

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY INTERFAITH MISSION



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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 NORTH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, January 10 2027

- **Welcome to Israel!!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met the guide, transportation and Israel Maven representative.
- Travel North
- Introduction and opening of the trip at the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more...
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Opening dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Botanica Hotel, Haifa

DAY 2 - GALILEE AND JEWISH MYSTICISM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, January 11 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Lookout over the world-famous **Bahai Gardens** in Haifa
- Overlook the Galilee from the top of the **Carmel Mountain - the Muchraka** and hear the story of Elijah the prophet and his encounter with the Baal Prophets
- Experience authentic **Druze hospitality** and lunch at the village of Dalyat-el-Carmel- Usafia
- Explore the impressive **City of Akko** including the Knights' Halls, Templar Tunnels, Lighthouse & more. City important to many religions!
- Travel to Sea of Galilee
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Nof Ginosar Hotel - Sea of Galilee

DAY 3 - CHRISTIANITY AND THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, Tuesday, January 12 2027 TRANSPORTATION)

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore **Nazareth** including **St. Joseph's Church** the **Synagogue Church**, **Mary's Well** & the **White Mosque**
- Enjoy a stunning lookout over the Sea of Galilee from the **Mount of Beatitudes**
- Lunch in Nazareth (included)
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- Meet with **Kabbalistic artist Avraham Leventhal**
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Nof Ginosar Hotel - Sea of Galilee

DAY 4 - SEA OF GALILEE - TRAVEL TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, Wednesday, January 13 TRANSPORTATION) 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Visit the ancient fisherman's town of **Capernaum** where Jesus & many of his disciples lived
- Yardenit, also known as the **Yardenit Baptismal Site**, is a baptism site located along the Jordan River in the Galilee region of northern Israel, which is frequented by Christian pilgrims.
- Drive to Jerusalem via the **Jordan Valley**
- Lunch at **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu** and hear from a local about the Kibbutz and their way of life (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
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!** Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from **Mt Scopus**
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM- CITY OF 3 RELIGIONS Thursday, January 14 2027 (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Introduction to the Old City of Jerusalem at the impressive **Jaffa Gate**
- Visit the **newly renovated Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different eras of Jerusalem's fascinating history
- Explore the **Christian Quarter** including the **Via Dolorosa** & **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Lunch on own
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Ascend the **Temple Mount- Haram Al Sharif** & see the Dome of the Rock & Al Aksa Mosque
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - BETHLEHEM- JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, January 15 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Visit the City of **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus, including the **Church of Nativity**, the **Shepherds Fields & Manger Square**
- Return to Jerusalem
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**
- Option for time for prayer for Moslems
- 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: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, January 16 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Shabbat morning at leisure- options can include:**
- Morning services at one of **Jerusalem's many synagogues**
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life. Note: We will be going there, but only in certain parts)
- Lunch at the hotel (included)
- **Mid trip reflection** together with the Rabbi and the tour guide
- **Walking tour** in the neighborhoods of **Yemin Moshe and Mishkanot Shaananim** with the tour guide
- Musical Havdallah
- 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.)
- Free evening and dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 8 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, January 17 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Early Departure - Don't forget towels, bathing suit, water, hats and sun screen
- Visit the holy site of **Nebi Musa** - the burial place of Musa (Moses) according to Isalm
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Kalya Beach**
Lunch included
- Discover the fascinating ruins of **Qumeran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- Transport yourselves to the Days of the Bible as you visit Abraham's Tent in **Genesis Land** - includes camel rides (time permitting), traditional desert hospitality & dinner (included)
- Return to Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 9 - YAD VASHEM- NEW JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, January 18 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Special Tfilla at **Azarat Yisrael**
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial
- Lunch at Yad Vashem (included)
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Experience the picturesque **Ein Karem neighborhood**, with its artist galleries, charming alleyways, churches and restaurants.
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 10 - JERUSALEM HILLS - TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, January 19 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- 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
- Lunch in Abu gosh
- **Plant a tree** in the **JNF Ben Shemen Forest**
- Travel to **Abu Gosh** and meet with the local Imam and priest and discuss coexistence and the challenges that face the community today
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel - Tel Aviv

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Explore the **Old Port of Jaffa** with its charming alleyways, artists' galleries & stunning views over Tel Aviv
- Time for shopping at the **Jaffa Flea Market**
- Lunch on own at the Carmel Market
- Volunteer at **Leket** distribution center collating fruits and vegetables for the needy
- Trace the **Independence Trail** along the trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** with its buzzing cafes, famous Bauhaus architecture, historic landmarks & Innovation hubs
- **Final dinner and summary** of the trip at a local Tel Aviv restaurant (included)
- Travel to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **Hope it was a great trip!!**

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