



Temple Adas Shalom Trip to Israel Itinerary October 18 - 31, 2023

DAY 1 – Wednesday – October 18 – Departure

Departure from the US to Israel.

DAY 2 – Thursday – October 19 - Welcome to Israel and Tel Aviv



Afternoon arrival to Israel's **Ben Gurion International Airport**. You will be met by our representative and your guide at the airport. The bus ride from the airport to downtown **Tel Aviv** takes about thirty minutes. After check-in and some time to unpack and freshen up, you are invited to dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv. **D**

DAY 3 – Friday – October 20 – Tel Aviv – Museums and Markets

This will be your first morning in Israel and your first chance to enjoy Israel's famous breakfast tradition – an unusually rich selection of dairy, pastry, eggs, smoked fish, vegetables, fruit and beverages. After breakfast you will visit the new **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**. Formerly known as "Beit Hatfustot" - after ten years of renovations is the largest and most comprehensive Jewish museum in the world. You are invited to join a fascinating journey that portrays the story of the Jewish people through the generations to the present time. You then



proceed to visit the colorful **Carmel open market** (Shuk Ha'Carmel) and Tel Aviv's trendy Neve Tzedek district. You will continue to visit **Nachalat Binyamin Art Fair** featuring products made by local artists. All products are hand made and sold by the artists themselves. Optional visit to Asif Culinary Institute (pending final confirmation). Dinner on your own (there are many night activities and dinner spots. We will recommend a few). **B**

DAY 4 – Saturday – October 21 – Shabbat in Tel Aviv

You may choose to have a Bauhaus Tour (White City) in downtown Tel Aviv (Rothschild Ave) or you may want to visit the Sarona Market, or take a leisurely walk on the boardwalk and beach. In any case, the



morning is yours. In the afternoon, you will have a guided tour of **Old Jaffa (Yaffo)**, Tel Aviv's multicultural, ethnically diverse, history-soaked and colorfully attractive neighborhood. In Jaffa you will have a chance to learn about the area's early Jewish residents who relocated from Jerusalem or arrived from destinations such as Morocco, leading to the formation in 1863 of the Jaffa Jewish Committee. You will hear about Jaffa's vibrant Jewish cultural and religious revival and about the growth of this community and society. Israel's first bank, the Anglo-Palestine Bank, and first educational institution, the Hebrew Gymnasium, were founded in Jaffa. You will have a chance to explore Jaffa's eclectic mix of contemporary galleries, shops, Churches and Mosques. Dinner will be at a restaurant in Jaffa. Return to the hotel for the third overnight.



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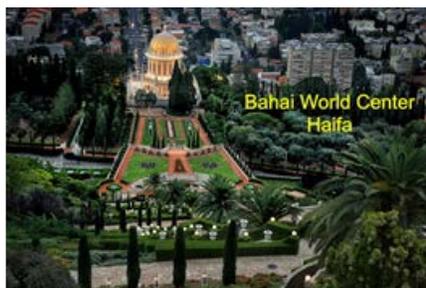
DAY 5 – Sunday – October 22 – Heading North to Haifa



After breakfast you will check out of your hotel and drive north along the coast. First stop is at **Caesarea**. At one of Israel's preeminent archaeological sites, you will tour Herod's Palaces, the Tiberium, Hippodrome, Harbor and of course, Caesarea's famous Amphitheater – used today as one of Israel's most lucrative concert venues. You will continue north and stop at **Zichron Yaakov**, one of the first "modern" settlements in Israel founded in 1882 by Baron Edmond James de Rothschild and named in honor of his father,

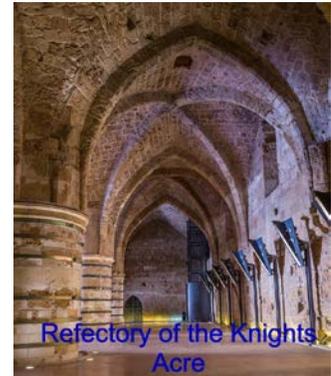
James Mayer de Rothschild. You will visit Ramat HaNadiv, Beit Aaronson (the Nili Museum) and learn about the Aaronson family. You will then head to the Carmel Winery for a tour and tasting. Continuing to Haifa, you will stop at the Cable Car in Stella Mares for a beautiful view of the area. Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Haifa. **B, D**

DAY 6 – Monday – October 23 – Acre and the Galilee



After breakfast and check out, you will walk to the Holy **Baha'i Gardens** right next to your hotel. The tour provides spectacular views of the Baha'i Gardens and Haifa and includes information about Baha'i history, beliefs and the significance of the Gardens. From Haifa you will continue north to **Acre (Akko)**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. In Acre you will visit and hear about the city's amazing history from Greek times, through the Crusader and Ottoman times until British rule and the location's prominent part in the struggle for

Israeli statehood. You will visit the Citadel, the port, the dramatic Knight's Halls and the Templar Tunnels while meandering through this amazing city's ancient streets. You will then stop at the **Museum of Beit Lohamei Haghetaot** – the Ghetto Fighters' Museum. Located at Kibbutz Lohamei Haghetaot, it was established in 1949 by survivors of the Holocaust and is the world's oldest Holocaust Museum. Continue to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and first overnight. **B, D**



DAY 7 – Tuesday – October 24 – Safed and the Golan Heights



After breakfast your first stop will be to **Tsfat (Safed)**, one of the four holy cities of Judaism, to visit the Ari and Caro synagogues. From there, you will drive north to the **Golan Heights**, ascending gradually to the high volcanic plateau from which the Syrian army once terrorized Israel's Northern Galilee. You will stop at **Tel Facher**, the complex Syrian bunker base that dominated Israel's northern towns until 1967. You will hear about the historical significance of this site and its heroic conquest by Israeli Paratroopers in the Six Day War. You will further explore the Golan Heights through a unique experience of a **jeep tour**. From Tel Facher you will travel to **Mount Bental** to overlook the Golan's eastern borders



and hear about the battles in 1973's Yom Kippur War. Continue to visit the delectable **Da Karina Chocolate Factory**. On the way back to your hotel, you will stop for Dinner at a fish restaurant on the Kinneret. Second overnight in Tiberias. **B, D**

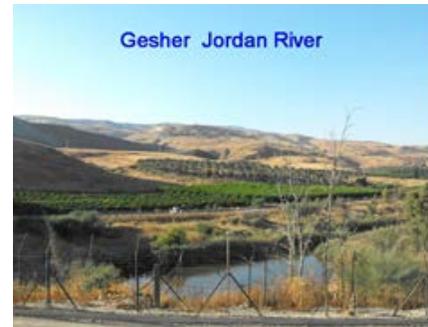
DAY 8 – Wednesday - October 25 – En-route to Jerusalem



After early check out from your hotel, you will drive south through the **Jordan Valley** to **Beit Shean**, an Israeli archaeological marvel and National Park. Beit Shean was strategically important from the early Egyptian period through all consecutive ancient history periods of Israel. The extent of findings and archaeological data produced by excavations at Beit Shean is mind boggling, with multiple levels revealing Egyptian hieroglyphs, numerous temples, a cardo, an amphitheater, bath houses, churches, tombs, and



countless artifacts. Canaanites, Egyptians, Philistines, Israelites from the time of David, Assyrians, Scythians, Greeks, Seleucids, Hasmonean Maccabees, Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, Mamelukes, and Ottomans - all occupied this historically complex area at different times and to different extents. The excavations at Beit Shean's Cardo revealed no less than 18 successive ancient towns and Beit Shean is one of the most impressive Roman and Byzantine sites in Israel, attracting approximately 300,000 tourists annually. From there you will visit **Kibbutz Geshher**, situated along the banks of the Jordan River. The Kibbutz was held under siege in the 1948 War of Independence and was almost completely destroyed. You will visit the original bunkers along with the surrounding impressive landscape and bridges. Next stop is **Gan Guru**. An Australian zoo where you will meet free roaming kangaroos of different kinds that you can pet, feed and take pictures with. As you enter Jerusalem, you will stop at the **Haas Promenade (Ha-Tayelet)** for a view of the City. Check into your hotel. Dinner and first overnight in Jerusalem. **B, D**



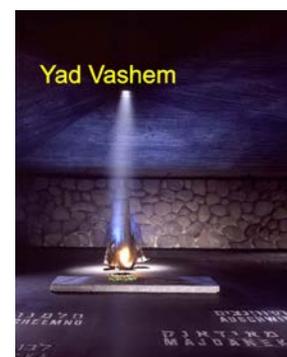
DAY 9– Thursday – October 26 - Exploring the Past – Jerusalem - the Old City



Welcome to the amazing **Old City of Jerusalem**. This morning following early breakfast you will be introduced to the Old City, whose history and global importance undoubtedly transcend those of Athens and Rome. You will start by taking a fascinating tour of the **Rabbinic Tunnels** under the Western Wall and descend underground to view the foundations of the Temple Mount followed by a visit to the **Western Wall**. You will walk through and learn about ancient Jerusalem's market street, the **Cardo**, and about the city's walls since the time of King David. Visit the **Time Elevator**. From there proceed to the **City of David**, the archeological site of ancient Jerusalem. The area is one of the most intensively excavated sites in the region. In the evening, dinner at a restaurant followed by the **night spectacular show** on the walls of the Citadel. Second overnight in Jerusalem. **B, D**

DAY 10- October 27 - Friday - in Jerusalem: Thoughtful Remembrance and a Vibrant Bazaar

After breakfast, visit the **Chagall Windows** at Hadassah Medical Center. Then proceed to visit Israel's preeminent Holocaust memorial and museum – **Yad Vashem**. The memorial consists of a complex containing the Holocaust History Museum, memorial sites such as the Children's Memorial and the Hall of Remembrance, the Museum of Holocaust Art, sculptures, and outdoor



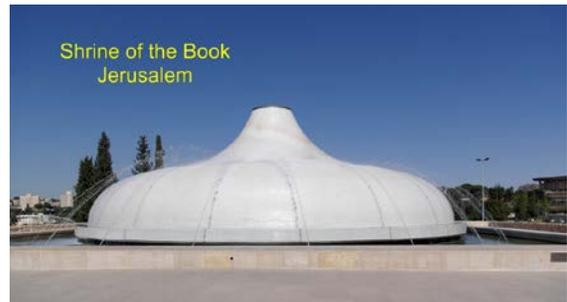


commemorative sites such as the Valley of the Communities. You continue to the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery to visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, and Yitzhak Rabin, and hear stories about Israel's path to independence. Around noon time you will explore the lively **Machne Yehuda Market** often referred to as "The Shuk", a marketplace popular with locals and tourists alike. The market has more than 250 vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, fish, meat and cheeses as well as nuts and spices, clothing, shoes and housewares. You will have a chance to be guided on a tasting tour highlighting all these culinary experiences.

On Thursdays and Fridays, the marketplace is filled with shoppers stocking up until the Friday afternoon sounding of the bugle that signifies the market will close for the Shabbat. Tonight you will have Shabbat services and dinner together at your hotel. **B, D**

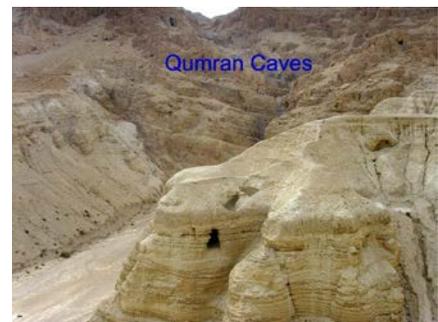
DAY 11- October 28 - Saturday – Shabbat Shalom!

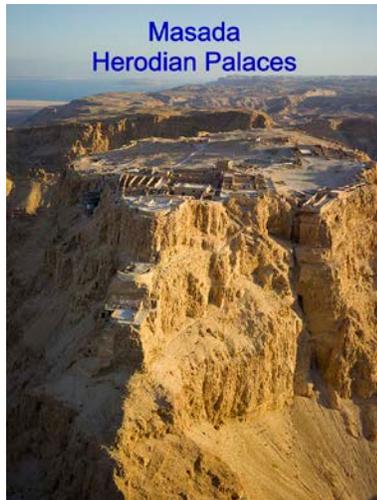
You will have a chance to relax and enjoy Shabbat in Jerusalem. We recommend you visit the **Israel Museum** – Israel's most important museum, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls (Shrine of the Book) and a repository of exceptionally important archaeological and ancient history information and exhibits. The Museum also features a miniaturized replica of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period, which for years has been a prerequisite stop for anyone visiting Jerusalem. Also at the museum, you may visit the Billy Rose Art Garden, considered one of the world's great sculpture gardens. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Jerusalem. **B**



DAY 12– October 29- Sunday – Masada and the Dead Sea

Following breakfast and an early start, your bus will take you from Jerusalem to the lowest point on Earth – the **Dead Sea**. The drive will take you on a descending journey from the Judean Mountains to the barren hills of the Eastern Negev. Your first stop will be at **Qumran**, the archaeological site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in cliffside caves. You will tour and receive a detailed talk on the history and significance of the finds at Qumran. You will then proceed by bus to the foot of **Masada** – Israel's most historically significant and fascinating archaeological attraction. Ascending to the mountaintop fortification via cable car or the Roman assault ramp, you will visit the restored wonders of this marvelous fortress extensively excavated between 1963 and 1965. Herod the Great fortified Masada around 35 AD as a refuge for himself in the event of a revolt.





Masada
Herodian Palaces

After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD, numerous Jewish families fled Jerusalem and settled on the mountaintop, using it as a refuge and base for attacking the Romans. In 72, the Roman Legion surrounded Masada and built an assault ramp against the western precipice allowing the Romans to finally breach the wall of the fortress with a battering ram. When Roman troops entered the fortress, they discovered that its inhabitants had set all the buildings ablaze and committed mass suicide. Many of the ancient buildings have been restored from their remains, as have the wall- paintings of Herod's two main palaces, and the Roman-style bathhouses that he built. The synagogue, storehouses and houses of the Jewish rebels have also been identified and restored. After descending from Masada to the bus, and a short drive along the shore of the **Dead Sea** you will stop for a dip in the salty waters of this natural wonder and continue to your hotel. Dinner and third overnight in Jerusalem. **B, D**

DAY 13- Monday –October 30- Last day in Jerusalem: Latrun, free time and farewell dinner

After breakfast you will drive to Latrun to visit **Mini Israel**. A miniature park that contains miniature replicas of hundreds of buildings and landmarks in Israel. Afternoon at leisure for last minute shopping and packing. Late check out from the hotel. Get together for a Farewell dinner and transfer to the airport for your return flights. **B, D**



DAY 14 – Tuesday –October 31 - Flight and Arrival to the USA

We hope you had an amazing trip and look forward to seeing you again on a future trip with us to Israel!

Meal Plan:

- (*) **B** – Breakfast
- D** – Dinner



Petra Extension Tour Option

Minimum group of 12 people

October 30 – July 3, 2023

Monday, October 30 – Overnight at hotel in Jerusalem

Tuesday, October 31 – Transfer from Hotel to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight to Eilat
Transfer from Airport in Eilat to your Hotel.
Overnight at Hotel.

Wednesday, November 1– *Private Petra Tour*. Breakfast (to go). Early pick up from your hotel (around 6:50 am) to ensure you are amongst the first to arrive at the border. Our staff will guide you efficiently through the border procedures, as you cross to Jordan your tour guide and tour staff will meet you. Here your Jordanian representative will take care of the border procedures and once the visas are issued you are on your way to Petra.

Once aboard the mini bus, you will receive bottled mineral water. Officially it is not permitted to take food or drink into Jordan from Israel, but the Jordanians tend to overlook this rule and small snacks tucked in your bag are rarely a problem.

You now begin the two-hour drive to Petra via Aqaba. Your specialist guide will give you an in-depth briefing on the history of Jordan and its culture. Nearing Petra you stop at a viewpoint overlooking the town of Wadi Musa (Moses Valley) and on a mountaintop in the distance you can see a shrine marking the grave of Aaron, the brother of Moses.

From Petra's entrance, the Visitor's Center, you walk to the Siq Canyon (400 meters). Arabian horses are available free of charge for this stage but a tip is expected from the handlers of (2-3 Dinar or 5 US dollars). We do not recommend using the horses and most people prefer to walk with the guide to the Siq. On the route we see the 'Silica Quarries', The Jinn Blocks and the first large site the 'Obelisk Tomb'. At the entrance to the Siq is the stone damn that protects Petra from floods and the ancient drainage channels of the site. Entering the Siq we see the remains of the Arch which marked the entrance to Petra. You also find here the beginning of Petra's ingenious water system that runs the whole length of the Siq. Within the Siq you see several deities and ancient carvings adorning its towering canyon walls. At the end of the Siq is Petra's most renowned monument, The Treasury (Khazneh). Here you take a few minutes for photographs before continuing your tour along the impressive Street of Facades towards the Nabatean Theater. You see the Royal Tomb and if time allows, walk along the Colonnade Street and visit the Great Temple. From here you retrace your steps and make your way back to the bus. You leave the site and stop at a nearby restaurant in Wadi Mussa for a hearty buffet lunch which is included in the tour price, remember that drinks are not included with such meals (as is standard practice). You commence your return to Aqaba and Eilat. After a short drive into Aqaba for glance at our neighboring town, Jordan's only port city, you return to Eilat and your hotel by evening.



Thursday, November 2 – After breakfast and check out, transfer to the airport for your flight to Ben Gurion airport (TLV). Check into your flight back to the US.

Friday, November 3 - Arrival back to the US.

CONFIRMED HOTELS FOR THE TRIP

Tel Aviv – October 19 – 22, 2023

Dan Panorama Hotel

10 Kaufman Street 10, Tel Aviv

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Haifa – October 21-23, 2023

Dan Panorama Haifa Hotel

107 HaNassi Blvd, Haifa

Phone: +972.4.835.2222

Tiberias – October 23-25, 2023

Sofia Kinneret Hotel

12 HaPalmach St., Tiberias

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Jerusalem – October 25-30, 2023

Villa Brown Moshava Boutique Hotel

13 Yehoshua Bin Nun St, Jerusalem

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Eilat – October 31 – November 2, 2023

Leonardo Plaza Hotel Eilat

8 Tarshish St., Eilat

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