

Join Rabbi Howard Lifshitz on Congregation Beth Judea's



Israel Experience December 19 - 31, 2010

Tour Highlights:

Round trip air ORD - Tel Aviv - ORD

King Solomon Hotel - Jerusalem, Kibbutz Lavi Guest House -North

All Breakfasts, Shabbat Dinner and Lunch, 4 Week-Day Dinners, as per itinerary

Touring with one of Israel's Top Tour Guide Educators in Deluxe Motor Coach

Opening ceremony - plant a tree in Israeli soil, Independence Hall, Nachalat Binyamin, Palmach Museum,

Old Jaffa Port, Na Laga'at, Kibbutz Ein Shemer, Israel's Druze community, Tzipori,

Mystical city of Tzefat, Golan Heights, Har Bental, Talmudic Village, Belvoir Castle,

Israel's border with Jordan, Old City of Jerusalem, Recite the sheheheyanu blessing with Rabbi Lifshitz,

Kabbalat Shabbat at Robinson's Arch, Havdalah with Rabbi Lifshitz, Southern Wall Excavations,

Kotel Tunnels, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Arab Market, Jewish Quarter,

Meet members of Masorti Congregation, Holocaust Memorial Museum Yad Vashem, Herzl Exhibit,

Israeli Supreme Court, Har Herzl Military Cemetery, Machane Yehuda, Lifeline for the Old,

Ammunition Hill, Dig through archeological matter from under the Temple Mount, The Night Spectacular,

Tower of David Museum, Israel's Airforce Museum, Tel Sheva, Jo Alon Museum of Bedouin Culture, Masada,

ITC full color source book, A fantastic tour filled with meaningful experiences and fun!

(check payment) Land Only \$2265 Air and Land Package* \$3835 Single Supplement: \$695

Third person over 18 in triple room: subtract \$125

Child, age 2-11 as third person in a triple room: subtract \$550

Bar/Bat Mitzvah age 12-13 as third person in a triple room: subtract \$655

Child, 14-18 as third person in a triple room: subtract \$510

Added to the land price tips for Guide Driver and Restaurants \$165

*Included in air price - airport tax \$98 and fuel surcharge \$380 Fuel and Tax surcharge are subject to change

For information and applications please call Rabbi Lifshitz 847-634-0777

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Download itinerary and application at: www.israeltour.com/rlifshitz.php

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Sunday, 19 December - Depart USA - Overnight flight to Israel

Monday, 20 December - When You Come Into the Land (Deut. 26:1)
Midday arrival (ideally) in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative at Ben Gurion Airport Put down roots immediately as you plant a tree in Israeli soil in honor or in memory of a loved one Proceed to Tel Aviv for hotel check-in . Welcome dinner at Maganda Yemenite Restaurant. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, 21 December - The Modern Hebrew City

First-time Israel travelers - At Independence Hall, relive Ben Gurion's moving declaration of the State (on-site guide)

Repeat visitors After a guided tour of the architecture of this neighborhood, browse through unique craft items in Nachalat Binyamin's colorful, open-air market, and see modern Tel Aviv in action

Free time for lunch (on one's own) in Nahalat Binyamin

Enjoy an impressive presentation of the amazing achievements of the Palmach at the new multi-media Palmach Museum

Evening Option: Enjoy dinner in the Old Jaffa Port at Café Kappish, served by deaf waiters who will teach you sign language during your meal to be followed by Na Laga'at, a unique play performed by actors who are both deaf and blind (not yet included in tour price)

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, 22 December - Layers of History Travel north

At Kibbutz Ein Shemer, enjoy hands-on group activities that simulate the life of Israel's early kibbutz pioneers, such as baking bread in their original wood-burning oven, pitching a tent, and building a mosaic floor. Meet members of Israel's Druze community in Dalyat al Karmel, hear about their fierce patriotism, and enjoy their warm hospitality. Explore the magnificently excavated ancient city of Tzippori, home to Rabbi Judah the Prince; discover ancient beauty and evidence of a community in which Jews and Romans coexisted peacefully

Continue north for hotel check-in and dinner

Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Guest House, North

Thursday, 23 December - In the Footsteps of Mystics and Pioneers

Tour the synagogues, courtyards, and shops of the mystical city of Tzefat. Ascend the Golan Heights and gaze down over the Galilee, as the Syrians once did. Enter former Syrian bunkers and learn how master spy, Eli Cohen, revealed their secrets. Ascend to the peak of Har Bental, where you can enter army bunkers and take in a panoramic view at the crossroads of three countries; discuss the significance of the Golan Height in today's geo-political reality. Travel back to the time of the Talmud as you visit the excavated Talmudic Village in Katzrin

Free evening on the Tiberias promenade

Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Guest House, North

Friday, 24 December - The Jordan River Valley

Explore Belvoir Castle, a beautifully restored Crusader fortress with an amazing story and a magnificent view of the Jordanian Gilad mountains. Travel south along Israel's border with Jordan for the ascent to Jerusalem. Gaze upon the Old City of Jerusalem, as did Abraham at the dawn of Jewish history; take in the breathtaking view; recite the sheheheyanu blessing with Rabbi Lifshitz - Hotel check-in. Kabbalat Shabbat at Robinson's Arch or a choice of neighborhood synagogues. Shabbat dinner at the hotel . Overnt: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat, 25 December - Shabbat in Jerusalem

Shabbat morning services at a synagogue of your choice (suggestions, walking instructions to be provided)

Sumptuous Shabbat lunch buffet at the hotel

Shabbat rest- Havdalah with Rabbi Lifshitz

Free evening in Jerusalem

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, 26 December - Jerusalem of Old

Explore the Southern Wall Excavations and learn more about the ancient Jerusalem Temple at the Davidson Center

First time Israel travelers. In the Kotel Tunnels, walk alongside the Western Wall's massive foundation stones (on-site guide)

Repeat Visitors. Walk along the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Arab Market with our guide

Everybody. Lunch (on one's own) and shopping in the Jewish Quarter

Travel through many centuries in walking tour through the Jewish Quarter. Free evening in Jerusalem OR Evening program with a Masorti congregation. Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, 27 December - Those Who Made a Difference

Visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum (age 12 and up only) and the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem; alternative interactive tour available for younger children on site. Take in a special multi-media presentation about the life, dreams, and accomplishments of the Father of

Modern Zionism at the Herzl Exhibit (if available) OR Tour the architecturally unique Israeli Supreme Court building and focus on Israel's justice system. Take a sobering walk through the history of the Jewish State at the Har Herzl Military Cemetery

Walk through colorful, bustling Machane Yehuda open-air market - am yisrael hail. Free evening in Jerusalem

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, 28 December - Jerusalem Then and Now

Visit Lifeline for the Old, a moving crafts workshop that employs Jerusalem elderly. Enjoy shopping for unique hand-crafted Judaica items in their store. Drive along Jerusalem's former border with

Jordan, pre-1967. At Ammunition Hill, see former Jordanian bunkers, a moving film about the soldiers who fought here, and a terrific new audio-video presentation; learn about the fierce

Stumble across many authentic archeological finds in a hands-on dig through archeological matter that has been dumped into Emek Tzurim from under the Temple Mount. Evening: Attend The Night

Spectacular, the fabulous new sound and light show at the Tower of David Museum, with free time for dinner (on one's own) at the new Mamilla Mall. Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, 29 December - Into the Desert

Visit Israel's Airforce Museum near Beersheva to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force

At Tel Sheva, the best example of what we imagine a Biblical well to be, review (or act out) biblical courtship scenes that took place at wells. Visit the fascinating Jo Alon Museum of Bedouin Culture near

Lahav for an in-depth introduction to this desert culture and some Bedouin hospitality. Proceed to the Dead Sea Region for hotel check-in and dinner. Overnight: Isrotel, Dead Sea

Thursday, 30 December - Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

First time Israel travelers. Ascend Masada by cable car. Tour this impressive excavation and discuss the terrible dilemma faced by its Jewish population during Roman times. Return to our hotel to enjoy its spa facilities, pool, and the amazing Dead Sea

Repeat visitors. Spend today at our hotel, enjoying its spa facilities and the amazing Dead Sea . Optional afternoon excursion to Ein Gedi Nature Reserve. Everybody. Return to Jerusalem for a farewell dinner at Olive and Fish. Depart for the airport

Friday, 31 December - A Temporary Departure

Morning arrival in USA

Begin planning your next Israel trip with ITC Tours!

Itinerary Subject to Change