



Israel Family Adventure

June 24 – July 6, 2018

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Itinerary Proposal

(Subject to Change)

Sunday June 24 DEPARTURE FROM USA

Monday June 25 BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL

- Evening arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel
- Head to **Tel Aviv** to check-in at our hotel on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea
- Evening: Meet in the hotel lobby for departure to our **Welcome to Israel Dinner**

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday June 26 TO BE FREE IN OUR OWN LAND

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart the hotel to examine the struggles leading to the birth of the State of Israel, with a dramatic reenactment at **Independence Hall** where David Ben Gurion declared the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948
- **First Timers:** “Join” a Palmach unit at the multi-media **Palmach Museum** dedicated to this elite force of the pre-State Haganah.
- **Returnees:** Head to Tel Aviv's Rabin Museum which tells the story of the State of Israel through the life story of former Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin**
- Shopping time & lunch on your own at the **Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Market & Carmel Shuk** outdoor market
- Brief tour of **Old Jaffa** with its artist's galleries and thousands of years of history
- Enjoy the **urban beaches** of Tel Aviv right outside our hotel.
- Evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday June 27 UP TO JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Session with **Professor Paul Liptz** “Introduction to Israeli Society”
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Saying *lehitraot* to Tel Aviv, we'll head to **Tel Azeka** overlooking the Elah Valley, and revisit the Biblical accounts of **David & Goliath** and gain insight to David's ascendancy to the monarchy.
- Packed Lunch
- Ascend to Jerusalem and celebrate our arrival with **Shehechyanu** and the magnificent views of the city from the **Haas Promenade**. Begin our exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem

starting with the stories of *Akedat Yitzhak* & David's establishment of the city as capital of Israel 3,000 years ago

- Step back 3,000 years to the days of **King David** and the days of the First Temple at the latest archeological finds at **the City Of David** (the original Jerusalem); walk through the water systems built thousands of years ago to secure Jerusalem's water supply from invading armies. (*Dry option available*)
- Check-in at our hotel; dinner and evening on your own in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Thursday June 28 **JERUSALEM THE HOLY THROUGH THE AGES**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Explore the restored **Jewish Quarter** together and examine the life of the city through the ages including the rooftops, the Cardo and the Kotel overlook.
- Lunch and shopping time on your own in the Old City
- At the **Davidson Southern Temple Mount** Archeological Park step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple. Examine the centrality of the Temple experience in Jewish tradition
- Private prayer and contemplation time at the **Kotel** (*Western Wall*)
- At the **Kotel Tunnels**, continue learning about the Temple experience
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Friday June 29 **FROM OUT OF THE CRUCIBLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Briefing** at the hotel on the latest diplomatic and security issues
- **First Timers:** Visit and stand in solemn memory at Israel's **Yad Vashem** memorial to the Holocaust including the children's memorial and the historical museum
- **Returnees:** Explore how the Shoa experience and memory impacts contemporary Jewish and Israeli identity. Our visit will include the **Valley of the Communities** and memorials.
- *Children under 10 years old will visit the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo*
- After Yad Vashem, celebrate the vitality of life in Jerusalem. Explore and have lunch on your own at the famous bustling open-air **Machane Yehudah** market as the city prepares for Shabbat .
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat .
- Walk to the Old City for our own **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at the egalitarian prayer area near the Kotel. Then join thousands in greeting Shabbat with song, dance and prayer at the **Kotel**.
- Walk back to the hotel for a late Shabbat Dinner

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat June 30 **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45 AM – Meet in the hotel lobby to walk to Shabbat morning services at **Kehilat Kol HaNeshamah**
- Walk back to the hotel for Shabbat lunch, rest and pool time.
- Late afternoon walking tour to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** where we will consider the Christian connection to and presence in Jerusalem
- Return to the hotel for dinner and **Havdallah**
- Head to the **Tower of David** Museum for the **Night Spectacular Sound & Light Show**

- Additional Options on your own: *The Israel Museum* is open from 10 AM – 4 PM and the **Tower of David Museum** is open from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday July 1 **DIG THE PAST**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Visit the innovative **Yad LaKashish** (Lifeline for the Elderly), including the workshops and gift shop – where shopping is a mitzvah!
- Continue to the slopes of **Mt. Scopus** sifting project to participate in an **archeological salvage dig** in Emek Tzurim, sifting through earth and artifacts from the **Temple Mount**.
- Packed Lunch
- Head south to the Kfar HaNokdim Bedouin Ranch we'll have a **camel trek, Bedouin hospitality and dinner.**
- Get a few hours of sleep in nearby Arad before our sunrise ascent to Masada

Overnight: Inbar Hotel, Arad

Monday July 2 **WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?**

- Wakeup for a pre-sunrise climb to the fortress of **Masada** where the last Jewish freedom fighters faced the mighty Roman Empire 2,000 years ago.
- **Shacharit services** and tour atop the mountain as we address the troubling issues presented by the Masada story.
- Descend by cable car or Snake Path to a simple breakfast at the Masada Visitors Center.
- Head to the Dead Sea for a **float in the Dead Sea** and lunch.
- Later, head north through the Jordan River Valley for check-in and dinner at our hotel in **Tzfat**, city of the Jewish Mystics.

Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tzfat

Tuesday July 3 **LIVING WATERS**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart hotel on foot to explore the narrow alleyways and synagogues of **Tzfat** and learn how the mystical traditions that emerged here 500 years ago continue to impact the Jewish world.
- Meet a **Kabalistic artist** in his studio; learn about Kabbalah via the lens of art.
- Lunch on your own shop and time to explore the galleries and shops of Tzfat,
- In the afternoon, we'll **raft down the "mighty" Jordan River.**
- Dinner with live Jewish music

Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tzfat

Wednesday July 4 **LAND OF BORDERS**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Delve into the complex security and water issues on the **Golan Heights**, starting with a **nature hike** at the beautiful **Tel Dan Nature Reserve** incorporating the headwaters of the Jordan River & ancient Biblical City Dan.
- Head to Israel's **border with Syria** to better understand the political and security situation.
- Lunch on your own in Katzrin, capital of the Golan
- Visit and stand in solidarity with **IDF soldiers guarding** Israel's border with **Lebanon.** *Learn about life on a border Kibbutz.*

- Wine & cheese tasting and dinner at the **Adir Winery** and **Goat Dairy**.

Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tzfat

Thursday July 5 **LAND OF MANY CULTURES**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel.
- Head to **Haifa**. Stand at the top of **Mt. Carmel** for dramatic **views** of Haifa and the **Bahai Gardens**. *Haifa is the world center of the Bahai faith.*
- Visit and meet members of Haifa's **Or Hadash Reform Congregation**
- Lunch on your own
- Continue to **Givat Haviva**, a community dedicated to fostering peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs. Meet **Israeli Arabs** and gain insight to the complicated nature of Israeli Arab identity.
- At the ancient Roman capital and port at **Caesarea**, we'll examine the complex relationships between the Roman pagan world and Jews & Judaism during the Second Temple Period and beyond.
- Summary Session and Farewell Dinner before heading to Ben Gurion International Airport for group flight to the USA

Friday July 6 **SHALOM ULEHITRAOT**

- Arrive in USA

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and a Keshet Youth Counselor
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