

TEMPLE BETH EL ALLENTOWN ISRAEL EXPERIENCE



May 2026 - June 2026

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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 NORTH- OPENING DAY (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Monday, May 25 2026

- **Welcome to Israel!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by the tour guide, transportation and Israel Maven representative
- Transfer to the North
- Opening session at the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more... set goals for the trip and discuss the diversity of the land.
- Visit the Ahmedian community in Haifa to hear about this unique community
- 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
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 2 - DIVERSITY IN THE NORTH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Tuesday, May 26 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- Meet with **Kabbalistic artist Avraham Loewenthal** to discuss the concepts of Kabbalah that inspire his art
- Lunch on own in Tzfat
- Visit the unique **village of Peki'in** - famous for the **cave of Rashbi**. Hear about the diverse community: Druze, Christian, Jewish, Moslem
- Visit the **Circassian Heritage Center** & learn about their folklore, history & culture at the Village of Rechaniya
- Return to Hotel for dinner (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 3 - BORDERS AND SECURITY (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, May 27 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- 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**
- **Druze Experience** - Meet **Nasiba**, a Druze woman who is breaking through the glass ceiling in her community to raise awareness and share the history of her religion. Enjoy a mouth watering culinary lunch in Nasiba's home in Buq'ata and hear how she became a game changer in the Druze Community
- Visit the Druze Village of **Majd-El- Shams** to see and hear about the terrible attack on the kids on July 27th, 2024. Hopefully meet with the one of the families and hear about their community in the Golan
- Relive the drama of the Six Day War as you visit the abandoned Syrian outpost at **Mizpe Gadot**
- Dinner on own in Tiberias

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 4 - BEIT SHEAN AREA- TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, May 28 2026

- 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**
- Swim in the crystal-clear waters of the **Sachne - Gan HaShlosa** that are warm all-year round
- Picnic Lunch (included)
- 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
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!** Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from **Mt Scopus**. Introduction to the City
- Dinner in Jerusalem on own

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, May 29 2026

- 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
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Kalya Beach**
- Return to Jerusalem 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: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

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

Saturday, May 30 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Morning options:**
- Join one of **Jerusalem's many synagogues** for Shabbat Services
- Relax at the hotel
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Lunch on own (lunch can be provided by the hotel)
- **Mid trip reflection** with Rabbi Reem and tour guide
- Enjoy an afternoon walking through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- 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: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

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

Sunday, May 31 2026

- 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
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter on own
- Ascend the **Temple Mount** & see the Dome of the Rock & Al Aksa Mosque
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- 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 (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, June 01 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial
- Lunch on own
- Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery**. HEAR SOME OF THE HEROIC STORIES FROM OCTOBER 7TH
- Visit the colorful **Machane Yehuda outdoor market**
- Dinner on own
- Visit with the **Jerusalem Youth Chorus** - Arabs and Israelis raising our voices to push back against the violence surrounding us

Overnight: Isrotel Orient Hotel - Jerusalem

- Full Israeli Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out and EARLY departure from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- Meet with **Mechina Students from Kibbutz Beit Guvrin** (Yoav regional council) - and hear from them about their preparation gap year before they enlist into the IDF
- 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
- View the burnt-out, bullet-ridden vehicles at the **Tkuma Car Graveyard** that bear silent witness to the horrors of October 7th
- Travel to the **Regional council of Yoav** and meet with representatives of the communities and a joint dinner with them. (Included)
- Continue to Tel Aviv

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 10 - TEL AVIV AREA- INDEPENDENCE AND INNOVATION Wednesday, June 03 2026
(GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Volunteer at **Leket** picking fruit and vegetables for the needy in Rishon Letziyon
- Visit the **Weitzman Institute of sciences** and hear about this amazing establishment. Witness the destruction that was caused by the attack by Iran in June 2025
- Lunch included
- 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.
- Trace the **Independence Trail** along the trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** with its buzzing cafes, famous Bauhaus architecture, historic landmarks & Innovation hubs
- Evening event with **Havurat Tel Aviv** at their community and meet with members (dinner included)

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 11 - FINAL DAY IN TEL AVIV- REFLECTING FOR THE TOMORROW- DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, June 04 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Study session and **Bina the 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 at Sarona
- 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
- Depart for **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US **OR flight to Eilat** for Petra extension
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!**
- **EXTENSION!**
- Arrival in Ramon Airport transfer to hotel - check in to hotel

Overnight: Dan Hotel - Eilat

DAY 12 - PETRA DAY TOUR IN PETRA (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, June 05 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Pick up from hotel - travel to **Rabin Crossing**- DONT FORGET YOUR PASSPORT!!
- **Cross border**- meet with local Jordanian guide and travel to Petra
- Tour the stunning rose-red, Nabatean **City of Petra** declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Attractions include the "Siq", "Treasury", "Monastery" & more. Please note that there is a lot of walking required on the tour so wear comfortable shoes.
- Lunch in Petra (included)
- Return to Rabin Crossing and transfer to Hotel
- Shabbat dinner at hotel

Overnight: Dan Hotel - Eilat

DAY 13 - SHABBAT IN EILAT AT LEISURE (NO GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, June 06 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Options to do in Eilat on own**
- Swim with dolphins at the **Dolphin Reef** - prior reservation necessary
- Visit the **Underwater Observatory & Oceanarium**
- Enjoy beach water sports including para-sailing, banana-boats, water skiing & more
- **Snorkel** at **Hof Ha'Almogim** & see the multi-colored fish & beautiful corals up-close
- Visit the **Eilat Bird Sanctuary** that serves as a major stop-over sites for millions of migrating birds twice a year
- Walk along the **Eilat boardwalk**
- More options are available
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Hotel - Eilat

**DAY 14 - RETURN TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT BACK
TO THE US (NO GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)**

Sunday, June 07 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Ramon Airport
- **Return flight to Ben Gurion Airport for return flight to the US**

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