



# The Story of Israel - Past to the Future

## (#20660)

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### Overview

Thursday Departure

### Trip Highlights

Tel Aviv-Haifa-Galilee-Jerusalem-Dead Sea-Eilat

## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01**

**Day 01: Thursday Arrival**



Upon arrival to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight. Overnight Tel Aviv.

### Day 02

#### Day 02: Friday Tel Aviv

Our first day of touring will begin immediately after breakfast. An interesting walking tour of Tel Aviv and Jaffa is ahead of us. We will start on Rothschild Boulevard, where we will see Tel Aviv's beautiful Bauhaus style architecture, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will continue on to Neve Tzedek – Tel Aviv's very first neighbourhood. The next stop will be Jaffa, the world's oldest port city, for a view of the old city and its well-known artist's colony. To end our day, you will enjoy free time at one of Tel Aviv's busiest areas on Friday afternoons – the Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Fair and Carmel Outdoor Market - for great sounds, smells and of course, great shopping. Overnight Tel Aviv.

### Day 03

#### Day 03: Saturday Free day in Tel Aviv

Day at leisure in Tel Aviv. Overnight Tel Aviv.

### Day 04

#### Day 04: Sunday Rehovot / Caesaria / Zichron Yaacov / Haifa

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and drive to Rehovot. Our first stop will be at the Weizmann Institute which played a key role in the development of the state. We will enjoy the presentation of high technology and see the mansion house of Haim Weizmann, the first president of Israel. Visit Caesarea, built over 2000 years ago by King Herod the Great, which served as a key Mediterranean port for centuries. Hear about Caesarea's role in Jewish history, including its part in the Great Revolt of AD66. Onwards to the Carmel Mountain range to visit Zichron Yaacov, for a stroll through the historic streets of one of the earliest settlements from Israel's first immigration period founded in 1882 by Baron Edmond de Rothschild. Continue to Mount Carmel and into Haifa - Israel's major port city, with a stop at the Louis Promenade for a great view of the Haifa Bay and the beautiful Baha'i Gardens. Overnight Haifa.



## Day 05

### Day 05: Monday Safed / Galilee

Check out after an Israeli breakfast in the hotel. Our journey will begin with a drive through the mountain ranges and valleys which extend from the west to the east of the Galilee region. Drive up to Safed (Safed), where we will walk through ancient sections of the city and hear stories of the Kabbalists and their ancient synagogues. Our Safed tour will end with a visit to its famous artists' colony. Continue to Rosh Pina, originally founded in 1878 by a group of ultra-orthodox Jews intending to become farmers, with the support of Baron Edmund de Rothschild. Rosh Pina is one of Israel's oldest colonies but today boasts a small town known for great restaurants, cafés and art galleries. In the afternoon, we will visit the beautiful Hula Valley, Israel's first Nature Reserve, which has become one of the world's most important centres for bird watching and ornithology. Overnight Kibbutz hotel.

## Day 06

### Day 06: Tuesday Golan Heights

This touring day will give you an opportunity to enjoy the north of Israel in a unique and exciting way. We will start our day by driving up into the Golan Heights. Visit Tel Faher (Golani Lookout), a former Syrian outpost in the Golan which was the site of an intense battle during the Six-Day War. Continue to Mount Bental, a beautiful spot for a panoramic view of the Upper Galilee, the Golan Heights, Mount Hermon and Syria. We will then walk through The Golan Olive Oil Mill and Visitor Centre, a uniquely designed building with ancient ambience, as your guide explains the olive oil production process, including the evolution from antique tools to modern machinery. We will finish the touring day with a visit to a Golan Heights Winery for an Israeli wine-tasting tour and to get an up close and personal view of the wine production process. The rest of the day is free to relax in the pastoral surroundings of the kibbutz. Overnight Kibbutz hotel.

## Day 07

### Day 07: Wednesday Jerusalem

Check out from the hotel and depart for our touring day. Our first stop will be at the Tel Hai Museum. This memorial is dedicated to a dramatic battle in 1920 led by Joseph Trumpeldor, a hero known for his national loyalty. Then we will descend to the shores of Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) for a visit to Tiberias, a city which was a significant spiritual centre during the Mishna and Talmudic periods. We will drive south through the Jezreel Valley - a green fertile plain and inland valley, covered with fields of wheat, melon, oranges, beans, chickpeas, cotton, sunflowers and corn. Passing by the city of Afula we continue south to the point where the road begins ascending from the coastal plain to the hills of Jerusalem. Situated in the narrow opening known as Bab-al-Wad (Gate of the Valley), we arrive at Khan Sha'ar HaGai, a reconstruction



of an old Ottoman building, commemorating the courageous men and women who fought fierce battles and brought food, supplies and manpower to under-siege Jerusalem during the War of Independence. Continuing our journey we arrive to Jerusalem, stopping at Mt. Scopus for a magnificent view of the city and a brief explanation about the capital's past and future. Overnight Jerusalem.

### Day 08

### Day 08: Thursday Jerusalem Old City

After breakfast, we will start our tour at the City of David for a virtual reality movie about King David's historical city, and a "wet" walking tour of the ancient water system connecting Warren's Shaft to the Shiloah tunnels (Hezekiah's Tunnel). Then walk through one of the Old City of Jerusalem's many ancient gates to the Archaeological Garden and the new Southern Wall excavations (Davidson Centre) - the same steps once used by pilgrims entering the Holy Temple. Visit the Western Wall (Ha Kotel), the colourful bazaars and the Cardo and the restored Jewish Quarter. Overnight Jerusalem.

### Day 09

### Day 09: Friday Jerusalem New City

Visit the graves of Israel's former prime ministers, and soldiers who died in battle, at the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery. We will then continue to the museum at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, including the Valley of the Communities. We will pass by the Knesset - Israel's Parliament building, as well as the famous Menorah and the new home of Israel's Supreme Court. Visit the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book with a display of Dead Sea Scrolls and visit the model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple period. Then continue for a neighbourhood tour around the Mahane Yehuda Market to meet different local ethnic groups and taste some of their cultural foods. Return to the Western Wall to participate in meaningful Kabbalat Shabbat services as the Jewish Sabbath descends over Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem.

### Day 10

### Day 10: Saturday Free day in Jerusalem

Day at leisure in Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem.

### Day 11

### Day 11: Sunday Masada / Dead Sea





We will drive south, through the Judean hills to the shore of the Dead Sea, starting at Ein Gedi Nature Reserve for an easy hike through this natural desert oasis. Continue along the shoreline of the lowest place on earth to the infamous Masada where we will ascend by cable car to see where Jewish defenders made their last stand against the Romans in AD 73. Next, continue to our hotel by the Dead Sea shore for free time at the hotel spa and floating on the salty waters. Overnight Dead Sea.

## Day 12

### Day 12: Monday Eilat

Check out after breakfast and follow the “Peace Road” - a fascinating drive along part of the border between the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Jordan. Along the way enjoy views of the cultivated fields of Idan, Hatzeva and Ein Yahav, observation points that overlook the landscapes of the Arava streambed, the mountains of Edom and the reservoirs that irrigate the fields of the desert. We will continue to marvel at the immense, multi-coloured rock formations with a tour of Timna Park, viewing the ancient copper mines and the spectacular King Solomon’s Pillars. Drive to Eilat, Israel’s southernmost city and port, where our day will end with a Desert Jeep Safari through the Eilat Mountains. Overnight Eilat.

## Day 13

### Day 13: Tuesday Tel Aviv/ Ben Gurion Airport

Check out and transfer to Ramon Airport, Eilat for your flight to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv for the international flight back home.

## Inclusions

- Transfer on arrival and departure (from/to Ben Gurion Airport)
- Assistance at the airport upon arrival
- 12 nights accommodation on Bed & Breakfast
- 2 dinners in the Galilee
- Transfer and flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv
- Entrance fees to the sites visited as per itinerary

## Exclusions



International airfares  
Optional activities  
Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program  
Travel insurance  
Gratuities  
Voluntary tips for guides or drivers  
Travel and medical insurance  
Any items not mentioned as included

## Note

Hotels Used

Plan A

Tel Aviv - Dan

Haifa - Dan Carmel

Galilee - Kibbutz Hagoshrim

Jerusalem - King David

Dead Sea - Nevo Hotel

Eilat - Dan

Plan B

Tel Aviv - Carlton

Haifa - Dan Carmel

Galilee - Kibbutz Hagoshrim

Jerusalem - David Citadel / Mamilla

Dead Sea - Nevo Hotel

Eilat - Royal Beach

Plan C

Tel Aviv - Dan Panorama / Crown Plaza Beach

Haifa - Dan Panorama

Galilee - Kibbutz Hagoshrim

Jerusalem - Dan Panorama / Cassia

Dead Sea - David

Eilat - Dan Panorama



NOTE: Tours will be operated on the dates mentioned.

Children under the age of 5 are not accepted on the tour.

Please note that the sequence of the tour and sites visited may be amended due to circumstances at the company's or the guide's discretion.

Thursday Departure.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

### 10 Jul, 2025

Plan A

AUD 11,433 P P twin share

AUD 17,997 P P single

AVAILABLE

Plan B

AUD 11,060 P P twin share

AUD 17,288 P P single

AVAILABLE

Plan C

AUD 8,431 P P twin share

AUD 12,307 P P single

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### 07 Aug, 2025

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Plan B

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AUD 17,288 P P single

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Plan C

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### 04 Sep, 2025

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AUD 11,433 P P twin share

AUD 17,997 P P single

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Plan B

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AUD 17,288 P P single

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Plan C

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AUD 12,307 P P single

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### 16 Oct, 2025

#### Plan A

AUD 11,252 P P twin share

AUD 17,633 P P single

AVAILABLE

#### Plan B

AUD 10,876 P P twin share

AUD 16,923 P P single

AVAILABLE

#### Plan C

AUD 8,008 P P twin share

AUD 11,526 P P single

AVAILABLE

### 13 Nov, 2025

#### Plan A

AUD 11,252 P P twin share

AUD 17,633 P P single

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#### Plan B

AUD 10,876 P P twin share

AUD 16,923 P P single

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#### Plan C

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### 04 Dec, 2025

#### Plan A

AUD 10,677 P P twin share

AUD 17,056 P P single

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#### Plan B

AUD 10,300 P P twin share

AUD 15,839 P P single

AVAILABLE

#### Plan C

AUD 7,855 P P twin share

AUD 11,221 P P single

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### 08 Jan, 2026

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AUD 10,677 P P twin share

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### 12 Feb, 2026

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