TEMPLE SHOLOM ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

December 2027 - January 2028

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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 JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Thursday, December 23 2027

- **Welcome to Israel**!! Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by our guide- David Keren, Israel Maven representative and pur bus.
- Discover the **Neot Kedumim Biblical Landscape** & take part in group bonding activities including sheep-herding, tree-planting & more
- Transfer to Jerusalem
- **Welcome to Jerusalem**! Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade**- Lechayim!
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Dinner at the hotel (included). Welcoming by the guide, Rabbi Hurwitz and introduction to the tour

Overnight: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem

DAY 2 - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Friday, December 24 2027

- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- 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
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter on own
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past. NEW TOUR - **THE GREAT BRIDGE**
- Return to hotel to 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: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem

DAY 3 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION) — Saturday, December 25 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Morning at leisure on own in Jerusalem. Options include**:
- Join morning services at **one of Jerusalem many synagogues**
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Hunt for a bargain at the bustling **Arab Souk** in the Old City
- Visit the **newly renovated Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different eras of Jerusalem's fascinating history
- Lunch on own
- Speaker: Hear from **Gil Hoffman**, former Knesset attache for the Jerusalem Post about the current political situation in Israel
- Walking tour with guide: Enjoy walking through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- 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.)

Overnight: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem

DAY 4 - NEW JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Sunday, December 26 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **OPTION #1** - Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial
- **OPTION #2** - Visit the impressive and grand new premises of the **National Library of Israel** which hosts the world's largest collections of Hebrew and Judaica books and is the repository of many rare and unique manuscripts, books and artifacts
- Discover Israel's democratic story through immersive exhibits inside the historic "Old Knesset" building at the new **Knesset Museum** where the nation's parliament first convened from 1950–1966
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**- lunch on own
- Re-enact the dramatic battle at **Ammunition Hill** that led to the liberation of the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967
- ALL - Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery**. Hear some the heroic stories of soldiers during October 7th
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem

DAY 5 - JUDEAN DESERT - NEGEV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Monday, December 27 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- 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. **BAR AND BAT MITZVAH CEREMONY**
- Lunch on own
- Explore the beautiful **desert oasis of Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cool off under a waterfall. **OPTION TO HAVE THE BAR AND BAT MITZVAH AT THE ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE IN EIN GEDI**!
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Ein Bokek Beach**
- Continue to the Negev
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Beresheet Spa Hotel - Mizpe Ramon

DAY 6 - SDE BOKER- BEN GURION'S DREAM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Tuesday, December 28 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Lookout over the striking **Zin Valley** from the tomb of Israel's legendary prime minister - David Ben Gurion
- Enjoy a beautiful nature walk in the **Ein Avdat** desert oasis
- Enjoy **camel rides** and desert hospitality at **Chan Hashayarot** in the heart of the Negev Desert- Lunch included
- Visit the ancient **village of Avdat** and hear about the Nabateans and the spice rout that was created in the Negev
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Beresheet Spa Hotel - Mizpe Ramon

DAY 7 - MITZPE RAMON AND THE CRATER (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Wednesday, December 29 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Learn about Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut at the **Ramon Visitor's Center**
- **OPTION #1** - Rapell down the side of the **Ramon Crater**- followed by picnic lunch (included)
  OPTION #2 - Join a hands-on workshop at the artisan **Lasha Bakery**, where you'll bake alongside local community members and connect to Israel through the flavors, stories, and everyday spirit of the region (Lunch included)
- Explore the fascinating **Ramon Crater** off-road by **jeep**- see the beautiful formations and unique colorful rocks in the Crater
- Guided **Stargazing** in the Ramon Crater – Explore the spectacular desert night sky with expert guides and sophisticated telescopes, discovering planets, constellations and distant galaxies
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Beresheet Spa Hotel - Mizpe Ramon

DAY 8 - GAZA ENVELOPE- TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Thursday, December 30 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- Find out how blue-&-white agro-tech is helping feed millions of people around the globe at the hands-on **Salad Trail** Experience
- 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
- Lunch on own in Sderot
- Introduction to the events of October 7th as we overlook Gaza from **Mitzpe Kobi** in the **City of Sderot**
- 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
- Continue toTel Aviv for dinner on own

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 9 - TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Friday, December 31 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**
- Experience the vibe at the **Nachalat Binyamin arts-&-crafts fair** & open-air **Carmel Market** with its lively vendors & colorful displays of fresh produce
- 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
- Prepare for Shabbat
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** with Rabbi Hurvitz at the hotel by the pool overlooking the Mediterranean sea
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 10 - SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV- DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Saturday, January 01 2028

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Morning at leisure in Tel Aviv** - options include:
- Join the **Masorti Community of Neve Tzedek** for Shabbat morning services
- Discover Israel's glorious coastline as you walk along the **Herbert Samuel Promenade**
- Tour the **Tel Aviv Museum of Art** showcasing works by both Israeli & International artists
- Soak in the atmosphere along the trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** with its buzzing cafes, famous Bauhaus architecture, historic landmarks & Innovation hubs
- Lunch on own
- Walking tours in Tel Aviv - Explore the **Old Port of Jaffa** with its charming alleyways, artists' galleries & stunning views over Tel Aviv
- **OR** Explore the beautiful **Neve Tzedek neighborhood** & encounter the towering personalities who left their mark on the development of the city & the country
- Check out of hotel after Shabbat (late check out)
- Final dinner in Tel Aviv (included)
- Transfer to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM**!!