



Pine Brook Jewish Center's

TRIP TO ISRAEL

June 25th to July 7th, 2020

Thursday, June 25th

Depart Newark on flight to Tel Aviv

Friday, June 26th

Welcome to Israel!

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and meet our rep past passport control. Follow him/her through luggage and customs till you meet David Roth, our spectacular guide.

- Drive to Neot Kedumim, the Biblical landscape, subject to flight and time of arrival.
- Plant a Tree in honor of our trip to Israel.
- Proceed to Ayalon Institute, where illegal ammunition was manufactured underground during the British Mandate time.
- Arrive in Tel Aviv. Make a stop at Nachalat Binyamin for the colorful Crafts Fair.

Check into hotel

Friday night service at Neve Schechter followed by Friday Night dinner.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

Saturday, June 27th

Shabbat in Tel Aviv

Join Rabbi for services before or after breakfast.

- Take a short walking tour of Neve Tzedek and the historical part of Tel Aviv.
- On your own you can visit the Tel Aviv art museum, Old Jaffa, and the renewed 1st train station.
- Afternoon at leisure by the pool or beach.
- Evening: Havdala service on the beach and then enjoy the city on your own.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

Sunday, June 28th

Tour to the North

- We begin the day visiting the Palmach experience.
- Drive along the Mediterranean coastline to the ancient port city of Caesarea.
- Enjoy lunch and home hospitality at a Druze home at Usafiye
- Continue to Akko (Acre). Walk along the Templar Halls, explore the Crusaders' underground city. Visit the market and walk on top of the city wall.
- Drive further north and get to your hotel

Overnight: Galilee

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Monday, June 29th

The Golan Heights

- We begin the day with a short nature hike to the Banias waterfall or Nimrod Castle
- Ascend to the top of the Golan Heights and take an exciting self-driven ATV or RZR cart ride into the fields of the Golan all the way to the 1967 Syrian border
- Drive to the top of Mt. Bental for a lookout into Syria
- Visit Kibbutz Ortal to hear, first-hand, about this unique life style. Enjoy lunch in the communal dining room with other Kibbutz members
- Visit the Memorial to the Yom Kippur war at the Valley of Tears.
- Enjoy wine tasting at one of the boutique wineries of the Golan.
- Evening: Dinner party at the Dobrovin Estate in the Hula Valley with good food, wine, and music.

Overnight: Galilee

Tuesday, June 30th

From the Galilee to Jerusalem

- This morning, after check out, we drive to Tzfat the birthplace of Kabala. We will visit one of the ancient synagogues and have time to stroll around the Artists' Colony.
- Visit Tzipori, the place where Rabbi Yehuda haNasi put the Mishna in writing. (It might be too hot as it is all outdoors in the sun.) Alternatively, visit Kfar Kedem, reconstructed village from the Mishna time or swim at the Sachne
- Drive to Beit Alfa to see the beautiful Zodiac mosaic floor of the ancient synagogue
- Arrive in Jerusalem and stop at Mt. Scopus for the traditional "Shehechyanu" blessing

Overnight: Jerusalem

Wednesday, July 1st

Jerusalem Old City Tour

- Enter the old city through the Zion Gate and walk over to the reconstructed "Hurva" Synagogue which was the center of the Ashkenazi community in Jerusalem from 17th century until the War of Independence in 1948.
- Walk along the Cardo and the Herodian mansion.
- Walk down to the Western Wall and visit the Western Wall Tunnels.
- Second timers will visit the dig "behind the scene," the new excavations near the Western Wall.
- Evening: A Food Tasting Tour of "Mea Shearim", the ultra-orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem. Taste kishke, chulent and kugel - all delicious eastern European Jewish food like your grandparents or great-grandparents had every Shabbat!

Overnight: Jerusalem

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Thursday, July 2nd Masada and the Dead Sea

- Drive into the Judean Desert towards the Dead Sea the lowest place in earth.
- Ascend by cable car to the top of Masada to visit King Herods' Palace, bathhouse, and the synagogue at the last Jewish stronghold during Roman time.
- Enjoy an unforgettable float in one of the beaches of the Dead Sea.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Friday, July 3rd New city Jerusalem

- We begin the day at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial.
- Continue to Mt. Herzl to see Herzl's vision and interactive museum telling the story of Zionism from the times of Theodor Herzl until the present
- Drive downtown Jerusalem to Ben Yehuda Street
- Evening services with Rabbi at synagogue
- Shabbat Dinner at hotel

Overnight; Jerusalem

Saturday, July 4th Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Morning services with Rabbi
- After a late breakfast on your own, you may visit the Israel museum to see the Dead Sea scrolls, the model of Jerusalem, and the amazing exhibits.
- Afternoon- a short walking tour to Yemin Moshe or the German Colony
- Evening: Havdala service outside the Old City near the Tower of David.
- Enjoy "The Night Spectacular" the light & sound show at the Tower of David followed by shopping and dining at the Mamila mall.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Sunday, July 5th Tour the Negev

- Drive south to Sde Boker to visit the desert home of Ben Gurion
- Continue to his gravesite overlooking the magnificent Tzin canyon
- Take a short nature hike to Ein Avdat Oasis
- Check into the outstanding Beresheet hotel and spa overlooking the Ramon crater in Mitzpe Ramon
- Evening; Bedouin experience including camel ride and dinner.

Overnight; Mitzpe Ramon.

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Monday, July 6th

The Negev

- In the early morning, we begin with a jeep ride into the Ramon crater
- Return to hotel for breakfast
- Visit the ancient civilization of Avdat, one of the important sites along the spice route
- Drive north to the western Negev to see individual farming and enjoy good homemade cheese, good wine, and hear about desert agriculture.
- Farewell dinner – Home hospitality at a Moroccan Jewish immigrant's home.
- Transfer to airport for flight home.

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