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— ISRAEL TRAVEL EXPERTS —

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PRIVATE TOUR OF

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Multi Generational Family

Share in the unique experience of exploring your family's roots and traditions together as an extended family.

Day 1 / Monday

Welcome to Israel !

Arrival at Israel's Ben Gurion International airport. Meeting by our VIP, **VIP assistance** through expedited airport formalities & **transfer to Tel Aviv** on shores of the Mediterranean.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 2 / Tuesday

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive along Tel Aviv's seaside promenade to ancient Biblical port city of **Jaffa**, with cobbled streets and artists' galleries.

Visit Jaffa's new **Visitor's Center at Kedumim Square**.

See "Jaffa Tales"- a multi-sensory experience. Tour the archaeological site; walk on the floating bridge into virtual performance that brings past heroes to life. Continue to visit **artists galleries** including **Ilana Goor Museum**. View the unique works of art within the Museum's walls dating back 280 years, when the building served as the first Jewish Inn for Pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem. Continue to visit Jaffa's famous **flee market** and Jaffa's **Fisherman's Wharf**.

Option: Drive to the Holon Industrial Zone to visit the **Bamba House Visitor Center**. (Bamba is a peanut butter-flavored snack manufactured by the Osem Corporation in Holon, Israel. Bamba is one of the leading snack foods produced and sold in Israel).

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 3 / Wednesday

Breakfast at hotel.

Pick up from your hotel for a city tour of Tel Aviv.

Your route will take you along **Rothschild Boulevard** known for its large collection of historic buildings of the **Bauhaus era** (a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site).

Visit the **Neveh Tzedek area**, the open-air **Carmel Market**, and **Rabin Plaza** - site of numerous political rallies, parades and other public events.

Continue to **Rehovoth** - home of the Weizman Institute.

Visit the **Ayalon Museum** - ammunitions factory of the Jewish underground movement.

Return to Tel Aviv.

Conclude the day with a visit to **Sarona** -- a newly renovated complex in the heart of Tel Aviv, originally a German Templar Colony, today the site houses boutique stores, artist galleries, quaint cafes, and some of the city's hottest restaurants and bars.

Optional afternoon/evening activity: **Bicycle ride** along Tel Aviv's seaside promenade.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 4/ Thursday

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart Tel Aviv and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to **Caesarea**, the Roman capital of Israel. View the restored Roman Theater, the ruins of the ancient town, harbor and aqueduct. This ancient Herodian Port City was an important Byzantine center and Crusader stronghold.

From there to **Zichron Ya'acov**, the old Moshava established by the Baron de Rothschild.

Visit **Tut-Neyar factory** and participate in a paper-making workshop.

Continue north to **Rosh Hanikra**, a cliff at the sea, on the northwestern corner of Israel. Descend by cable car to view the grottoes formed by waves lapping on the soft chock rock.

Continue to Haifa.

Overnight in **Haifa**

Day 5 / Friday

Breakfast at hotel.

Start the day with a panoramic view of the **Bahai Shrine and Persian Gardens** (a World Heritage Site).

Continue to **Kfar Kedem**, a re-created ancient Galilean village that enables you to "touch the past" -- plow your fields and bring in the harvest, grind the flour, milk a goat and make cheese.

Join a donkey caravan heading to the hills above Nazareth.

Enjoy a Galilee "Hafla" (special meal) in a Nomad's Tent.

Proceed to **Safed** - famous for Jewish "Kabbalah". The Kabbalist mystics lived, studied, taught, and wrote in the city. Walk through the ancient picturesque alleyways of the Jewish quarter with hidden niches and beautiful synagogues whose rich past is seen from the high ceilings, colorful decorations, and ancient Torah scrolls. Visit the small galleries in the artists' quarter.

Continue to your hotel.

Dinner & overnight in the **Galilee**

Day 6/ Saturday

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive to **Kibbutz Manara**. From the top of the Manara Cliff enjoy a birds' eye view of the Hula Valley, Mount Hermon and the Golan Heights.

Optional sport activities: Zip line, high rope activities, snapling etc.

Descend by cable car to Kiryat Shmona.

Continue to the **Banias River Canyon** for a hike along the new hanging path to the Banias waterfall, OR visit the **Dan Nature Reserve** with a biblical archaeological site and easy hiking routes.

Optional activity: Canoeing or kayaking on the Jordan River.

Dinner & overnight in the **Galilee**

Day 7 / Sunday

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive to the **Northern Border**. Traveling close to the border fence, you will observe the Lebanese side of the border. View the local residents and their daily routine, pass by the UN force outposts, and **meet with IDF combat soldiers** – the tour is subject to army approval.

Continue to the **Golan Heights**, up to **Mount Bental**, for view of the surrounding areas. **Visit the Oz 77 Memorial**, and hear the story of the heroic artillery battle between the Israeli armored forces and the Syrian forces, in the Yom Kippur War (1973).

Continue to the **Golan Magic Visitor's Center** to view the multi-sensual movie Golan Magic. Then, visit the **Golan Olive Oil Mill**, which produces high-quality olive oil and cosmetics. At its visitors center the visitors learn about the production method and taste the oils.

Dinner & overnight in the **Galilee**

Day 8 / Monday

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive south along the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**. Participate in a chocolate workshop. Continue south along the Jordan River Valley, past Beit She'an – one of the Roman Decapolis cities, to the heart of the Judean wilderness to **Eretz Bereshit -- Genesis Land**. Enjoy an "ancient experience" -- life as it was in biblical times, including a presentation of a biblical story with some light refreshments (dried fruit and coffee / herbal tea), making your own pita and baking them in a fire, a short camel ride, and lunch.

Proceed up to Jerusalem.

Stop on the **Mount of Olives** for a first view of Jerusalem and a shehechyanu blessing, celebrating your arrival to the city.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9 / Tuesday

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive along the Old City walls with view of Avshalom's Tomb, Church of All Nations and the Kidron Valley.

Enter the **Old City** through one of its gates for a walking tour of the **Jewish Quarter**, pass by the ancient synagogues and view the newly reconstructed Hurva Synagogue. Stroll along the **Cardo** - the reconstructed main street of Byzantine Jerusalem.

Participate in a family-wide **Scavenger Hunt** in the Jewish Quarter.

View of the Temple Mount area with the **Dome of the Rock** and **El Aqsa Mosques**.

Continue to the **Western Wall** -- Judaism's holiest site.

Walk through the Western Wall Tunnels.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10 / Wednesday

Breakfast at hotel.

City drive through New Jerusalem, past Mount Herzl, where Israel's founders and leaders are buried, to Yad Va'Shem.

Adults: Guided tour of **Yad Va'Shem Holocaust Museum**.

Children: Continue to the **Jerusalem Biblical Zoo** with the guide.

Family re-unites and drives to the **Israel Museum** to view the Model of Jerusalem from Second Temple Period, and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibited in the Shrine of the Book. View the **Giant Menorah** depicting Israel's history through the ages.

Continue to the colorful open-air **Mahaneh Yehuda Market** with its authentic sights, sounds and aromas.

Evening option: View the "**Night Spectacular**" -- the Tower of David comes to life with a spectacular sound-and-light show.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11 / Thursday

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart Jerusalem and drive down to the **Dead Sea**, lowest point on earth.

On way stop at **Mitzpeh Jericho** for a beautiful observation point of the Judean Desert and the Monastery of St. George in Wadi Qelt.

Drive south along the shores of the Dead Sea, past the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, to the **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** for a short hike in one of the park's routs & view of the waterfalls, the desert flora & fauna.

Then, to **Massada** – a World Heritage Site – ascend & descend by cable car to tour the 2000-year-old fortress and palace built by King Herod.

Afternoon by the Dead Sea -- opportunity to experience its therapeutic qualities.

Return to Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 12 / Friday

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart Jerusalem and drive to **Beit Guvrin** to visit the man-made caves carved out of the soft limestone. Take part in an **archeological dig** which includes: digging, sifting, pottery examination and touring the National Park of Beit Guvrin with an exciting crawl through unexcavated cave systems.

Continue to **Neot Kedumim Biblical Park**. **Plant a tree** in the reserve and help green the land of Israel.

Return to the Old City for **Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel**.

Enjoy **Shabbat dinner** at a home of a local family.

Overnight in **Jerusalem**

Day 13 / Saturday

Breakfast at hotel.

Day at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight in **Jerusalem**

Day 14 / Sunday

Departure transfer from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion Airport.

VIP assistance through departure procedure.