

Ayelet Tours, Ltd.®

JEWISH HERITAGE IN DEPTH +EILAT

Friday arrival -12 nights

Day 1, FRIDAY: - Arrival to Israel... Greeting and assistance by an Ayelet representative... Overnight Tel-Aviv.

Day 2, SATURDAY: Breakfast... Day at leisure... Overnight Tel-Aviv.

Day 3, SUNDAY: Breakfast... Drive north to **Caesarea**, once the Roman capital of the region... See the excavations of the crusaders' city, the aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored as a concert venue... Proceed to **Haifa** for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel and visit "AF AL PI CHEN", the naval museum of the illegal immigration to Israel at the time of the British Mandate... Drive to **Akko**... Walk along the old harbour and local market... Continue to the northernmost point of Israel at **Rosh Hanikra**... Descend by cable car into the limestone grottoes... Overnight at a kibbutz guesthouse.

Day 4, MONDAY: Breakfast... Drive to **Safed**, center of Kabbalah movement... Visit the Caro and the Ha'ari Synagogues, the most important synagogues in the city... Stroll around the Artist's Quarter... Enjoy a **Jeep tour** to the foot of the Golan... Continue to the **Golan Heights**... Stop at an observation point over the city of Kuneitra and the Syrian territory... Stop at **Tel Facher**, a former Syrian Army camp... Visit the **Banias springs**... Next, a visit to **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.

Day 5, TUESDAY: Breakfast... Begin the day with a **tree planting**... Drive to **Tiberias** to visit Rambam's grave... Proceed to **Beit Shean**, also called "Scythopolis", the biggest archeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods... Stop at **Beit Alpha** to see the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue from the Byzantine period... On to **Gan Hashlosha, (Sachne)** where you will have an opportunity to enjoy the water springs located at the foot of the Gilboa Mountain, the famous mountain on which King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines... Continue via the Jordan Valley to **Jerusalem**... Stop at **Mount Scopus** for a "SH'HEKHIANU!" blessing as you enter the city... Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 6, WEDNESDAY: Breakfast... Tour the **Old City** of Jerusalem... Start with a visit of the tomb of King David on **Mt. Zion**... Walk along the **Cardo**, the ancient Roman market... Visit the four Sepharadic synagogues in the Jewish Quarter restored after the 1967 War ... Tour the **Kotel Tunnels**... Visit the **Davidson Center** and walk through the Roman Cardo to the local Arab bazaar... Walk through Jaffa Gate to the **David's Tower Museum** and see the ancient remains of the city beginning with the First Temple period... Overnight Jerusalem.

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Day 7, THURSDAY: Breakfast... Celebrate the **Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies** at the Kotel... Continue to **Mea Shearim** and learn about the unique lifestyle of the Ultra Orthodox communities... Drive by the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems... Next visit the **Israel Museum** and the **Shrine of the Book** where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and the new **Holyland Model** – a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period... Drive to **Mount Herzl**, the military cemetery, and **Yad Vashem**, the memorial to the Holocaust ... Visit **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.

Day 8, FRIDAY: Breakfast... Drive through the Judean Desert to the **Dead Sea**... Stop at **Qumeran**, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found... Continue to **Masada**, ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress... Visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue and the bathhouses... Descend by cable car... Next stop for **lunch and spa** facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area... Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 9, SATURDAY: Breakfast... Day at leisure... Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 10, SUNDAY: Breakfast... Travel south to the **Negev Desert**, visit Israel's **Airforce Museum** at Hatzirim to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force... Visit **Sde Boker** and see Ben Gurion's hut and grave overlooking the magnificent Zin Valley... Stop at **Mitzpeh Ramon** to gaze into the **Ramon Crater**, a geological wonder... Drive to **Timna** to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations... Arrive in **Eilat** for overnight.

Day 11, MONDAY: Breakfast... Day at leisure... Stroll around the city's streets, the beach promenade and enjoy the water sport activities... Overnight Eilat.

Day 12, TUESDAY: Breakfast... Visit the **underwater observatory**, one of largest aquariums in the world, built into a coral reef... Drive to **Mamshit** for a camel riding experience and a visit to an authentic **Bedouin tent**... Enjoy Bedouin hospitality and a light lunch... Drive back to Tel Aviv for overnight.

Day 13, WEDNESDAY: Breakfast... Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

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**itinerary subject to change*

