



Or Shalom Journey to Israel and the Palestinian Territories
With Rabbi Katie Mizrahi & Zehava Dahan
June 19-30, 2019

Day 1: Wednesday, June 19

(Program will be adjusted to accommodate arrival time)

- Welcome to Israel
- Shehechyanu on Haas Promenade overlooking Jerusalem
- Group dinner at hotel
- Group time

Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Dinner included

Day 2: Thursday, June 20

Breakfast at hotel

- Walk through the **southern excavations**, viewing the evidence of destruction and the building of successive societies.
- Prayer service at the Ezrat Israel area of the Kotel
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter
- Walk the alleyways of the Old City's **Jewish Quarter**. Hear stories spanning 3000 years of Jewish life in the quarter
- Tour the moat and old Turkish Prison at the Tower of David Museum
- Walk through the narrow alleyways of the "Souk" and enjoy the sights and sounds of a Middle Eastern bazaar. Visit key religious and historical sites on the way.
- Dinner at hotel
- Group time

Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 3: Friday, June 21

- Early breakfast at hotel
- At **Mt. Herzl Cemetery** "Meet" the dreamers, statesmen, and fighters who gave us the State
- Tour the world's foremost memorial and museum dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust, **Yad Vashem**
- Visit the colorful **Machne Yehuda Market**
- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with **Naava Tehila** at First Station
- Shabbat dinner at hotel

Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 4: Saturday, June 22 (No bus)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Optional tefilot (options provided)
- Walk along the **Ramparts** of the Old City, getting a bird's eye view.
- Tour the **Christian, Armenian, and Muslim Quarters** of the Old City, discussing the diversity found in this one square kilometer space.
- Lunch at Bourghoulji in Armenan Quarter (not kosher)
- Rest time or local taxis to Israel Museum
- Havdala

- Night out (on own). Suggestion: After dinner- Ben Yehuda street or enjoy Light & Sound show at the Tower of David

Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Breakfast and Lunch included

Day 5: Sunday, June 23

- Breakfast at hotel
- Experience Israel Experts Signature **Changing Map of Israel** program. This interactive program provides background on the history and external forces that shaped the borders of modern Israel.
- Tour the security barrier in the Jerusalem area. Understand the security, geographic, and political concerns that determined its route.(Gilo and Ramat Rachel)

Bethlehem & the Occupied Territories

- Travel to **Bethlehem** with Palestinian guide Husam. Tour the checkpoint that Palestinians cross on their way to work in Israel. Understand the security, humanitarian, and political challenges. Enter Bethlehem. Hear from civil society activists and tour the geopolitical landscape. Discuss the religious significance of the city. Visit the Banksy Walled Off Hotel.
- Pizur lunch in Bethlehem
- Visit with a resident of the West Bank community of Tekoa and hear about their lives and their views for peaceful coexistence.
- Dinner at hotel
- Processing Session

Overnight: Prima Kings Jerusalem

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 6: Monday, June 24

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit to **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve**
- Float in the **Dead Sea at Ein Gedi Spa**
- Enjoy lunch at the Ein Gedi Spa
- Visit the **Bedouin village** of Segev Shalom and meet with local residents. Hear about the Bedouin way of life of their challenges in modern Israel.
- Dinner at hotel
- Dance Israel

Overnight: Leonardo Negev Beersheva

Breakfast, Lunch , and Dinner included

Day 7: Tuesday, June 25

- Early breakfast at hotel
- Overview of Western Negev
- Netiv Haasara - Survey the border with Gaza and meet with local residents.
- Visit the Beita Village, an experiential mock **Ethiopian village** located outside Kiryat Gat. Hear about the lives of Ethiopian Jews both in Ethiopia and in Israel. Explore their crafts and cuisine.
- Lunch at Beita Village
- Visit the Israeli Arab town of **Taibe**. Tour the town with an Israeli Arab guide and discuss the position of Israeli Arabs in the larger Israeli society.
- Enjoy an authentic Druse dinner in Usefiya
- Arrive at kibbutz for check-in

Overnight: Nof Ginossar

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included

Day 8: Wednesday, June 26

- Breakfast at hotel
- Participate in an **archeological excavation** at Korazim, a site important to the development of Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity.
- Lunch on own in Safed
- Explore **Safed** – the ancient and modern home of Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism). Tour ancient synagogues and the artists' quarter. (
- Meeting with artist Avraham Loewenthal 04 6923051
- Parents' Circle
- Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Nof Ginossar

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 9: Thursday, June 27

- Breakfast at hotel
- Group program on the beach – led by Rabbi & Zehava
- Ascend **Mt. Bental** for a view of the Golan Heights and into Syria. Discuss the challenges on Israel's northern borders and the ongoing conflict in Syria.
- Lunch en route (on own)
- **Kayaking** on the Hatzbani
- Dinner at hotel
- Lt. Col. Eyal Dror, **Operation Good Neighbor**

Overnight: Nof Ginossar

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 10: Friday, June 28

- Breakfast at hotel
- Learn about traditional kibbutz life at **Kibbutz Ein Shemer**
- Bina -Secular Yeshiva
- Pick up lunch (on your own) at the open-air **Carmel Market**
- Walk through the biweekly **Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Fair**
- Kabbalat Shabbat on Tel Aviv Port with **Beit Tefila Yisraeli**
- Shabbat Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Prima City Tel Aviv

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 11: Saturday, June 29

- Breakfast at hotel
- Ben Gurion Museum
- Options: Beach Time or walking architectural/historical tour
- Lunch London Café
- Havdala
- Night out in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Prima City Tel Aviv

Breakfast and Lunch included

Day 12: Sunday, June 30

- Breakfast at hotel
- Encounter with members of the grassroots group Women Wage Peace
- Hotel check-out
- Walk through the ancient city of **Jaffa**, focusing on Jewish and Arab coexistence. Meet with local coexistence advocates Ihab and Ora Balha.
- Walk along Rothschild Boulevard and view the Bauhaus architecture
- Lunch on own on Rothschild Blvd.
- Closing program at Israel's public square -- **Rabin Square**
- Free time for exploring and shopping
- **Final dinner** at L'Entrecote in private room

Late night departure for San Francisco Breakfast and Dinner included