



April 20-29, 2026

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Monday, April 20: BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- Rendez-vous in the hotel in Tel Aviv this evening for the start of the adventure!
- Welcome dinner and orientation in a local restaurant

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, April 21: MEMORIAL DAY

- Today is Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers; at 11:00am there will be a siren for two minutes to commemorate our fallen troops
- At the **ANU Museum**, see how the Jewish People spread around the world and their contributions to it
- Enter the subterranean munitions factory where Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British leading up to the War of Independence at the **Ayalon Institute**
- Visit to **Save a Child's Heart**, which brings children with congenital heart disease to Israel for life-saving surgery; shower them with gifts and play with them during their free time
- Check into the hotel and freshen up
- At about 8:00pm, Israel goes from solemn to ecstatic as we transform from Memorial Day to Independence Day
- Celebratory dinner in a local restaurant
- Join the Independence Day celebrations around Tel Aviv

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, April 22: REMEMBERING OCTOBER 7

- View into the Gaza Strip from the town of **Sderot**, only 2.5 miles from the Gaza Border; then visit the site of the Police Station Memorial and hear the story of Sderot there
- Pay your respects at the site of the **Nova**, where 364 Israelis were killed on October 7th
- Pick vegetables and Uri Alon's (successful) dream of agriculture in the desert at the **Salad Trail**; hear how October 7th affected his family
- See the **collection of cars** abandoned on October 7th
- Time permitting, visit **Tel Azeka in the Ella Valley** and review the story of David vs. Goliath, which happened here
- Return to Tel Aviv; dinner on your own at the Sarona Market

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, April 23: THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

- Pack up the bus and travel to Jerusalem
- At the **Haas Promenade**, begin the exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem; remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac, associated with this spot
- Continue to the **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; see the probable foundations of King David's palace; Bible in hand, understand how Jerusalem became the venue for the development of classic Jewish values and our national identity; with your flashlights and water shoes, exit via the **water tunnel dug by King Hezekiah** 2,700 years ago in order to save the city from the Assyrians
- Lunch and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
- See how incredible King Herod's Temple Project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**; visit the new synagogue in the tunnels
- Check into the hotel and freshen up
- In the evening, head over to the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk** for a culinary tour to taste some of the incredible Israeli street food; then participate in a **cooking seminar** and **dine** together over your products!

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, April 24: *FROM HOLOCAUST TO REDEMPTION*

- Group one: Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
Group two: site visit to the **Hand in Hand School**, where Jews and Arabs study together
- At the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, visit the graves of the leaders of our nation and of the soldiers who fell defending it, with a special focus on those killed since October 7th
- Visit to the **Gazelle Valley Park** – a nature reserve bringing gazelles back to their natural habitat
- Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- In the evening, participate in a group **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the pluralistic section of the **Western Wall** or overlooking it; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in **Shabbat at the Western Wall**
- Shabbat dinner in the hotel

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, April 25: *SHABBAT SHALOM*

- Optional Shabbat services in a local synagogue or as a group
- Optional tour to the Jerusalem Bird Observatory
- Shabbat lunch in the hotel
OR for those who like
Lunch a la carte in the Arab Quarter of the Cardo
- In the afternoon, walk through the Old City to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** – one of the holiest places on earth for most Christians – and understand the importance to Jerusalem to all monotheistic religions
- **Musical Havdallah**
- Free evening to explore Jerusalem's nightlife

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, April 26: *WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?*

- Ascend **Masada**, the desert fortress, and hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
- Lunch, **float in the Dead Sea** and use the hotel spa facilities
- Hike the **Ein Gedi waterfall trail**
- In the evening, meet with a **current events analyst** for an update on what is happening in Israel today
- Dinner on own to explore Jerusalem

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, April 27: *NORTHERN EXPOSURE*

- See the incredible ruins of the port city build by King Herod in **Caesarea**, once the capital during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
- Traditional **Ethiopian** lunch with Agere, and hear about her years-long journey “home” to Israel
- Flock to the **Hula Valley** and watch the migrating birds heading north for the summer
- Check into your hotel, followed by dinner there

Overnight: Kibbutz HaGoshirim Hotel, Galilee

Tuesday, April 28: **MYSTICS AND MOUNTAINS**

- In **Tzfat**, explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century
- Meet with a **Kabbalistic artist** and see how he incorporates his mystical studies into his artwork
- On the border of Lebanon, **meet soldiers in action** understand the burden of Israel's security on the shoulders of 20-year-olds
- Meet with a **Kibbutz member** and learn about life on Kibbutz
- Dinner in the hotel

Overnight: Kibbutz HaGoshirim Hotel, Galilee

Wednesday, April 29: *GOLAN 360°*

- Ascend the Golan Heights
- Peer into Syria and hear the courageous stories of the Yom Kippur War; then meet with **Lt. Col. Eyal Dror** for an update on what is happening today in Syria and about his Operation Friendly Neighbor, which brought injured Syrians to Israel for live-saving treatment
- Wine tasting at the **Pelter Winery**
- At the ancient synagogue of **Ein Kshatot**, explore this site which was rebuilt replacing each stone back to its original spot after it was destroyed in an earthquake 13 centuries ago
- Processing discussion and farewell dinner
- Continue to the airport for your flight home - flight departs just after midnight tonight
- Start planning your next trip to Israel!

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
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