



Dates & Rates

ULTIMATE JEWISH HERITAGE ISRAEL 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 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 1 8 15	7,048	11,343	4,139	4,943	7,377	3,695	4,084	5,716	4,001
Mar 22	7,141	11,519	4,139	4,943	7,377	3,596	4,084	5,716	4,001
Apr 19 26	7,798	12,784	4,139	5,129	7,726	3,607	4,084	5,716	4,001
May 3 10									
May 31	7,798	12,784	4,139	5,129	7,726	3,607	4,084	5,716	4,001
Jun 7 14									
Jun 21	7,898	12,958	4,232	5,282	8,002	3,747	4,255	6,058	4,147
Jun 28	7,361	11,924	4,232	5,189	7,828	3,737	4,210	5,968	4,113
Jul 5 12 19	7,169	11,557	4,232	5,133	7,689	3,735	4,228	5,968	4,113
Jul 26	7,405	11,971	4,425	5,230	7,904	3,821	4,246	6,035	4,138
Aug 2 9 16									
Aug 23 30	7,098	11,418	4,178	4,961	7,453	3,621	4,046	5,671	3,984
Oct 11 18 25	7,798	12,784	4,139	5,129	7,726	3,607	4,084	5,716	4,001
Nov 1 8									
Nov 15	6,574	10,431	4,139	4,929	7,403	3,596	3,916	5,436	3,959
Nov 22 29	6,471	10,226	4,128	4,310	6,191	3,495	3,881	5,321	3,876
Dec 6									
Dec 13	7,073	11,365	4,221	4,780	6,616	3,792	3,797	5,153	3,786
Dec 20	7,725	12,620	4,221	5,196	6,730	4,029	3,937	5,433	3,828
2024									
Jan 3 17	6,122	9,563	4,128	NOT VALID			3,797	5,153	3,786
Jan 24	6,122	9,563	4,128	4,310	6,191	3,495	3,797	5,153	3,786
Feb 7 14									
Feb 21	6,415	10,124	4,128	4,492	6,532	3,527	3,888	5,335	3,791

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

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15 DAYS | 14 NIGHTS | 10 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, Acre, Rosh Hanikra, Safed, Golan Heights, Banias Spring, Galilee, Tiberias, Jerusalem, Eilat, Ramon Crater, Qumran, Masada, and the Dead Sea *Optional Petra
Duration	15 days, 14 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, TUESDAY



- Depart from the USA for your Jewish Heritage 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 **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, 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 in 1995.
- Continue to **Old Jaffa**, one of the oldest port cities in the world. Visit the ancient ruins and walk along the Artists' 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** 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 **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 6, MONDAY



- Walk the spectacular narrow alleyways and a picturesque Artists' quarter in **Safed** (Tzfat), one of the four holy cities in Israel.
- 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 7, 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 8, 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 9, THURSDAY



- Enjoy 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.

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.
- 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 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)



- 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 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 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.

*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:

- ✓ Private 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**
- ✓ Two dinners at the hotel in Kibbutz Lavi/Galilee
- ✓ Lunch and swim at a Dead Sea spa hotel
- ✓ Jeep ride in the Golan Heights
- ✓ Light Lunch in a Bedouin tent on the way from Eilat to Tel Aviv

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!

INTERESTED IN CELEBRATING A BAR/BAT MITZVAH IN ISRAEL?

Add a bar/bat mitzvah ceremony to one of our Jewish Heritage Tours (at an additional fee) and your child will take part in a ceremony and begin to learn concepts of leadership and giving throughout their Israel experience! Whether you want to provide the gift of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony steeped in tradition overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem or you're looking for an alternative coming-of-age experience for your loved one, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in Israel is a wonderful way to experience the country together as a family and create memories to last a lifetime around this special occasion. Connect your child to his or her roots with this once-in-a-lifetime experience. * For girls who wish to celebrate their Bat Mitzvah near the Western Wall, there is an attractive alternative: Robinson's Arch, a part of the Southern Wall, and a remnant of the Second Temple.

We will be happy to arrange a Rabbi for you to officiate at your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Rabbi's Services include:

- Correspondence with family by the Rabbi
 - Meeting in Jerusalem with the Rabbi prior to the ceremony
 - Officiating at service and use of prayer pamphlets and Rabbi's personal Torah scroll
 - Rabbi's transportation
 - Bar/Bat Mitzvah certificate from the Ministry of Tourism
- Reform and Conservative ceremonies will be officiated at the Southern Wall area.



Interested in having the ceremony as part of your private tour? Not a problem. We pride ourselves on creating tailored tours to meet your family's needs. Your family can climb Masada, take a dip in the Dead Sea, shop and feel the energy of Jerusalem in Mahane Yehuda market, plant a family tree at Neot Kedumim, explore the Palmach Museum to learn of the elite fighting force of the Haganah who fought for the state of Israel, you could volunteer with an organization in need, enjoy a celebratory lunch in the ancient coastal city of Caesarea, visit some Start-Up Nation stops, or have a meaningful moment at the Western Wall. With your personalized tour, your choice of experiences is endless!

WHY CELEBRATE WITH GIL?

Gil Travel is the leading creator of Israel Bar and Bat Mitzva tours. As our specialized travel agents send over 40,000 people to Israel each year, we are experts in multi-generational travel, and we can create the perfect trip that everyone can enjoy together. We have the experience and insight to plan every aspect of your celebration. With us, there are no hidden fees, and you will receive dedicated customer service before, during, and after your tour.