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*In association with the Society for the Protection of Nature in
Israel (SPNI)*

COMMUNITY TRIP TO ISRAEL

October 23rd – November 1st, 2022



TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Dates	October 23rd-November 1st, 2022
Tour highlights	Jerusalem, Golan Heights, Tel Aviv, Dead Sea, Acre, Caesarea, Hula Valley
Duration	10 days, 9 nights
Activity level	Moderate
Touring style	Fully guided tour
Hotel level	4 star level



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 – October 23rd – Sunday - Arrival



12:00 Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport. Meeting, assistance and transportation to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

In the evening, a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Carlton Tel Aviv

Day 2 – October 24th – Monday – Tel Aviv



Start your day with a hot-air balloon ride with a panoramic view and explanation about Tel Aviv by a Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) representative. Continue to visit the Palmach Museum which tells the story of the War of Independence, told by walking through different stages. From there continue to an SPNI environmental project in a school in Tel Aviv. Continue to Taglit Center, where you can learn about Israel's innovative sphere. As

time permits, tour Tel Aviv's markets before visiting Old Jaffa. End the day with a visit at a private home near the Carmel Market for a meeting with an expert of contemporary Israeli cuisine. Learn about its uniqueness and why it's a global trend.

Sites:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Hot-air balloon ride
- 10:30 Palmach Museum
- 12:00 SPNI project school
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Taglit Innovation Center
- 15:00 Old Jaffa
- 18:00 Dinner



Overnight: Carlton Tel Aviv

Day 3 – October 15th – Tuesday – Along the Coastal Road



Pick up from your hotel in Tel Aviv and drive north along the coastal road. Visit Caesarea ancient Roman and Crusader city. From there continue to Zichron Ya'akov - one of the first pioneer settlements from over 100 years ago - to visit Ramat HaNadiv - Rothschild Gardens. Continue to the Crusader city of Acre. Visit its underground tunnels and Knights Hall. On to

Rosh HaNikra grottos on the Mediterranean Sea, reached by cable car. End the day at your hotel in Haifa.

Sites:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Departure from Tel Aviv
- 10:00 Caesarea
- 12:00 Ramat HaNadiv
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Acre
- 16:00 Rosh HaNikra



Overnight: Dan Panorama Haifa

Day 4 – October 26th Wednesday – The Golan Heights



Start your day with a view of the Bahai Gardens from the top of Mount Carmel before making your way to the ancient Kabbalah city of Safed. Then, drive up to the Golan Heights to see the strategic borders. From there continue to a short hike at the Banias Nature Reserve and be rewarded by the beautiful sight of the Banias Waterfall. In

the afternoon enjoy a lecture provided by SPNI.

Sites:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Bahai Gardens
- 11:00 Safed
- 12:30 Golan Heights
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Banias Waterfall
- 17:00 Lecture
- 18:00 Dinner



Overnight: Giladi Hotel Kfar Giladi

Day 5 – October 27th Thursday – More of the Golan Heights



(Early morning) Visit the Hula Valley where you will tour with a mobile blind that enables you the best chance of viewing the spectacular sight of thousands of birds during their migration through the valley. Continue to visit the archaeological site of Katsrin where you can see an old Synagogue and an ancient oil press. Continue to a tasting tour of a local winery before returning to your hotel for

resting after your early start. End the day with a beautiful sunset Jeep ride before returning to your hotel.

Sites:

- 5:30 Hula Valley
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Katsrin
- 11:00 Winery Visit
- 16:00 Jeep ride



Overnight: Giladi Hotel Kfar Giladi

Day 6 – October 28th – Friday – Down the Jordan Valley



Drive along the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias where you can visit the ancient synagogue with its beautiful mosaic floor and the Roman hot springs. Continue to Beit She'an and visit one of the largest and significant archeological sites in the world that is open to the public. Proceed to Sde Eliyahu for a bio-tour where you will see and learn about the kibbutz movement, the religious life style and the bees they raise. From there continue to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley where you will also visit the baptism site of Qasr el Yahud.

Sites:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Tiberias
- 11:00 Beit She'an
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Sde Eliyahu
- 14:30 Qasr el Yahud



Overnight: King Solomon Jerusalem

Day 7 – October 29th - Saturday – An Excursion to the Dead Sea and Masada



Drive through the remarkable scenery of the Dead Sea to the national park of En Gedi - a beautiful oasis and a waterfall in the middle of the desert. From there continue to Masada, a fortress situated on an isolated cliff in the Judean Desert which holds a unique heroic story. Visit the excavations of King Herod's palace, the synagogue, bathhouse and much more. Enjoy breathtaking view of the Roman

camps and the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth. Bring your swimsuit to float on the salty mineral rich water.

Sites:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Departure from Jerusalem
- 10:00 En Gedi
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Masada
- 15:00 Dead Sea



Overnight: King Solomon Jerusalem

Day 8 – October 30th – Sunday – Jerusalem Old City



Start the day with an overview of the city from the Haas Promenade. Continue to enter the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the archeological site of the Western Wall and the Jewish Quarter including the Western Wall Tunnels. Visit the Christian Quarter, the Via Dolorosa and Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the colorful Arab Markets.

Sites:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Haas Promenade
- 10:00 Davidson Center
- 11:00 Western Wall
- 12:00 Christian Quarter
- Free afternoon



Overnight: King Solomon Jerusalem

Day 9 – October 31st – Monday – Jerusalem New City



Start the day with a tour at the Gazelle Valley, a unique urban park located in the heart of Jerusalem and home to the last wild gazelles in the city. Continue to a meaningful visit at Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, located at the feet of Mount Herzl. Drive by the Knesset

(House of Parliament) to visit the Nili and David Bird Observatory. After lunch visit the Israel Museum with a detailed model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple and visit the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. End the day with a visit at the Mahane Yehuda Market and a farewell dinner.

Sites visited:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Gazelle Valley
- 10:30 Yad VaShem
- 12:00 Nili and David Bird Observatory
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Israel Museum
- 16:30 Mahane Yehuda Market
- 18:00 Farewell Dinner



Overnight: King Solomon Jerusalem

Day 10 – November 1st – Tuesday – Departure

8:00 Breakfast at your hotel

9:00 Pick up from your hotel and transfer to the airport. Have a meeting and assistance for your departure flight at the airport.

Have a safe flight!



Extension – Optional

Day 10 – November 1st – Tuesday – Jerusalem to Eilat through the Negev Desert



After breakfast, leave Jerusalem and embark on your journey south. Travel through the breathtaking sights of the Negev Desert to the natural reserve of En Avdat located right next to the grave of Ben Gurion – Israel’s first prime minister. Walk through the canyon carved by the Tsin stream and view the En Avdat waterfall, the monks’ caves and the Euphrates poplars grove. Continue to Mitzpe Ramon where you will be met by the magnificent views of the unique phenomena of the Ramon Crater – the world’s largest erosion crate before continuing to Eilat.

Sites visited:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 11:30 En Avdat
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Ramon Crater
- 17:00 Arrival at Eilat



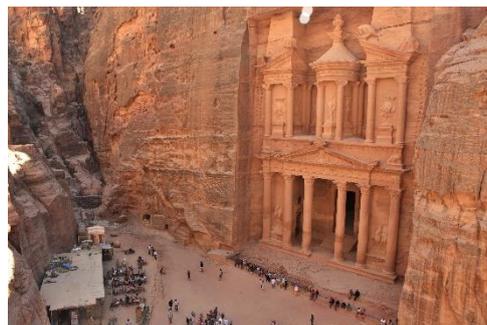
Overnight: Dan Panorama Eilat

Day 11 – November 2nd – Wednesday – An Excursion to Petra

As a day excursion from Eilat enjoy a short visit at Jordan. After crossing border, meet with your guide and drive to Petra and tour of the Nabatean Red Rose City, a city carved in stone more than 2000 years ago. Enjoy an Indiana Jones like adventure through the world's wonder of architectural engineering combined with the ingenuity of carving before returning to your hotel in Eilat.

Sites visited:

- 7:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 8:00 Departure from the hotel to the border
- 10:00 Arrival at Jordan
- 12:00 Petra
- 13:30 Lunch
- 18:00 Arrival at Eilat hotel



Overnight: Dan Panorama Eilat

Day 12 – November 3rd – Thursday – Returning to Tel Aviv



After breakfast, enjoy a short tour of Eilat. Visit the Underwater Observatory Center which offers a unique view into the sealife inhabiting the Red Sea. Continue to the natural reserve of Timna Park boasting beautiful colorful sands and unique geological shapes such as

“The Mushroom”, “Solomon’s Pillars” and the impressive arches. Continue on your journey north via the Arava towards Tel Aviv, where you will enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Sites visited:

- 8:00 Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:00 Underwater Observatory Center
- 11:00 Timna Park
- 13:00 Lunch
- 17:00 Arrival at Tel Aviv
- 18:00 Arrival at Eilat hotel

Overnight: Carlton Tel Aviv



Day 13 – November 4th – Friday – Departure

8:00 Breakfast at your hotel

9:00 Pick up from your hotel and transfer to the airport. Have a meeting and assistance for your departure flight at the airport.

Have a safe flight!



Tour rates (per person), Airfare not included:

	Double stay	Single stay	Triple stay
Regular Tour	\$3,088	\$4,700	\$2,796
Extension	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$946

*Based on 45 participants

Rates Includes:

- 9 nights at 4 star level hotels including **full buffet Israeli breakfast**:

Dates	Hotel Name	Room Type
October 23-25	Carlton Tel Aviv	Premium Partial Sea View
October 25-26	Dan Panorama Haifa	Superior Carmel View
October 26-28	Giladi Hotel Kfar Giladi	Deluxe Novel
October 28-November 1	King Solomon Jerusalem	Deluxe
November 1-3*	Dan Panorama Eilat	Eilat
November 3-4*	Carlton Tel Aviv	Premium Partial Sea View

*Extension only, 3 additional nights

- 1x **Meeting** upon arrival at the airport, **assistance** and **transfer** to the hotel
- 1x **Transfer** from the hotel to the airport. **Meeting** and **assistance** for your departure flight
- English-speaking licensed **guide** for 8 days of touring
- Official touring **vehicle** and a **private driver** during guided days unless otherwise specified.
- **Entrances** to all sites as per itinerary on guided days during guided hours
- **Included activities**: hot air balloon ride, mobile hide ride, winery visit, jeep ride
- 8x Lunch meal
- 4x Dinner meal
- 24/7 assistance service while in Israel
- Overnights for guide and driver when out of Jerusalem
- Information package (please let us know in advance how many are needed)
- **Extension inclusions**: 1 day trip to Petra from Eilat, guide, driver and a touring bus for additional 3 days of touring, 3 additional lunch meals

Rate Excludes:

- Airfare
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Any type of insurance (we do recommend you purchase travel insurance that fits your needs)
- Any services not mentioned above
- Meals unless otherwise mentioned
- Visas and taxes (to Jordan) of approx. \$130 per person which has to be paid in cash at the border.