

Itinerary

Thursday, Dec 23 departure from Newark

Day 1: Friday, December 24 *Bruchim HaBa-im Welcome to Israel*

Short tour of Yafo. Nahalat Binyamin Crafts market. Kabbalat Shabbat- on your own or at local synagogue. Shabbat Dinner at hotel. Orientation & Oneg Shabbat

Shabbat Dinner & overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

Day 2: Saturday, December 25 **Shabbat- a moment in Time and Space**

Shabbat morning: BM ceremony in Tel Aviv. Bus will take you to the synagogue and back to hotel (transfer only).

IsraelExperts program- "The Changing Map of the Middle East" family activity and discussion program, focusing on the political and historical background that led to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 and the current situation in Israel and the Middle East in general. Havdalah. Dinner on your own-Free night in Tel Aviv at the new Port:

Shabbat Lunch & overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

Day 4: Sunday, December 26 *The Price and the Glory of Independence*

Palmach Museum, Independence Hall, Neve Tzedek & Shalom Tower – Birth of Tel Aviv. Kikar Rabin- The struggle toward peace and security continues as we stand in Rabin Square, where Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated for his efforts toward peace.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

Day 5: Monday, December 27 **Underground- hidden and revealed sites**

Ayalon Institute, Archeological dig and exploration of Beit Guvrin, National Park. drumming circle with Bishara, a teacher and musician

Dinner & overnight: Ma'agan Kibbutz Guesthouse in the North

Day 6: Tuesday, December 28 **The Beauty and the Magic of the North**

Travel to the former military outpost at Har Bental. Tel Dan Baniyas, Golan Heights with winery tour Tzfat- meet with Kabbalah teacher and artist Avraham Leventhal- Tour the streets and synagogues of this ancient mystical city.

Dinner & overnight: Ma'agan Kibbutz Guesthouse in the North

Day 7: Wednesday December 29 **Diverse Country, Diverse Ways of Life**

Visit Kinneret Cemetery. **Haifa**- Bahai Gardens, Museum of the Exodus, Druze Village, Caesarea Experience

Overnight: Ramada (Renaissance) Jerusalem

Day 8: Thursday, December 30 *Challenges Then and Now*

Masada, Bedouin Hospitality Lunch and Camel Riding at Kfar Hanokdim. Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth for swim: Swim and spa at Ein Gedi

Bedouin Lunch & overnight: Ramada (Renaissance) Jerusalem

Day 9: Friday, December 31 Remembrances and Action

Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum, The group can be divided for this portion if there are children who are too young for Yad Vashem. Har Herzl – Visit Israel's National military cemetery, Machane Yehuda – Stroll through and eat lunch in the famous Jerusalem market, Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat dinner, Oneg Shabat

Shabbat dinner & overnight: Ramada (Renaissance) Jerusalem

Day 10: Saturday, January 1

Shabbat Tefilah options, Walking tours, Free time for rest, Havdalah

Overnight: Ramada (Renaissance) Jerusalem

Day 11: Sunday, January 2 *Holiness of History and the History of Holiness*

Yad L'Kashish, City of David. Including Kotel Tunnel Tour. Tour the Old City of Jerusalem including the Southern Wall excavations and the Jewish Quarter. Return to the hotel to fresh up and pack the suitcases

Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Transfer to the airport to board your return flight.

Day 12: Monday, January 3

L'hitraot- see you next time!

Departure from Ben Gurion