



Welcome - Bruchim Habaim!

Day 1 Mon, 18 Dec 2023

This memorable trip starts with a morning at the Biblical Reserve of Neot Kedumim for tree planting and sheep herding. Next, we go to the ancient city of Jaffa (Yafo) to explore the old city, the port, and the vibrant flea market. We then visit the new Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, before enjoying dinner together.

- **Tel Aviv:** Pickup at Herods Hotel or Ben Gurion Airport.
- **Neot Kedumim Park:** Start the experience in the Biblical Landscape Reserve where we will plant a tree, try your hand at sheep herding, and deepen your understanding of the Land of Israel. We will end with lunch.
- **Old Jaffa:** The Old City of Yafo, one of the oldest port cities in the world and the country's main gateway up through modern times, is a tangle of quaint alleyways housing historic buildings, a diverse range of shops and restaurants, and the famous flea market.
- **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation:** Discover the incredible story of Israel, the "Innovation Nation," through a fascinating journey inspired by the vision of President Shimon Peres.
- **Check in to the hotel and eat dinner together.**
- **Time to unwind and relax or explore on your own.**

Overnight: Herods Tel Aviv





Tel Aviv: The First Hebrew City

Day 2 Tue, 19 Dec 2023

Today begins with a chesed project, picking vegetables that will end up on the tables of those in need, at Leket Israel. Then, it's on to the Children's Museum in Holon, for the moving experience of Dialogue in the Dark. After shopping in the artists' market of Nachalat Binyamin, we will head out to do a unique Graffiti Tiyul (tour) and Workshop, looking at and examining the ongoing conversation on the walls of the Florentin neighborhood between various artists. Finally, it's time on your own in Tel Aviv, the city that never sleeps!

- **Herods Tel Aviv:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Leket Rehovot:** Volunteer picking vegetables that will be donated to those in need, in a fun and meaningful activity for the entire family.
- **Holon Children's Museum "Dialogue in the Dark":** Experience daily environments from the perspective of a person who is blind or deaf at this exhibit set in the innovative Children's Museum.
- **Lunch on own:** Enjoy the Carmel Market including the Nachalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts fair.
- **Graffiti Tour:** Examine the social conversation between the local graffiti artists and discover your creative side with a hands-on workshop.
- **Night out on own in Tel Aviv**

Overnight: Herods Tel Aviv





Israel in Modern Times

Day 3 Wed, 20 Dec 2023

Start the day viewing Tel Aviv from above in a balloon. Visit Rabin Square, the site where the former Prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, was assassinated. After lunch, go to the new Jewish Sports Museum for an interactive experience. Then, it is time to ascend to Jerusalem for a Shehechyanu blessing and toast, to welcome us to the Holy City.

- **Herods Tel Aviv:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **TLV Balloon:** See Tel Aviv from the sky, in a hot air balloon that rises high above "The Big Orange"!
- **Rabin Square/Malkhe Israel:** Located beneath Tel Aviv City Hall, it is one of the city's main public plazas and is named for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated here in 1995.
- **Lunch on own at Rabin Square.**
- **Jewish Sports Museum:** See the new interactive museum of Jewish sport throughout the ages, including the Maccabiah and the Olympics.
- **Enter Jerusalem:** With the Shehechyanu blessing on our lips, enter the Holy City on the evening before the Bnei Mitzvah Ceremony.
- **Check in to hotel.**
- **Dinner on own.**

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel





Bnei Mitzvah in Jerusalem

Day 4 Thu, 21 Dec 2023

Celebrate your family Bnei Mitzvah and spend the day traveling back in time to see Jerusalem at its peak - at the end of the Second Temple Period, before the destruction of the Temple. Explore the ruins that remain almost two millennia later and connect with the eternal Jewish chain of generations. The day culminates in a party marking this milestone with simcha (great happiness)!

- **King Solomon Hotel:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony:** Celebrate with a Shacharit service and Torah reading at Azarat Yisrael (the egalitarian section of the Kotel). Guests are invited!
- **Davidson Center:** Tour the archaeological park surrounding the south-west corner of the Temple Mount, including remains from across the history of the site, such as Robinson's Arch and the Hulda Gates.
- **A Look into the Past:** Experience a short virtual tour of the Second Temple complex via a 3D headset from the comfort of your own chair.
- **Western Wall:** Known as the Kotel (meaning wall), this is a remnant of the Second Temple complex built by King Herod - the most iconic site in Judaism and the focal point of Jewish longing for centuries.
- **Celebration Lunch at the Culinarium:** Dress up in the attire of the Second Temple and enjoy a memorable, festive lunch. Reservations for external guests are required in advance.
- **City of David:** The original core of ancient Jerusalem, this was the site of King David's capital, and today is a national park encompassing the remains from that period.
- **Free night in Jerusalem with dinner on own.**

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel





Yizkor - Remembrance

Day 5 Fri, 22 Dec 2023

Today we focus on a more somber theme as we visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, essential to the ethos and character of the Jewish State. Stroll through the bustling Shuk (market) before welcoming in Shabbat together!

- **King Solomon Hotel:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Yad Vashem:** Participate in a special program that will connect the Bnei Mizvah with the histories of children who perished in the Shoah.
- **Jerusalem Biblical Zoo (alternate program):** Simultaneous with the Yad Vashem visit, younger participants will visit the only Biblical Zoo in the world, together with the Ramah counselor.
- **Machane Yehuda:** Jerusalem's historic main market, known simply as "The Shuk," offers a wide range of shops from fresh produce to wholesale housewares to gourmet eateries.
- **Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat.**
- **Shabbat starts: 4:01 pm.**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel:** Join the masses of celebrants at the Western Wall, welcoming in Shabbat with prayer, song and dance.
- **Joyful Shabbat dinner at the hotel.**

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel



Shabbat Shalom



Shabbat in Jerusalem

Day 6 Sat, 23 Dec 2023

Enjoy a relaxing Shabbat in Jerusalem. Join Shabbat services at a local synagogue and explore the nearby parks and neighborhoods.

- **King Solomon Hotel:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Tefilla at a choice of local synagogues.**
- **Shabbat lunch together at the hotel.**
- **Rest time, and activities for children with the Ramah counselor.**
- **Walking tour:** See the local sites of the neighborhood and learn its stories.
- **Havdalah as a group:** 5:22 pm.
- **Bardak Pizza Bar:** Optional night out at the trendy Bardak Pizza Bar or enjoy the nightlife on Ben Yehuda Street.

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel





Masada and the Dead Sea

Day 7 Sun, 24 Dec 2023

As we travel down to Masada, stop for a camel ride at Eretz Bereshit. Ascend Masada and explore the ancient mountaintop complex, then enjoy floating in the Dead Sea before driving down to Kibbutz Ketura near Eilat.

- **King Solomon Hotel:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Eretz Bereshit:** Learn firsthand about the transportation in the times of Abraham and Sarah by riding a camel through the desert.
- **Masada National Park:** Hike up or ascend by cable car and tour this iconic historical site, with its famous tragic ending.
- **Ein Bokek Beach:** Swim and float in the Dead Sea; don't forget your book or newspaper for the iconic photo of this indescribable experience!
- **Lunch at local restaurant.**
- **Check in to Hotel.**
- **Festive BBQ dinner at Ketura.**

Overnight: Kibbutz Ketura Guest House





Beauty of the South

Day 8 Mon, 25 Dec 2023

Start your day at Timna Park. Swim and relax at the beaches of Eilat, and end the day at the Kasui Sand Dunes along with a special campfire kumsitz.

- **Kibbutz Ketura Guest House:** Breakfast at the Kibbutz.
- **Timna Park:** See the natural wonder that is Timna, with the ancient copper mines, incredible rock formations, and stunning views!
- **Almogim (Coral) Beach:** Snorkel in the clear blue waters of the Red Sea and discover the beautiful undersea wildlife.
- **Eilat's Promenade with shopping and lunch on own.**
- **Kasui Sand Dunes - Desert Solo Experience:** Climb the magnificent sand dunes and roll down to the bottom in this ever-changing wonder of the desert.
- **Traditional Middle Eastern dinner:** Followed by a campfire kumsitz.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ketura Guest House





Ketura

Day 9 Tue, 26 Dec 2023

Explore Ketura with a tour and bike ride. Enjoy the views of the Ramon Crater and learn about this unique phenomenon at the interactive Visitors Center. For those of you with an adventurous spirit, get up close and personal by rappelling over the edge.

- **Kibbutz Ketura Guest House:** Breakfast at the Kibbutz.
- **Walking Tour of Kibbutz Ketura:** Discover the environmental innovations of the kibbutz at their algae factory and solar field.
- **Bike Ride:** Bike to Ketura's experimental orchards for a tour. Leave your mark by planting a tree with your family.
- **Lunch on own in Mitzpe Ramon.**
- **Mitzpe Ramon Visitors Center:** Located on the rim of the crater, the center explains how this unique geological formation was formed and also commemorates the legacy of Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut.
- **Optional rappelling activity into the crater.**
- **Maktesh Ramon:** Walk along the rim of the Makhtesh and enjoy the stunning views as the sun sets over the crater.
- **Dinner at hotel.**

Overnight: Iris Yerucham Hotel





Start-up Nation, L'hitraot!

Day 10 Wed, 27 Dec 2023

Visit the grave of David Ben-Gurion and enjoy the magnificent desert view. Hike up the canyon of Ein Avdat, before visiting a farm to see and taste for ourselves the magic of desert agriculture. The trip ends with dinner together before saying goodbye - L'hitraot!

- **Iris Yerucham Hotel:** Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Ein Avdat National Park:** Take a short hike through the beautiful canyon, carved out by a stream that is fed from the natural spring. Learn about the Nabateans who walked through these valleys centuries ago with their spice-laden camels.
- **Ben-Gurion's grave:** Learn about Israel's first prime minister at the national park encompassing the gravesite of David and Paula Ben-Gurion. Enjoy a panoramic view of the Negev Desert.
- **Shvil Hasalat:** Pick and taste various fruits and vegetables, that were grown using Israeli agricultural innovations, at this interactive tour of a farm in the Negev.
- **Caffit in Modi'in:** Enjoy a final dinner together in a beautiful restaurant overlooking the old-new city of Modi'in, home of the Maccabees and now a sprawling city.
- **Drop-off at the airport or Jerusalem:** L'hitraot!

