

Chabad of Noe Valley Israel Trip June 5-13, 2017

Day 1 Monday June 5th

WELCOME TO HOLY ISRAEL! (VIP Welcome)

VIP Welcome at Ben Gurion Airport & Journey into Northern Israel

After landing, a Shalom Israel Tours representative will be waiting to welcome you as you exit the plane. Your party will be transported in a private vehicle to the flight staff passport control, continue to luggage identification. Next you'll meet your guide and travel north to arrive at your hotel and refresh from your journey. Let's begin your journey!

Overnight: The Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tzfat

<u>Day 2 Tuesday June 6th</u> (Professional Guide & Vehicle) *TZFAT – THE HOLY CITY OF AIR*

Golan Heights Jeeping Adventure

Jeep tours take you off the road to hard-to-reach places, such as streams, fields and mud tracks. The Golan is green and lush, with small villages nestled into the hills. Learn about the biblical and historical importance of the Golan sites while enjoying a bumpy jeep ride.

Mount Bental IDF Bunker

Enjoy views of Syria from a key mountaintop location on Israel's northern border. From the top of this dormant volcano, you will see the majestic Mount Hermon, the picturesque Druze villages of the Golan and bunkers and trenches left over from the Yom Kippur War.

Tzfat Old City & Artist Quarter

Tzfat is one of the four holy cities in Israel. It has served as a spiritual center since the 1600s, when famous Kabbalists roamed here. Tzfat awaits art lovers, soul-seekers and historians to cobblestone alleys, medieval synagogues, galleries and mystical atmosphere.

The Holy Ari's Mikveh

Explore the Ari's tomb, where the 16th century spiritual Kabbalistic, Rabbi Isaac Luria, was laid to rest. Tradition holds that immediately before burial, the Ari miraculously rose to purify and immerse himself in the adjacent spring's ritual bath.

Ancient Tzfat Cemetery

See the tombs of sages and mystics, including Rabbi Isaac Luria, Rabbi Yosef Caro, and Rabbi Shlomo Alkabetz at one of the world's most famous Jewish cemeteries. Hosea the Prophet and additional biblical figures are also believed to be buried here!

Tzfat BBQ & Klezmer Concert

Toward the late afternoon watch the sun begin to set over the mountains and enjoy a BBQ buffet and music played by famous Tzfat musicians while we enjoy a discussion on Kaballah.

Overnight: The Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tzfat



<u>Day 3 Wednesday June 7th</u> (Professional Guide & Vehicle) **THE KINNERET & TIBERIAS – THE HOLY CITY OF WATER**

Tiberias & the Sea of Galilee

Learn about Tiberias old and new. The city was founded in the first century and is located on the shores of Israel's main source of fresh water, the Sea of Galilee. Walk along the Sea of Galilee Promenade and learn about famous Jewish sages Maimonides and Rabbi Akiva.

Graves of Holy Sages-Tiberias

The burial place of pillars in Jewish history, here you will visit the grave of the Rambam, world renowned and the famous codifier of Jewish law, along with Rabbi Akiva, common shepherd turned brilliant Torah scholar, who at age 40, decided to start learning Torah.

Ancient Beit Alfa Synagogue

Built during the Byzantine era, this excavated synagogue is most well known for its miraculously preserved mosaic. The mosaic vividly portrays the Binding of Isaac, the Temple of Jerusalem and the Zodiac, demonstrating Roman influence on Jewish culture.

Jericho Valley Lookout Point

Mitzpe Jericho is located on the edge of the Judean desert and offers stunning panoramic views of the Dead Sea, Jordan River, the ancient city of Jericho and the surrounding hills.

Mount Scopus Jerusalem

End the day with a beautiful drive through the Jordan Valley and ascend to Jerusalem. We'll stop at Mount Scopus as you enter the city to say the blessing of "Shehechiyanu" to celebrate the joyous occasion of entering the holy capital. Welcome to Jerusalem, our eternal Capital.

The Western Wall

Here stands the remnant of the ancient Jewish Temple. People come from all over the world to pray at the wall and feel its strong spiritual presence. Write down your greatest wish and place it in the wall cracks, following the tradition of thousands of years and millions of Jews.

Overnight: The David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

<u>Day 4 Thursday June 8th</u> (Professional Guide & Vehicle) *JERUSALEM – THE HOLY CITY OF FIRE*

Western Wall Tunnels

These famous underground tunnels contain remnants of entire rooms from the Second Temple period. At Warren's Gate, you'll stand just a few feet away from where the Holy Ark stood, and feel the yearning of the Jewish people for the Temple for thousands of years.

Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls

Founded in 1965, this is the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel and one of the world's leading art and archaeology museums. Here you will find the oldest existing biblical manuscripts in the world, the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are housed in the Shrine of the Book.



Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum

In 1963, the Yad Vashem Museum was established as the world center for Holocaust research, education and commemoration. With survivor testimonies, powerful displays, artifacts and memorial gardens, this museum embodies one crucial message: Never again.

Jerusalem "Shuk" Machne Yehuda Market

With more than 250 vendors, this bustling outdoor marketplace is considered the heartbeat of central Jerusalem. Whatever you are looking for, the shuk has it: clothing, Judaica, fresh produce, meats, diamonds, restaurants — and an array of colorful characters throughout.

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<u>Day 5 Friday June 9th</u> (Professional Guide & Vehicle) **HEBRON – THE HOLY CITY OF EARTH**

Hebron – The Holy City of Earth

Visit the second-holiest site in all of Israel, Hebron. Tour the Cave of the Patriarchs & Matriarchs: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah. Stop by the Avraham Avinu synagogue and meet with local Chabad of Hebron!

Rachel's Tomb

The matriarch Rachel is a symbol of hope and prayer for the Jewish people, as she was childless for many years but ultimately became the mother of the Jewish people. Tradition has it that Rachel cried for the Jewish people as they passed her tomb on their way to exile.

Friday Night Tour to the Western Wall

On the eve of Shabbat, Jerusalem transforms; stores shut down, and streets and alleyways fall silent, as all begin to anticipate the weekly Shabbat. Our 2000-year-old tour will pass through Jaffa gate and the Golden Menorah, and end at the Wall right as Shabbat begins.

Shabbat Dinner & Overnight: The David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

<u>Day 6 Shabbat June 10th</u> (Professional Guide) **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

Shabbat Morning at Leisure & Lunch

Enjoy breakfast and your morning at leisure and Shabbat lunch at your hotel.

Jerusalem Old City Shabbat Afternoon Tour

We'll explore the Old City's Four Quarters; each stone has a remarkable story to tell...

Tower of David Night Spectacular Show

In the evening you'll head back to the Tower of David's rooftop to view an epic nighttime extravaganza of sight and sound, depicting the conquests of the Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, Turks and others, as they tried to overtake Jerusalem. This show is simply "Spectacular."

Overnight: The David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem



<u>Day 7 Sunday June 11th</u> (Professional Guide & Vehicle) **THE JUDEAN DESERT – KING HERODS FOTRESS**

Masada Mountain & Cable Car

Ride via cable car to the top of Masada and explore what remains of King Herod's palace. See what it was like to live there as you view the preserved baths, cisterns and barracks. It was here that leader Eleazer Ben Yair kept the Roman Legion's siege at bay for three years.

Dead Sea Float Experience

Yam Hamelach, literally meaning "Sea of Salt," is 417 meters below sea level, making it the lowest place on earth. Its salty water contains unique healing properties, which, combined with the nutrient-filled mud found on its shores, creates one luxurious and healthy day.

Ein Gedi National Park

In the biblical period, David hid from Saul amongst the streams and canyons of Ein Gedi. Today, Ein Gedi serves as a refuge from city life and from the arid desert. Enjoy a nature walk amongst date trees, waterfalls, caves and ibex. On a hot day, cool off in the water.

Qumran Caves National Park

Learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls and the people who wrote them when you explore the Qumran National Park. Marvel at the table-like structures that are said to have been used to write the scrolls, the ritual baths and the caves where the scrolls were discovered in 1947.

Overnight: The David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

<u>Day 8 Monday June 12th</u> (Professional Guide & Vehicle) *TEL AVIV – ISRAEL'S MODERN JOURNEY*

Welcome to Tel Aviv

Stretching along a beautiful beach strip of the Mediterranean Sea for 100 years, Tel Aviv is considered the face of modern Israel. Nicknamed "The White City" for its abundance of Bauhaus style architecture, Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage City in 2003.

<u>Israel's Independence Hall</u>

On May 14th, 1948, David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the founding of the State of Israel, establishing the first Jewish state in 2,000 years. Today, the space where this occasion took place serves as a museum that tells the story of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

Neve Tsedek Neighborhood

One of Tel Aviv's first neighborhoods, Neve Tzedek was built in 1887. This area has housed several famous artists and writers, including Nobel Prize winner S Y Agnon. Today, Neve Tzedek is home to several boutique art galleries, independent cafes and cultural centers.

Old Jaffa Port & Market

Built 4,000 years ago, the Jaffa Port is the oldest in the world. The prophet Jonah embarked on his ill-fated journey from this port, and building materials for the First and Second Temples were delivered to Jaffa. The metropolis of Tel Aviv is largely an extension of Jaffa.

Overnight: The Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv



<u>Day 9 Tuesday June 13th</u> (Airport Chauffeur) FAREWELL FOR NOW...WE'LL MISS YOU!

Farewell Transfer...We'll Miss you!

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure from Israel...Bye for now!

ISRAEL TOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

2 nights Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tzfat, June 5-7 5 nights David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem, June 7-12 1 night Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv, June 12-13

MEALS IN YOUR TOUR

Daily Breakfast Buffet at each Hotel Welcome Dinner at your Tzfat Hotel Tzfat Old City BBQ & Klezmer Concert Shabbat Dinner & Lunch in Jerusalem Farewell Dinner at a Tel Aviv Restaurant

PROFESSIONAL TOUR SERVICES

VIP Welcome at Ben Gurion Airport Group Journey into Northern Israel Group Farewell Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport Friday Night & Shabbat Day Professional Guide 6 Days Private Professional Guide & Tour Vehicle All Sites & Activities per the Tour Itinerary Shalom Israel Tour Maps/Hats/Bottle Carriers

SITES YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

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Ancient Tzfat Cemetery
Golan Heights Jeeping Experience
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TOTAL LAND PACKAGE PRICING:

Number of Participants	6	8	10	12	14
Per Adult Double Occupancy	\$3,880	\$3,440	\$3,280	\$3,040	\$2,890

Single Supplement Cost: \$1,280

Reservation: \$300/ person deposit, Final payment: 45 days prior to arrival in Israel.