

- ✓ **All Tours are subject to availability and should be confirmed within 72 business hours.**
- ✓ **Departure from origin should be 1 day before the tour start date**
- ✓ **Please note there is NO credit for unused services or joint transfers**

Included services in our tour rates:

- ✓ Shared transfer from Ben-Gurion Airport to your hotel & from the hotel to the Airport (Private transfers available for additional \$250 (up to 3 people))
- ✓ 8 Full day touring with all entrance fees and attractions as per the above itinerary
- ✓ 12-night accommodation on Bed and Breakfast basis at the hotels in the dates and rates chart below. **Similar hotels may be substituted based on availability**
- ✓ Two dinners at the hotel in Kibbutz Lavi/Galilee
- ✓ Lunch and swim at a Dead Sea spa hotel
- ✓ Jeep ride in the Golan Heights
- ✓ Camel ride at Mitzpe Ramon

Not included in our tour rates:

- ✓ Tips to guide/driver and hotel staff. Optional tips for Israel are suggested as follows:
 - Bellman \$1 per piece of luggage
 - Waiter/Waitress 10%-15%
 - Tour Bus Driver \$6 per person per day
 - Tour Guide \$8 per person per day
 - Private Transfer 10%-15%
- ✓ Lunches en-route on sightseeing days
- ✓ Treatments at the Dead Sea spa
- ✓ Items of a personal nature (laundry, souvenirs, film, toiletries)
- ✓ Travel Insurance. For more details look at <http://www.giltravel.com/travel-protection/>

WE WOULD LOVE TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ISRAEL ADVENTURE!