

# FAMILY FUN & ADVENTURE

## An Active Multigenerational Tour

12-day Journey in Israel





Israel is an amazing destination with a vast variety of things to do, all conveniently packed in a small place. For a family-on-the-go, we invite you to enhance the Israel experience with exciting activities ranging from easy-going to high-energy, adaptable for all ages.

Our Family Adventures can be adjusted to accommodate families of all sizes, children of all ages, and multigenerational experiences – grandparents welcome! This this program can be customized to fit your own personal interests and style.

## Day 1

#### WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Arrival on your designated flight.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport. Our VIP representative will meet you at the end of the jetway and escort you through the terminal, to passport control. Fast track service through passport control. Baggage claim procedures and escorting through customs to connect with your private transfer. Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv. Overnight Tel Aviv





#### ENERGETIC TEL AVIV

Breakfast at hotel.

Acquaint yourself with the neighborhoods of **Tel Aviv**, such as Neveh Tzedek, the historic train station complex, the open-air Carmel Market, Rabin Plaza, the revived Sarona compound and the Bauhaus area - a World Heritage Site.

Meander through the alleys of **Old Jaffa**, with its art galleries and lively Flea Market.

Travel to Rehovot for a visit to the **Ayalon Institute**, a secret ammunitions factory from the War of Independence.

Enjoy a private **bike tour** through the streets of Tel Aviv and along the seaside promenade.

**Overnight Tel Aviv** 

## Day 3

#### ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Depart Tel Aviv and travel north along the Mediterranean coast. Walk through the excavations of the port city of **Caesarea**, featuring the ancient Roman theater, hippodrome and aqueduct, as well as ruins from the Byzantine and Crusader periods.

Panoramic overview of Haifa from the top of Mount Carmel. See the splendid Bahai Gardens and the imposing Haifa Bay.

Speed across the Mediterranean Sea in **turbo boats** and enjoy a swim in the deep blue waters.

The waves of the Mediterranean Sea crash against the walls of the old city of **Akko**. The walls, fortresses and strongholds that have survived for centuries bear the marks of many nations that conquered the city. Explore the subterranean city and bazaars.

**Overnight Galilee** 





#### ADVENTURES IN NORTHERN ISRAEL

Breakfast at hotel.

Ascend to the **Golan Heights** for an overview of the region from the top of Mount Bental.

Board your self-drive **ATV's** for an off-road adventure along Israel's northern Border. Our local specialist will share perspectives about life in the Golan Heights and discuss the significance of the region.

Kayak along the lazy tributaries of the Jordan River (seasonal).

Home hospitality dinner with a family in Galilee.

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner prepared by a local family, a unique opportunity to meet with Israelis in their home.

**Overnight Galilee** 

## Day 5

#### EXPLORING GALILEE

Breakfast at hotel.

In the mystical city of **Safed**, birthplace of Kabbala, meander through the narrow alleys leading to ancient synagogues and artists' quarters. Learn the secrets of Kabbala, Jewish mysticism with an activity for the whole family.

**Meet with IDF soldiers** patrolling the northern border, a rare informal encounter with the young men and women, the pride of Israel, who are serving in the Israel Defense Forces.

Continue with an afternoon **hike** to explore the flora and fauna of the region (degree of difficulty adjusted to suit ability of the family). Overnight Galilee





#### **RELIVING LIFE IN GALILEE**

Breakfast and check out from hotel.
Bike around the Sea of Galilee.
Visit the first century fishing village of Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene, with ruins of the ancient synagogue and a new church built on the site, simple in design but rich in mosaics and murals.
On your drive through the Galilee, stop at Kfar Kedem to experience daily life as it was in Galilee during biblical times. Ride the rolling hills as Abraham rode them. Take in the scents that Jacob smelled tending Laban's flocks. Hear the words of the prophets as you thresh grain, make cheese, spin wool, press oil from fresh olives and wine from fresh grapes (activities are seasonal). Enjoy a biblical-style lunch at the site.
Proceed "up" to Jerusalem, the capital of Israel. Celebrate your arrival to the city with a traditional "shehecheyanu" ceremony.
Overnight Jerusalem

## Day 7

#### UNEARTHING ISRAEL

Breakfast at hotel.

Contribute to the greening of Israel and leave your mark on the land by **planting a tree** at Neot Kedumim.

Roll up your sleeves and participate in a hands-on **archaeological dig** at the site of Beit Guvrin, unearthing and sifting through layers of civilization.

As the sun sets over the city, welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall and join in a **traditional Shabbat dinner** at the home of a local Jerusalem family, featuring ethnic dishes, prayer and song.

Overnight Jerusalem





#### JERUSALEM THEN AND NOW

#### Breakfast at hotel.

Climb along the **ramparts** of the Old City walls for a bird's eye view of life within and outside the walls.

The Israel Museum is the country's national gallery. Explore the compound, including the Model of Jerusalem from Second Temple Period and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibited in the Shrine of the Book. Enjoy a hike to one of the many natural springs in the hills surrounding Jerusalem.

This evening we invite you to be our guests at the **Night Spectacular** sound & light show at the Tower of David Museum at Jaffa Gate. Overnight Jerusalem

### Day 9

#### HOLY CITY TO THREE FAITHS

#### Breakfast at hotel.

Enjoy a panoramic overview of Jerusalem from the top of the **Mount of Olives.** 

Enter the Old City via Jaffa Gate. Walk along the 2,000 year old stones of the **Cardo**, the ancient Roman marketplace in the heart of the Old City. View the Temple Mount, site of the Al Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. Walking through the Old City, we are drawn to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in the Jewish tradition. The ancient Kotel now gathers people from around the world in prayer and celebration. Spelunk through the underground **Western Wall Tunnels**, excavated under the homes and markets of the Old City. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the final Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of the crucifixion.

**Rappel** down the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem or down the cliffs of the Hinnom Valley with an amazing view of the Old City. Overnight Jerusalem





#### LOWEST PLACE ON EARTH

Breakfast at hotel.

Travel south along the Jordan Valley to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth.

Drive via Qumran, site of the secluded caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were first discovered.

Climb up the snake path to discover King Herod's mountain-top fortress at **Masada**, the last stronghold and stand of the Zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Judean Desert.

Stop for **lunch** at a local resort hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea. Relax and enjoy the facilities. We have confirmed day-use rooms for you at a local resort hotel.

Set off for a private **boat ride on the Dead Sea**, a truly unique adventure. Traveling by zodiac, discover the secrets of the ancient lake and take an unsinkable swim in the salty waters.

Overnight Jerusalem





#### TASTES OF JERUSALEM

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive through the New City of Jerusalem, past the Knesset (Israel's parliament). View the giant Menorah depicting Israel's history through the ages.

Share in a meaningful private escorted visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official Holocaust museum, dedicated to the memory of the victims and honoring the survivors. The visit is enriched with a pause at the moving Children's Memorial and a walk along the inspirational Avenue of the Righteous. Continue your exploration of Jerusalem with a visit to the 3,000 year old ruins and tunnels at the **City of David** including Warren's Shaft and the tunnel of Shiloh.

Private culinary tour in Jerusalem's Machaneh Yehuda Market with our local culinary expert. Experience Jerusalem's colorful open-air market. Sample a variety of local specialties, meet the vendors and hear their stories, and learn about the cultural food mosaic that is Israeli cuisine. Overnight Jerusalem

## Day 12

#### FAREWELL

Private transfer from your hotel to Ben Gurion Airport. VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport. Our VIP representative will meet you at the car. Fast track service through security check, flight check-in, hand baggage security and passport control. Escort to your gate

Departure on your designated flight.

Program sites and sequence are subject to change based on dates of travel.

