

Israel 14 Nights Tour With Eilat and Petra (optional)

WEDNESDAY

Arrivals at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be meet by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Tel Aviv

THURSDAY

Start the day with a visit to the Independence Hall where the State of Israel was declared. Next, drive to Latrun to visit the new "Mini Israel" park including miniature models of Israel's most important sites and buildings.

Continue with a visit to the Ayalon Institute, once an ammunitions factory for the Hagana, the underground movement active before May 1948.

Precede to Yad Mordechai, named after Mordechai Anilevitz, leader of the Warsaw Ghetto; Visit the restored battlefields of the War of Independence and learn about their heroic stories.

Overnight Tel-Aviv.

FRIDAY

Your visit the Diaspora Museum will be followed by a drive through the main streets of Tel Aviv, business and entertainment center of Israel. Stop at Rabin Square, where Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin.

was assassinated. Continue to Old Jaffa, an 8000 year old port; Visit the picturesque ancient ruins and walk along the restored artist's quarter.

Next, we go to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1909; then Nahalat Benyamin, the city's pedestrian wall featuring musicians, hand made jewelry and works of art. Then, we stop at Sheinkin, the lively and colorful street popular for its stylish shops, outdoor café life and youthful ambiance.

Overnight Tel-Aviv.



SATURDAY

Free day at leisure in Tel Aviv. Overnight Tel Aviv

SUNDAY

Drive north to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region. See the excavations of the crusaders' city, aqueduct and amphitheatre restored as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel and visit the naval museum of the illegal immigration to Israel during the British mandate.

Drive to Acre; walk along the old harbor and colorful local market; Continue to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh Hanikra.

Descend by cable car into the famous limestone grottoes.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

MONDAY

Drive to Safed, center of Kabbalism. Visit the Joseph Caro and the Ha' Ari synagogues, the most important in the city; stroll around the Artist's Quarter. Embark on an enjoyable Jeep tour to the foothills of the Golan.

Continue to the Golan Heights; Stop at an observation point over the city of Kuneitra and Syrian terrain.

Stop at Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp; Visit the gushing Banias Springs. Next, stop at 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.



TUESDAY

Drive to Tiberias to visit the Rambam's grave; Proceed to Beit Shean, also called Scythopolis, the largest archeological park in Israel filled with remarkable excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Stop at Beit Alpha to see the exquisite mosaic floor of a synagogue from the Byzantine period.

Proceed to Gan Hashlosha, (Sachne) and enjoy the pristine water springs flowing out of the foothills of Mount Gilboa, the famous site where King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines.

Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem; Stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city.

Overnight Jerusalem.

WEDNESDAY

Tour the old city of Jerusalem.

We first visit the tomb of King David on Mt. Zion, then walk along the the ancient Roman road, known as the Cardo, and visit the four Sephardic synagogues in the Jewish Quarter restored after the 1967 war.

After exploring the tunnels under the Western Wall, we'll visit the Davidson Center and walk through the Roman Cardo to the local Arab bazaar, then go through the Jaffa gate to David's Tower museum and see the ancient remains of the city from the time of the First Temple.

Overnight Jerusalem

THURSDAY

Enjoy witnessing the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies at the Western Wall, then continue to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of its ultra orthodox communities.

A drive past the Knesset, Israel's parliament will take us to see the Menorah decorated with the biblical themes. Next, we'll go to the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book containing the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the miniature replica of Jerusalem during the Second Temple.

The drive to Mount Hertzel and the military cemetery will be followed by a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial. We will visit the ammunition hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Day War and converted into a national memorial site and museum.

Overnight Jerusalem



FRIDAY

After driving through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, we'll stop at Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered, then continue to Masada, ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress, and visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, bathhouses, and more. The descent will be by cable car.

Next stop will be for lunch and a visit to the spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area.

Overnight Jerusalem

SATURDAY

Free day at leisure in Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem

SUNDAY

Beer Sheva/Sde Boker/Mitzpe Ramon/Eilat

Travel south to the Negev Desert, visit Israel's Air Force Museum at Hatzerim to view aircraft and equipment and hear the story of this brave fighting force.

Stop for a camel ride and a visit to an authentic Bedouin tent; Learn about Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch.

Proceed to Sde Boker and see Ben Gurion's hut and his grave overlooking the magnificent Zin Valley. Stop at Mitzpeh Ramon to view the amazing Ramon Crater, a geological wonder.

Arrive for overnight in Eilat.



MONDAY

Free day in Eilat or Day In Petra (optional)

After visa assistance at the Jordanian Border, we'll drive directly to Petra along desert highways to the unique rose-red city of Petra built by the Nabateans (an early nomadic tribe). Renowned for its massive rock-cut architecture, pools, dams, and water channels, Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the South of Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. The visit can include a short 700 meter horseback ride to the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) to get inside Petra and back to the gate outside.

Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The Treasury, Royal Tombs, The Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qassier El- Bint (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter), and many other smaller monuments which fascinates the visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. After the visit, time for lunch in a good restaurant. After lunch drive back to Border. On the way, a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility to walk around. Then transfer to border around 18:00 PM, and then cross to Eilat.

Overnight Eilat

TUESDAY

Eilat/Timna/Tel-Aviv

Visit the underwater observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world, built into a coral reef.

Drive to Timna to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations.

Drive back to Tel-Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv

WEDNESDAY

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport



SUMMARY OF SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS:

- Meeting & Assistance at the airport upon arrival.
- Arrival & departure transfers
- 10 full days of sightseeing in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle.
- Professional government licensed English speaking guide.
- Full Israeli breakfast daily.
- Jeep tour at the foot of the Golan
- Lunch & Swim/SPA at the Dead Sea in a Hotel by the beach
- Visit to the Western Wall tunnel
- Visit to the Davidson Center
- All entrance fees (gratuities not included).
- Camel ride
- Bedouin hospitality with lunch
- Underwater Observatory in Eilat
- 14 nights accommodation using hotel plan of your choice