

Temple Beth El- North

Westchester Israel Experience-

With Rabbi Jaffe

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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 - ARRIVAL (GUIDE & TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday - Dec 22, 2021

- Welcome to Israel!!! Land at **Ben Gurion Airport** on Flight # where you will be met by our **VIP service** representative once you exit the plane & escorted through passport control, baggage claim & customs. Please keep your blue slip from Passport Control throughout the trip.
- Transfer to Jerusalem & check-in to your hotel. Please note that check-in is not before 2/3pm unless arranged otherwise
- Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade**. Welcome to Jerusalem!
- Unpack, rest & relax
- Dinner on own - not included

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 2 - OLD CITY JERUSALEM/ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG (GUIDE & TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday - Dec 23, 2021

- Full Israeli 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
- Time for reflection at the Western Wall
- Lunch on own
- Overlook 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.
- Dinner on Own

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **OPTIONS FOR THE MORNING:**
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial. (Please note that minimum age for entry into the museum is 10 years old).
- **OR**
- **B'Chafetz Kapea**- Art project for children under 10 (instead of Yad Vashem)
- **OR**
- **Mountain biking** in the hills surrounding Jerusalem
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market** - Lunch on own
- Explore the cobble-stoned **Nachlaot neighborhood**, where the old and new, the traditional and the funky, coexist in colorful glory. First built in the 1870s. Today, its stone houses, hidden courtyards and small synagogues provide the backdrop for a youthful creative culture that has made Nachlaot a residential and tourism jewel.
- Preparation for Shabbat
- **Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner** with **Rabbi Stacey Blank** and her community in **Tzur Hadassah** (included)

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Day at leisure on own in Jerusalem. **Options include:**
- Morning at leisure to relax by the pool
- Join morning services at a local synagogue in various synagogues
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Enjoy walking through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- Explore the **Christian Quarter** including the **Via Dolorosa** & **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**- with guide
- Musical Havdalla in Yemin Moshe
- 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

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Depart- 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
- **OR**
- Experience an adrenaline-rush as you discover the raw beauty of the **Judean Desert off-road on ATV's** - bring driver's license
- Transport yourselves to the Days of the Bible as you visit Abraham's Tent in **Genesis Land** - includes camel rides, pita-baking, traditional desert hospitality & dinner

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony** overlooking the Old City from the Tayelet promenade. Mazal Tov!!
- Check out of hotel
- **Special Lunch** in honor of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah
- Travel North via the **Jordan Valley**
- Visit the exciting site of **Qasr el Yahud**- Where Joshua crossed over to the Promised Land and the Baptismal site of Jesus
- Learn about the pioneers of the 2nd Aliyah and the establishment of the Kibbutz Movement at the **Kinneret Cemetery**
- Check into hotel
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

- 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
- **ADULTS** Sample the local fare at the award-winning **Pelter Winery** in Ein Zivan.
- **KIDS** Participate in a fun **chocolate-making workshop** at De Karina in Ein Zivan
- Lunch on own in Kazrin - not included
- Visit the remarkable **Ancient Synagogue** at **Um El Kanatir** that has been painstakingly recreated using revolutionary technological methods.
- Meet with former IDF commander **Yaakov Selavan** at **Tel Saki** & hear about the incredible story of the battle here in the Yom Kippur War
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 8 - UPPER GALILEE (GUIDE & TRANSPORTATION)**Wednesday - Dec 29, 2021**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Explore the gorgeous **Tel Dan** Nature Reserve where nature, history & hydro-politics come together
- Visit the **Hula Lake** where millions of birds rest on their migration between Africa & Europe or Asia. **Options for bikes** (if not done in Jerusalem)
- Lunch en route- not included
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- Discover the secrets behind the writing of Sifrei Torah, Tefillin & Mezuzot at **Otzar HaStam**
- Dinner on own in Tiberias
- Return to hotel

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North**DAY 9 - WESTERN GALILEE (GUIDE & TRANSPORTATION)****Thursday - Dec 30, 2021**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Checkout & departure
- Drive along Norther border
- Enjoy an easy nature walk at the **Rainbow Cave** overlooking the Upper Galilee
- Rappel down from the **Keshet Cave** with stunning views of the Galilee.
- Lunch en route on own
- Descend by cable car to the stunning **Rosh Hanikra Grottoes** where the azure waters of the Mediterranean meet the chalk-white cliffs.
- Discover the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more... **TIME PERMITTING**
- Continue to Tel Aviv
- Check into hotel
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv**DAY 10 - TEL AVIV (GUIDE & TRANSPORTATION)****Friday - Dec 31, 2021**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Depart from hotel
- Explore the **Old Port of Jaffa** with its charming alleyways, artists' galleries & stunning views over Tel Aviv
- Stroll through the **Jaffa Flea Market** & hunt for a bargain
- 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.
- Experience the vibe at the bustling open-air **Carmel Market** and **Nachalat Binyamin arts and crafts fair** with its lively vendors & colorful displays of fresh produce
- Lunch on own
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- 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 in Tel Aviv
- Enjoy a **Street-Art Graffiti tour** in the Bohemian Florentine neighborhood in South Tel Aviv
- Afternoon at leisure
- Discover Israel's glorious coastline as you walk along the **Herbert Samuel Promenade**
- Check out of hotel
- **Final Banquet** at local Tel Aviv restaurant
- Depart for Ben Gurion Aripport
- Return flight to the United States
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM**

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