



2022 ,August 3

Central Reform Congregation | Pre-Trip

January 19-22, 2023

Program Outline

01: THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 | **WELCOME TO ISRAEL** | JLM

- ◇ Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport. Our representative will be on hand to assist with all formalities and ensure your journey has the smoothest of starts.
- ◇ Meet your **tour educator** who will accompany you on this journey of education and inspiration and depart for **Jerusalem**.
- ◇ We'll stop at the **Haas Promenade** for a stunning overview of the city and celebrate our arrival with a special ceremony and the traditional "shehechyanu" blessing of thanksgiving.
- ◇ Check into the hotel (rooms available for check in after 3:00 p.m.).
- ◇ Walking tour on the grounds of Israel's "**Capitol Hill**" to learn more about:
 - The **Rose Garden** – more than 400 species of roses imported from all around the world.
 - The **Knesset** – Israel's Parliament building.
 - The **Menorah** – the monument of Israel's symbol, built from bronze.
- ◇ Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Machaneh Yehuda** open-air market.
- ◇ Return to the hotel.

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02: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 | **THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM** | JLM

- ◇ Breakfast at an Israeli hotel is an experience in itself. Start the day with a bounteous buffet.
- ◇ Tour the **Jewish Quarter** and walk along the **Rooftops** of the Old City for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live alongside each other. **The Cardo** is the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century and we'll also see King Hezekiah's First Temple-period "**Broad Wall**", and **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
- ◇ Going Under, Going Deeper: Explore the **Western Wall Tunnel**, the underground continuation of the Kotel, and examine important archaeological discoveries that are revising our understanding of daily life in ancient Jerusalem.
- ◇ Free time in the Mamilla pedestrian arcade, a contemporary shopping area with a whiff of the past, located outside the **Jaffa Gate** of the **Old City**.
- ◇ **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel.

03: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | **MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA** | JLM

- ◇ Early breakfast at the hotel.
- ◇ Descend to the **Dead Sea Basin** and ascend by cable-car to **Masada**, Herod's mountain palace and the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defense and its current significance in modern Israel.
- ◇ Experience an astonishing sense of weightlessness as you float in the super-saline **Dead Sea**.
- ◇ Hike in **Nahal David**, part of the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve. This is a desert oasis with springs, waterfalls, and freshwater pools, so don't forget your swimsuits. Featured are the ibex, hyraxes, and other desert mammals that live in this area. Nahal David is named after the biblical David, who fled here to escape from the murderous King Saul.
- ◇ Return to Jerusalem, stopping on the way for a quick photo op on a **camel**.

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04: SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 | MEMORY NEAR AND FAR | TLV

- ◇ Check out of the hotel.
- ◇ Visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The **Avenue of the Righteous.**
 - The **Historical Museum.**
 - The **Children's Memorial.**
- ◇ Depart Jerusalem.
- ◇ Pay tribute to the men and women of Israel's armored division at the Armored Corps Memorial and Museum in **Latrun**. Located atop a militarily strategic hill on the main route from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, Latrun and the nearby Ayalon Valley hosted many significant battles, from the time of Joshua Ben-Nun and Judah Maccabi to modern-day battles during the War of Independence and the Six Day War. Learn about the history and valor of the armored corps and view the tanks from various eras on display.
- ◇ Visit the **Ayalon Institute** near Rehovot for an eye-opening tour of a clandestine munitions factory used during the British Mandate.
- ◇ Drive to **Tel Aviv** and check into the hotel before joining the group.



Rates & Lodging

Group rates are land only, per person sharing a double room:

Dates	Nights	Lodging	Room Cat.	City
Jan 19-22	3	Orient	Orient	Jerusalem
# OF PARTICIPANTS	10+	15+		Single Supplement
	\$2,240	\$1,930		+\$630

What to **Expect**

Included:

- ◇ 3 nights' accommodations.
- ◇ 4 days of touring with a tour educator (guide), in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- ◇ 1 group arrival transfer & assistance at the airport.
- ◇ Daily breakfast, & 1 dinner.
- ◇ Water on the bus.
- ◇ Portage at the airport & hotels.
- ◇ All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.
- ◇ A personal tour operator who will take care of all your logistics and work with you to ensure a successful and seamless travel experience.

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Excluded:

- ◇ **Credit card fees.**
- ◇ Flights to & from Israel.
- ◇ COVID related expenses, including tests.
- ◇ Evening transportation when dinner is not included.
- ◇ Amendments to the program: In the event that any sites, programs or meals etc are added to the program, an additional fee may be required.
- ◇ Personal extras: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, food other than the table d'hotel menu, passport and visa fees, insurance, and foreign port taxes, unless otherwise specified.
- ◇ US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.
- ◇ Value Added Tax is currently not applicable to tourists visiting Israel. Should the law change, you will be notified accordingly, and VAT will be added to your final invoice.
- ◇ **Gratuities:** We recommend the following guidelines for tipping (amounts are in US dollars): Group of 10 participants and more: Tour Educator: \$12 | Driver: \$6 per day per person.

Terms & Conditions (T&C's):

Please review separate attachment or request that we send you our full T&C's. Until you do that, here is the small print, and other stuff you may want to know:

Rates: Rates are per person based on double occupancy and a minimum number of 10/15 full-paying participants. Should the number of participants drop below the minimum listed, the cost of the trip will be adjusted to reflect the additional expense of operating the program.

Currency: Tour prices are per person in **U.S.** dollars. All hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, special dinners, sightseeing, admissions, luggage handling and the services of local guides, drivers, and the tour guide/educator are included.

Payment policy: The following payment policy has been instituted in order to reflect current realities. J² Adventures reserves the right to adjust its terms of payment, including cancellation policies and initial deposits. Notification of any changes will be made explicitly to the participants where relevant.

- An initial refundable deposit of \$500 per person, non-transferable is due at the time of reservation unless another amount is indicated.
- Final payment is due 90 days before the scheduled trip begins, or as specified in your invoice.



Cancellation policy: All cancellations need to be made in writing.

- If your cancellation is made more than 30 days prior to departure all your monies will be fully refunded.
- If your cancellation is made less than 30 days prior to departure you will be provided with a travel credit, valid for 18 months for travel on a J² travel program.
- If your J² travel program is cancelled at any time you will receive a full refund.

Cancellation less than 30 days before departure may also include:

- Hotel or supplier cancellation fees.

Travel insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase your own travel insurance. Please discuss land, air, and health insurance options with your insurance provider. Some insurance programs provide more comprehensive coverage when the policy is purchased in close proximity to the initial trip deposit. We, therefore, recommend that you secure insurance within 14 days of your initial deposit payment date.

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