

TIFERETH ISRAEL COLUMBUS 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 NORTH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, December 21
2026

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

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 2 - GOLAN AND GALILEE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, December 22
2026

- 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
- Explore the Golan Heights by **jeep** in an off-road adventure
- Picnic Lunch at **Mitzpe Gadot**
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- **Boat Ride** on the shimmering waters of the **Kinneret**
- Dinner in Tiberias at **Decks Restaurant** on the banks of the Sea of Galilee - included

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 3 - LOWER GALILEE - TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, December 23
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- 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
- Travel to Jerusalem via **Jordan Valley**
- 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 (time permitting)
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!!** Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from **Mt Scopus**
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 4 - ARCH DIG AND OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, December 24
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Re-enact 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
- 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
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past- **NEW TOUR- THE GREAT BRIDGE**
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - NEW JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, December 25 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial. CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10 WILL VISIT THE BIBLICAL ZOO
- Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery**. Hear some of the heroic stories of the soldiers from the event from October 7, 2023
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**
- **Scavenger hunt** in the cobble-stoned **Nachlaot neighborhood**, where the old and new, the traditional and the funky, coexist in colorful glory. First built in the 1870s.
- 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 hotel (included)

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

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

Saturday, December 26
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Day 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.
- Visit the **newly renovated Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different eras of Jerusalem's fascinating history
- Shabbat Lunch at the **Fuchsberg Center**- meet with representative from the **Masorti Movement** in Israel (included)
- Afternoon **walking tour** - Enjoy walking through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- Musical Havdalla!
- Dinner on own
- 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: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, December 27
2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure - Don't forget towels, bathing suit and water
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch on own
- 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 for dinner on own

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 8 - JERUSALEM - TO THE GAZA ENVELOPE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, December 28
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- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- Visit to the **Jewish Agency** - meet with **Yizhar Hess**, the Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.
- 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**
- 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 in Sderot (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
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 9 - TEL AVIV AND AREA (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)**Tuesday, December 29****2026**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Volunteer at **Leket** picking fruit and vegetables for the needy in Rishon Letziyon
- Visit the **Underground Bullet Factory** at Machon Ayalon where the Haganah secretly manufactured ammunition under the noses of the British prior to Independence.
- Lunch on own
- Experience the vibe at the **Nachalat Binyamin arts-&-crafts fair** & open-air **Carmel Market** with its lively vendors & colorful displays of fresh produce
- 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.
- Travel to **Kfar Saba**- to visit **Columbus's partnership** and meet with officials there for dinner

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv**DAY 10 - TEL AVIV- DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)****Wednesday, December 30****2026**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Late morning** to give people time to enjoy the hotel and the Tel Aviv coastline
- Check out and depart
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**
- Experience the vibe at the historic **Sarona Market** with its trendy restaurants & eye-catching displays of fresh produce
- Lunch on own
- 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
- **Summary of the trip** with Rabbi Skolnik and tour guide
- Final dinner at a Tel Aviv restaurant (included)
- Travel to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!**

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