

# Dates & Rates

Israel: Ultimate Classic Non-Denominational Tour  
2023-2024



*Leaders in Israel Travel*

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

HOTEL PLAN	Plan A			Plan C			Plan D		
Tel Aviv Galilee Jerusalem Eilat	Dan-Deluxe room Kibbutz Lavi-Hadar wing King David-Deluxe New City View room Dan-Deluxe 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
<b>2023</b>									
Mar 1 8 15 22	6,476	10,694	3,667	4,364	6,715	3,254	3,598	5,275	3,340
Apr 19 26	7,107	11,909	3,864	4,547	7,114	3,254	3,598	5,275	3,340
May 3 10									
May 31	7,107	11,909	3,864	4,547	7,114	3,254	3,598	5,275	3,340
Jun 7 14									
Jun 21	7,203	12,076	3,864	4,690	7,316	3,482	3,769	5,617	3,486
Jun 28	6,687	11,083	3,678	4,641	7,248	3,482	3,724	5,527	3,452
Jul 5 12 19	6,503	10,730	3,678	4,547	7,114	3,254	3,742	5,547	3,452
Jul 26	6,732	11,131	3,864	4,641	7,248	3,482	3,769	5,617	3,486
Aug 2 9 16									
Aug 23 30	6,437	10,600	3,628	4,382	6,791	3,254	3,580	5,239	3,346
Oct 11 18 25	7,107	11,909	3,864	4,547	7,114	3,254	3,598	5,275	3,340
Nov 1 8									
Nov 15	5,931	9,649	3,628	4,349	6,740	3,254	3,580	5,239	3,346
Nov 22 29	5,931	9,649	3,628	3,955	5,994	3,177	3,470	5,115	3,289
Dec 6									
Dec 13	6,609	10,944	3,864	4,206	6,982	3,254	3,470	5,115	3,289
Dec 20	7,036	11,750	3,864	4,641	7,248	3,482	3,470	5,115	3,289
<b>2024</b>									
Jan 3	5,696	9,113	3,628	3,855	5,874	3,077	3,351	4,970	3,264
Jan 17	5,696	9,113	3,628	NOT VALID			3,351	4,970	3,264
Jan 24	5,696	9,113	3,628	3,855	5,874	3,077	3,351	4,970	3,264
Feb 7 14 21	5,777	9,352	3,638	3,929	5,942	3,177	3,402	5,092	3,289

**NOTE:** Tours will be operated on the dates mentioned above.

## ULTIMATE CLASSIC ISRAEL TOUR 2023-2024

### **15 DAYS | 14 NIGHTS | 10 GUIDED DAYS**

This exquisite tour brings you around Israel to experience its offerings in every corner, complete with an 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

<b>Multiple Departures</b>	All-year-round.
<b>Highlights</b>	Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Acre, Rosh Hanikra, Safed, Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Beit Lehem, Qumran, Masada, and the Dead Sea, Ramon Crater, Eilat *Optional Petra
<b>Duration</b>	15 days, 14 nights
<b>Activity Level</b>	Moderate
<b>Private Tour Guide Option</b>	Want your tailor-made tour? We can do it too.
<b>Notes</b>	Land Only Package. Airfare is not included in the price. We will be glad to book your flights.

## ITINERARY

### DEPARTURE, TUESDAY



- Depart from the USA for your Classic Israel Tour



## DAY 1, WEDNESDAY



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

**Overnight Tel Aviv**

## DAY 2, THURSDAY



- Begin your day with a visit to **Latrun**. Here, visit the Armored Corps memorial museum, also considered as one of the most diverse tank museums in the world, and understand how Latrun played an important part in the establishment of the state.
- From there, continue to **Beit Guvrin** national park, declared by UNESCO as a world heritage site, and explore archaeological remains and unique caves.
- Proceed to **Ayalon Institute**, once a secret underground ammunition factory was established by the "Haganah," who were the Jewish underground movement before May 1948.
- Continue to **Weizmann House** in Rehovot built in 1936, the private home and later the formal residence of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the first president of the state of Israel and founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Visit the house with its impressive structure and fascinating gardens, which now form part of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Learn the story of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, an outstanding scientist and head of the Zionist movement for over 30 years.

**Overnight Tel-Aviv**

## DAY 3, FRIDAY



- Explore your roots at the **Diaspora museum**; The Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot connects Jewish people to their roots and strengthens their personal and collective Jewish identity. It tells the fascinating narrative of the Jewish people and the essence of Jewish culture, faith, purpose, and deed while presenting the contribution of world Jewry to humanity.
- Tour and drive around the main streets of Tel Aviv; the center of business and entertainment in Israel. Tel Aviv is also known as the "**White City**" and was declared a world cultural heritage site by UNESCO for its Bauhaus-style buildings.
- On your way to Old Jaffa, take a moment at **Rabin's Square**; the place where Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin was assassinated.
- Continue to **Old Jaffa**, one of the oldest port cities in the world. Visit the ancient ruins and walk along the Artist's Quarter to both purchase their crafts and see them work.
- Now, let's travel from an old neighborhood to the first Hebrew-speaking neighborhood built in 1887, **Neve Tzedek**. Continue to **Nahalat Benyamin** and **Sheinkin**, where you can enjoy live street music, arts, crafts, and handmade jewelry. These colorful streets are especially known for their unique shops, café life, and youthful ambiance.

### Overnight Tel-Aviv

## DAY 4, SATURDAY



### Day at Leisure

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

### Overnight Tel-Aviv



## DAY 5, 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 **Megiddo**, identified as the site of Armageddon; visit the archaeological excavations including the well-preserved water supply system.
- Continue to **Daliat el Carmel**, a Druze village, and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed via Mount Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the Golden domed Bahai Shrine and Gardens.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse

## DAY 6, MONDAY



- Walk the spectacular narrow alleyways and a picturesque Artists' quarter in **Safed** (Tzfat), one of the four holy cities in Israel. Don't forget to visit the ancient synagogues.
- Continue to the **Golan Heights** to see the former Syrian bunkers, **Quneitra** and the new Israeli town of **Katzrin**. Stop at **Golan Heights Winery** for a tour and wine tasting.

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## DAY 7, TUESDAY



- Start the day with a visit to **Nazareth**; visit the **Church of Annunciation**; Continue to **Tiberias**; visit **Capernaum** to see the ruins of the synagogue and octagonal **Church of St. Peter**;
- Visit **Mount of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
- Drive via **Beit Shean** to **Beit Alpha** to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac.

Overnight Jerusalem

## DAY 8, WEDNESDAY



- Start the day with a magnificent panoramic view from the **Mount of Olives** in Jerusalem.
- Drive to the **Old City**; visit the **Tomb of King David** and the room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion.
- Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored **Jewish quarter**.
- Visit the **Roman Cardo**, the **Herodian Quarter**, and continue to the **Western Wall**.
- Walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of Holy Sepulcher**.
- Continue to **Bethlehem\***; view Rachel's Tomb and proceed to the Church of Nativity and Manger's Square.

Overnight Jerusalem



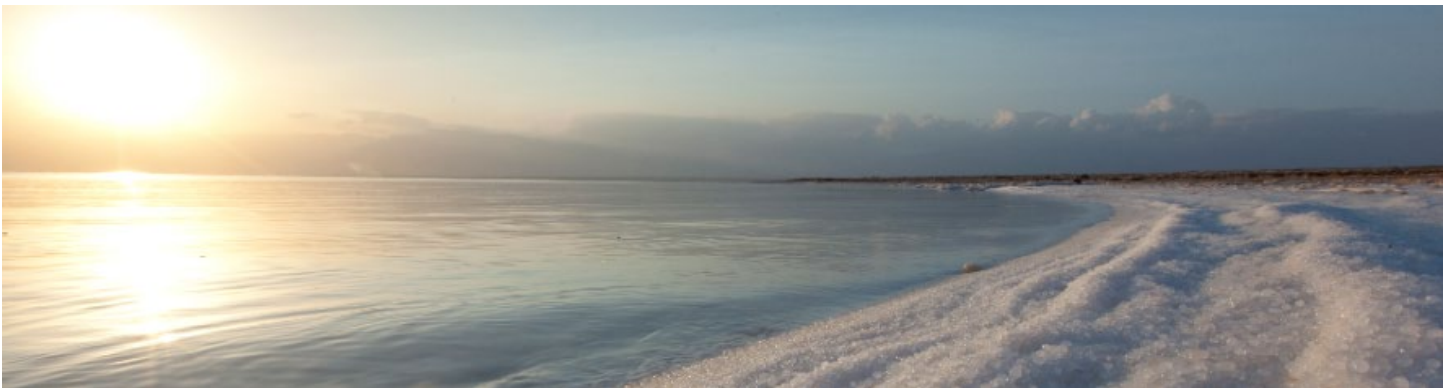
## DAY 9, THURSDAY



- Drive to **the Israel Museum** and visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed; see the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period;
- proceed for a tour at the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament.
- Continue to visit **Mount Herzl Cemetery** and **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official memorial to the Holocaust.
- Drive through **Mea Shearim**, the ultra-orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem, and learn about the residents' unique lifestyle.

**Overnight Jerusalem**

## DAY 10, 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.
- Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. 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.
- Continue to **the Dead Sea**; Cover yourself with the mineral-rich mud and experience a swim in the Dead Sea\*which many believe will offer therapeutic effects.

**Overnight Jerusalem**



## DAY 11, SATURDAY



Enjoy the day at your leisure.

**Overnight, Jerusalem**

## DAY 12, 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 13, MONDAY FREE DAY IN EILAT OR DAY TOUR TO PETRA (WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE)



- After assistance with border formalities, drive straight to **Petra**, the astonishing rose-red city built by the Nabateans (An early Arab tribe). Petra is renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams, and water channels. The visit begins with the possibility of a short **horseback ride** for about 700m, until the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as the treasury, royal tombs, the court, Roman theatre, Roman street, **Qasr al-Bint** (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter), and many other smaller fascinating monuments. The city itself is almost 45km and is the second wonder of the world. After the visit, it's time for lunch in a nearby restaurant. After lunch, drive back to the border.
- On the way, a short visit to **Aqaba** with the possibility to stop and take a walk around.
- Transfer to the border at around 18:00 and cross back to Eilat. \*Visa is required in advance.

**Overnight, Eilat**

## DAY 14, 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 15, WEDNESDAY



Transfer to Ben-Gurion airport for departure.

**\* Visit subject to security / weather conditions.**

**\*Program sequence is subject to change without advance 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))
- ✓ 10 Full day touring with all entrance fees and attractions as per the above itinerary
- ✓ 14-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**
- ✓ Lunch at Daliat el Carmel - Druze village
- ✓ Golan Heights Winery - tour and wine tasting
- ✓ Camel ride at Mitzpe Ramon
- ✓ Bedouin hospitality and a light lunch
- ✓ Two dinners at Kibbutz Lavi

### **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!**