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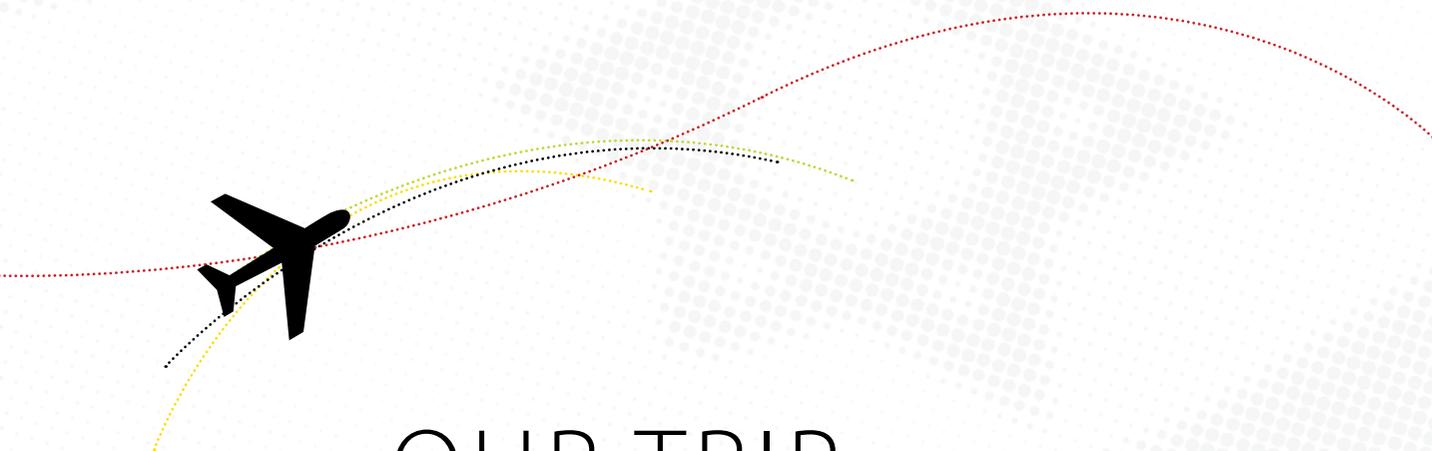


Your Tour Educator

Every journey we offer is accompanied by a Tour Educator (TE) who brings your itinerary to life. Some of our TE's have decades of firsthand experience leading people to particular places.

Your TE will provide you with an authentic understanding of the locations you will visit, will introduce you to the locals, and will share his/her enthusiasm and passion for the local culture. The result is a journey that transforms your understanding of a place, connecting you to the people and places you encounter in a way that is palpable and unforgettable.

Our TE's are like no other: intelligent, knowledgeable, engaging and fun. They will become an indispensable part of your experience and some might just become lifetime friends.



OUR TRIP

APRIL 27–MAY 4, 2020

FROM **\$3,965** LAND & AIR FROM WARSAW TO TEL AVIV

HIGHLIGHTS

- A journey of connection and exploration
- Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of "the city that never sleeps"
- Access to top thinkers, writers, comedians, and journalists
- Party with the locals on Israel's Independence Day
- From Israel's early artists to contemporary street art and graffiti
- Explore Jewish-Arab efforts to create integrated communities
- Whiskey distillery, winery, and private dinner with a chef: a culinary adventure
- Musical Shabbat in Tel Aviv
- Exceptional service with top-notch tour educators and speakers

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DAY ONE ↘ MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Transfer to hotel and check in.
- Welcome dinner at the hotel followed by a dialogue with Matti Friedman author of *Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story of a Forgotten War*, a striking new memoir of a young Israeli soldier's experience during the Lebanon War.
- Stop with the entire nation as the siren sounds for Israel's Memorial Day. Join "Sharim Bakikar," a communal musical assembly dedicated to Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY TWO ↘ TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL DAY

MEMORY AND REALITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- The Power of Memory: Dialogue with Noga Brenner Samia, Deputy Director at BINA: The Jewish Movement for Social Change, and a teacher at the Secular Yeshiva in Tel Aviv. She is the founder of a Jewish renewal community in Tel-Mond.
- Strangers in a Strange Land: Explore the reality of children of foreign workers in Tel Aviv as you walk through the streets of South Tel Aviv and visit a kindergarten with volunteers from Elifelet – Citizens for Refugee Children.
- Stand outside with the people of Israel as the siren sounds throughout the land for Yom HaZikaron.

- Lunch (not included in package), en route.
- Visionaries and Builders: Learn about the great thinkers and founders of the first Zionist city, Tel Aviv, buried at Trumpeldor Cemetery, including Israel's "National Poet" Haim Bialik, Tel Aviv's influential first mayor Meir Dizengoff, and the Zionist philosopher, Ahad Ha'Am.
- An Avenue for Art: Walk down Bialik Street, home to many of Tel Aviv's finest early artists and authors. We'll see where cultural leaders, including Israel's "National Poet" Haim Bialik, lived and created, examine the street's outstanding, eclectic architecture including Beit Ha'ir (the old municipal center), before taking a guided tour of Rubin House, the home and studio of the painter Reuven Rubin, including a dialogue with Carmela Rubin, the museum's curator and artistic director.
- Return to the hotel.
- Mi Casa es su Casa/Make Yourself at Home: Join a chef or wizard home cook for a private dinner. At EatWith, local and overseas foodies get to enjoy home-cooked dining and great conversation. Get to know your host's secret menus and cooking tips and enjoy mouthwatering food in his or her home.
- Party with locals on the streets of the Tel Aviv as they celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

Overnight: Tel Aviv



DAY THREE ▾ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 | YOM
HA'ATZMAUT
CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Living in the Land of Milk and Funny: Laugh along with American-born stand-up comedian and author Joel Chasnoff about his experiences living in Israel. He'll talk about why he moved to Israel, his time as a soldier in the IDF as part of the "188th Crybaby Brigade" and what's it like to raise kids in the Jewish state.
- What's Going On in Bohemian Tel Aviv? Join an expert on Tel Aviv's alternative scene for an urban adventure. Explore the latest street art, slang, and graffiti and find out what they reveal about life, ideas, and ideology in Israel's cultural capital.
- Watch a spectacular Yom Ha'atzmaut military airshow from the rooftop of the Carlton Hotel, followed by lunch at the hotel.
- Prevailing Views on the Palestinian Street: Dialogue with Khaled Abu Toameh, Palestinian Affairs correspondent for the Jerusalem Post.
- Raise Your Glass: During a tasting tour of Milk & Honey, Israel's first whiskey distillery, learn about the history and process of distillation, walk through the stages of making spirits – from grain to glass – and then make a toast in Israel's honor. L'Chaim!
- The City at Night: Israel's food scene is on fire with world-class chefs and a huge range of happening restaurants. See and taste for yourself with dinner (not included in package). We'll be happy to make reservations and recommendations so that you can enjoy a night out at the Israeli restaurant ideal for you.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY FOUR ▾ THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020
BEYOND BORDERS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- From Throwing Stones at Israelis to Building a Town Together: Tour the new city of Rawabi, located next to Ramallah, and considered to be the "Silicon Valley" of the West Bank. Meet with Bashar Al Masri, a Palestinian entrepreneur and founder of Rawabi. The group will be accompanied by Rami Nazzal, an internationally-published Palestinian journalist.
- Lunch will be at the Psagot Winery. The restaurant is located in a gorgeous stone winery amid a lovely pastoral landscape. The delicious dairy dishes will be accompanied by carefully selected house wines.
- Shiloh – From Tabernacle Until Today: According to the Bible, before Jerusalem and the Temple were built, Jewish life and worship revolved around Shiloh. We'll visit where it is believed that the Tabernacle rested and where pilgrims came to pray and offer sacrifices. See the archeological discoveries and discuss the town's role in the biblical stories involving the prophet Shmuel and barren Hannah. We'll also talk about Shiloh today and its role as a Jewish religious settlement in the disputed West Bank/Samaria region and meet Eliana Passentin, a local resident at her home overlooking Shilo.
- Return to Tel Aviv.
- Food Glorious Food: Tel Avivians love to go out to eat – and it shows in the array of dazzling restaurants in the city. Take your pick from the countless dining options (dinner not included in package).

Overnight: Tel Aviv



DAY FIVE ↘ FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020

THE MOSAIC OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Speaking Common Languages of Peace: Examine the role of shared Jewish-Arab education in creating integrated communities and in turning fear into friendship. We'll tour the Hand in Hand (Yad b'Yad) school in Jerusalem, part of a network of bilingual, multicultural educational institutions which aim to show that the two communities can learn and live together.

OR

- Is Religion the Way Forward or an Obstacle to Peace? We'll go beyond the Green Line to meet with Ali Abu Awwad and Rabbi Shaul Judelman from Shorashim (Roots), a program bringing West Bank Palestinians and their Jewish neighbors together despite their fears and suspicions.
- Israeli Film and a Window In: Meet with students and teachers from the Ma'aleh Film School for screening and discussion, exploring the intersection of Judaism and modern life. Ma'aleh's unique, cutting-edge films attempt to foster a deeper understanding of the relationship between religious and secular Jews. While the school's graduates are shaping the future of Israeli film and television, they also provide a first-of-its-kind video-therapy for youth at-risk, Ethiopian immigrants, terror victims and adults with special needs.
- Food and Books – Does It Get Better Than That? The Tmol Shilshom bookstore-café is one of Jerusalem's cultural treasures and combines two of the city's great passions – food and literature. Enjoy a dairy lunch, browse among the bookshelves, and recline in the favorite armchair of the poet Yehuda Amichai.

Over the years, its regular customers have included many of Israel's most famed writers, from Amos Oz and David Grossman to Etgar Keret. We'll talk with the cafe's founder and co-owner David Erlich, himself an author, about the joys and challenges of living the creative life in Jerusalem.

- Return to the hotel in Tel Aviv to freshen up for Shabbat.
- Kabbalat Shabbat: As the sun sets over Tel Aviv, join Beit Tefilah Israeli for a musical Shabbat service.
- Dinner will be at Claro in the Sarona complex. Sarona, once a colony of the Templars, German Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land, has been transformed into a center of top-class restaurants. Chef Ran Shmueli's farm-to-table restaurant is renowned for its creative cuisine and welcoming atmosphere.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY SIX ↘ SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

CHALLENGES IN THE SOUTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Hope Amidst the Fear: Israeli communities near the border with Gaza have endured thousands of rockets and other attacks over the last decade. We'll visit Kibbutz Kfar Aza and talk with Chen Kotler Abrahams about living and bringing up children in a place where terror and trauma are commonplace. Chen will explain why her mantra is "resilience" and how, despite it all, she still believes her kibbutz is a beautiful place to live.
- Lunch en route.
- Keeping the Faith While Living on the Edge: Visit Shaar Hanegev, located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, for an insight into the complex security implications of Israel's withdrawal from Gaza.



Meet with Yaron Bob, an artist who transports rockets into pieces of art, and learn about his process of work.

- Return to Tel Aviv.
- Three Stars in the Israel Sky: At nightfall, we will mark the end of a special Shabbat with a communal Havdallah ceremony.
- Evening at leisure in Tel Aviv (dinner not included in package).

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY SEVEN ↘ SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

THIS IS THE HOPE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan, one of the world pioneers in the field of sport rehabilitation. Founded in 1960, the ISCD is a home away from home to around 2,500 Israelis of all ages, where the unique merits of sports are utilized to strengthen body, spirit and mind. Sports activities contribute more to the confidence, morale, and self-image of those with disabilities than any other form of rehabilitation.
- Side-by-Side: Coexistence in Jaffa: View the various historical narratives of Jaffa through the eyes of a Zionist Jew and a Palestinian Arab. This tour will reveal the complexities and the current issues prevalent in society and will raise the question of whether peace and coexistence are possible in this complicated city.
- The Innovation Nation: The newly-opened Israeli Innovation Center celebrates the people and companies that are making Israel the "innovation nation." Located at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, it includes continuously updated, high-tech exhibits on everything from artificial intelligence to the latest

developments in water use. We will be welcomed by Nadav Tamir, Senior Advisor for Governmental and International Affairs at the Peres Center.

- Late check-out from the hotel.
- Farewell dinner at Beit Kandino, a unique complex is located in a historic building within the old city of Jaffa, combining an art center with a restaurant and hospitality world.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your return flight to the US.

DAY EIGHT ↘ MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

- Arrive back in the US. It's been our pleasure to accompany you on this trip of inspiration and education.



“Sabra, the Hebrew name for prickly pear cactus fruit, fruit of the nopale cactus, native to Mexico, now endemic in the Middle East.”

From Wikipedia





“One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.”

Henry Miller



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