

TEMPLE BETH EL ALLENTOWN ISRAEL EXPERIENCE



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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 - WELCOME TO ISRAEL!!! TRAVEL TO THE NORTH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, May 03 2027

- **Welcome to Israel!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion - we will all meet at the arrival halls (time TBD) and met by our guide, transportation and Israel Maven representative.
- Opening session at the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more...
- Visit the Druze village of **Daliat El Carmel** and hear the story of **Butina Halavi** - a Druze artist who dedicates her life to commemorating the Holocaust
<https://haipo.co.il/item/267816>
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Dinner at hotel (included)
- Evening orientation and special (short) ceremony for Yom Hashoa

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 2 - UPPER GALILEE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, May 04 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- 10:00am - **Stand still with the rest of Israel** as we remember the 6 million who perished in the Holocaust as the siren is heard across the nation
- Meet with Kabbalistic artist **Avraham Loewenthal** to discuss the concepts of Kabbalah that inspire his art
- Lunch on own in Tzfat
- Meet with local residents at **Kibbutz Misgav Am** on the border with Lebanon & hear about life in the shadow of the Hezbollah
- Meet with locals in **Kiryat Shmona** to hear about the City's rehabilitation after the evacuation and destruction from October 7th. Small trail at **Park Hazahav**
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 3 - GOLAN HEIGHTS (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, May 05 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Relive the drama of the Six Day War as you visit the abandoned Syrian outpost at **Mizpe Gadot**
- Explore the Golan Heights by **jeep** in an off-road adventure
- Lunch on own en route
- Sample the local fare at the award-winning **Golan Heights Winery** in Kzrin
- Visit the remarkable **Ancient Synagogue** at **Um El Kanatir** that has been painstakingly rebuilt using revolutionary technological methods.
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 4 - LOWER GALILEE - TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, May 06 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Learn about the pioneers of the 2nd Aliyah and the establishment of the Kibbutz Movement at the **Kinneret Cemetery**
- Find out how Israeli bio-tech & know how are helping to feed millions of people around the globe at **Bio-Bee** in **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu**
- Lunch at **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu** (included)
- Visit the site of **Qasr Al Yahud**, the place where the Children of Israel and Joshua crossed over the Jordan River into the Promised Land and the Baptismal Site
- Continue to Jerusalem
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!** Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from **Mt Scopus**
- Check in to hotel and settle in
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, May 07 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Early departure - Don't forget towels, bathing suit, water, hats and sun screen
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch on own en route
- Explore the beautiful **desert oasis of Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cool off under a waterfall
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Kalya Beach**
- Return to Jerusalem - Prepare for Shabbat
- Join thousands of Jews from around the globe in joyous celebration of Shabbat at the **Western Wall**
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, May 08 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Morning at leisure on own in Jerusalem. Options include:**
- Join morning services at **one of Jerusalem many synagogues**
- Morning at leisure to relax by the hotel pool
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Visit the **newly renovated Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different eras of Jerusalem's fascinating history
- Shabbat lunch (not included) - can be reserved from the front desk before Shabbat
- Mid trip reflection with Rabbi Reem and tour guide
- Meet with guide - Walking tour in the area- **Yemin Moshe and Mishkanot Shaananim**- the 1st neighborhoods outside the Old City walls
- Musical Havdalla
- 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.)
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM- CITY OF 3 RELIGIONS (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, May 09 2027

- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- Introduction to the Old City of Jerusalem at the impressive **Jaffa Gate**
- Explore the **Christian Quarter** including the **Via Dolorosa & Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Meet a **local Armenian at their Cermic studio** and hear about the Armenian tradition in Jerusalem
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter on own
- Ascend the **Temple Mount** & see the Dome of the Rock & Al Aksa Mosque
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Join thousands of enthusiastic fans at the Arena Stadium and see the **Hapoel Yerushalayim Basketball Team** in action. (Pending basketball schedule)

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 8 - NEW JERUSALEM- EREV YOM HAZIKARON (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, May 10 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery** in preparation for Yom Hazikaron. Hear many heroic stories from October 7th
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**- lunch on own
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial
- Dinner at hotel (included)
- **8:00 pm:** Siren and ceremony with Rabbi and guide to commemorate **Yom Hazikaron**

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 9 - GAZA ENVELOPE- TO TEL AVIV- YOM HAZIKARON (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, May 11 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Depart from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- Introduction to the events of October 7th as we overlook Gaza from **Mitzpe Kobi** in the **City of Sderot**
- **11:00 am: Stand still for the siren** remembering our soldiers who have fallen throughout Israel's history
- Stop at the **Sderot Police Station** where the battle between with Police and the Hamas terrorist. Visit the **memorial** for the victims that were killed on that day
- Lunch (included)
- Visit the site of the **Nova Music Festival** in the Re'im Forest and pay respect to the memory of those who were killed by the Hamas terrorists
- View the burnt-out, bullet-ridden vehicles at the **Tkuma Car Graveyard** that bear silent witness to the horrors of October 7th
- Continue to Tel Aviv
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv and **join the celebrations in the city for Yom Haatzmaut**

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 10 - INDEPENDENCE DAY- TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, May 12 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore the **Old Port of Jaffa** with its charming alleyways, artists' galleries & stunning views over Tel Aviv
- Visit the state-of-the-art **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** which celebrates the vision of former President Shimon Peres & the incredible "blue-and-white" technological innovations that have changed the world we live in.
- Lunch on own in Tel Aviv
- Trace the **Independence Trail** along the trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** with its buzzing cafes, famous Bauhaus architecture, historic landmarks & Innovation hubs
- Participate in a **Street Art Graffiti Tour** in downtown Tel Aviv commemorating the heroes of **October 7th** followed by a graffiti workshop where you get to leave your own mark on the urban landscape
- Evening event with **Havurat Tel Aviv** at their community and meet with members (dinner included)

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure
- Study session and **Bina secular Yeshiva** and hear about the Jewish Movement for Social Change
- Experience the vibe at the historic **Sarona Market** with its trendy restaurants & eye-catching displays of fresh produce. Lunch on own
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**- Final activity
- **Summary of the trip** with Rabbi Reem and the tour guide. Reflection from the trip
- **Final banquet** at a local restaurant in Tel Aviv (included)
- Depart for **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!**

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