

Dorot - Bar and Bat Mitzvah Israel Experience



December 2027

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Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL - WELCOME TO ISRAEL! (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, December 21
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- Welcome to Israel - the journey begins!! Pick up from the airport and head to Neot Kedumim
- Discover the **Neot Kedumim Biblical Landscape** & take part in group bonding activities including sheep-herding, tree-planting & more
- **Bnei Mitzvah** Welcome Ceremony and **L'Chaim** by the windmill in Mishkenot Sha'ananim, overlooking the Old City
- Check into the hotel and relax
- Dinner at hotel - included

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 2 - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, December 22
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- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- Departure
- **Bnei Mitzvah Tikkun Olam Project** - Package food for the needy at **Pantry Packers** as part of a meaningful chesed experience.
- Introduction to the Old City of Jerusalem at the impressive **Jaffa Gate**
- Walk along the **Ramparts of the Old City Walls** from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate
- Participate in a fun and interactive **scavenger hunt** in the **Jewish Quarter** with maps & mission packs in-hand
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter on own - not included
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall** - A personal moment to connect with Jewish history and prepare spiritually for your big day
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past
- Dinner on own - not included

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 3 - BNEI MITZVAH DAY!! MAZAL TOV! (NO GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, December 23
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure for the Old City
- Meet **drummers & musicians** at the Dung Gate & dance to the Ezrat Yisrael
- **Mazel tov!!! Bnei Mitzvah ceremony** by Robinson's Arch followed by family photo-shoot
- **Celebratory brunch** at local restaurant - included
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial with a special Bnei Mitzvah Tour & Twinning Project. (Please note that minimum age for entry into the museum is 10 years old. Younger children to go to the **Biblical Zoo**).
- Dinner on own - not included

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 4 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AND MACHANE YEHUDAH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, December 24 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure (For dig - Wear closed toe shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty)
- Learn about the most famous battle in history when David killed the giant Goliath in the **Valley of Elah**
- Participate in a real-life archaeological excavation as you **Dig for a Day** in Bet Guvrin. This is followed by a spelunking adventure as you explore the underground caves & subterranean passageways.
- Lunch on own at Machane Yehuda - not included
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market** as Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat.
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- First night of Chanukah - Candle lighting
- Join thousands of Jews from around the globe in joyous celebration of Shabbat at the **Western Wall**
- **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel with **IDF lone soldiers** (pending availability), including personal stories and a meaningful moment for the Bnei Mitzvah to reflect on celebrating in Israel - Included

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, December 25
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning of leisure
- Join morning services at a local synagogue
- Lunch on own - not included
- **Walking tour in the nearby neighborhoods**- German Colony, Baka, Yemin Moshe or Talbiyah
- Come together for a meaningful **musical Havdalah** overlooking the Old City, a beautiful way to end Shabbat and reflect on your Bar Mitzvah journey in Israel.
- Chanukah Candle Lighting - 2nd night
- Dinner on own - not included
- Watch the **Sound-&-Light Spectacular** screened on the walls of the **Tower of David**. (Show is outdoors. Please dress warmly & ensure to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start.)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, December 26

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Checkout of the hotel
- Depart for the Judean Desert. (Don't forget protection against the sun, comfortable walking shoes, bathing suit, water shoes & towel)
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch on own at the Masada Food Court - not included
- Explore the beautiful **desert oasis of Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cool off under a waterfall (time permitting)
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Kalya Beach**
- Travel North
- Check in to hotel, rest and relax in room
- Chanukah Candle Lighting - 3rd night
- Dinner at hotel - included

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 7 - GOLAN HEIGHTS (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, December 27

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Lookout over the border with Syria from atop the former Israeli forward post of **Mt. Bental** & gain a deeper understanding of the complex & changing realities on the ground
- Children - Participate in a fun **chocolate-making workshop** at De Karina in Ein Zivan
- Adults - Sample the local fare at the award-winning **Pelter Winery** in Ein Zivan.
- Packed lunch - included
- Visit the ancient city of **Gamla** - "Masada of the North" & site of a unique nature conservation project to reintroduce the Griffon Vulture to the wild
- Enjoy a **boat ride** on the **Sea of Galilee** with music
- Dinner on own in Tiberias - not included
- Return to the hotel
- Chanukah Candle Lighting - 4th night

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 8 - UPPER GALILEE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, December 28

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Explore the gorgeous **Tel Dan** Nature Reserve where nature, history & hydro-politics come together
- Enjoy an off-road **ATV ride** on the slopes of the Golan Heights and relive the drama of the battle during the Six Day War
- Picnic lunch - included
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- Discover the secrets behind the writing of Sifrei Torah, Tefillin & Mezuzot at **Otzar HaStam**
- Return to the hotel
- Chanukah Candle Lighting - 5th night
- Dinner at the hotel - included

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 9 - LOWER GALILEE TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, December 29

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Checkout & departure
- Hike along the **Arbel Cliffs** with stunning views of the Sea of Galilee
- Transport yourself back to the days of the Mishna & Talmud at **Kfar Kedem** - including donkey rides, pita-baking and a delicious lunch
- Discover the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more...
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Check into the hotel
- Chanukah Candle Lighting - 6th night
- Dinner on own - not included

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel - Tel Aviv

**DAY 10 - TEL AVIV AND DEPARTURE (NO GUIDE,
TRANSPORTATION)**

**Thursday, December 30
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Along Rothschild Boulevard, explore the story of the **birth of Tel Aviv** and the establishment of the State of Israel, from the first Zionist congress through May 14th, 1948
- Enjoy a **Street Art Graffiti Tour** of the bohemian **Florentine Neighborhood** & feel the pulse of Tel Aviv followed by a graffiti workshop
- Lunch at the **Carmel Market** - not included
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**
- **Trip summary** with your guide & **closing circle** – a final reflection on what this journey has meant to the Bnei Mitzvah and your families
- Final Dinner - included
- Travel to the airport
- Next Year in Jerusalem!

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