

SHOMRIM SOCIETY



ISRAEL MISSION 2020

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An eleven-day trip covering the must see AND places we usually do not visit PLUS enlightening encounters with Israeli law enforcement

April 19-29 2020



Day 1, Sunday, Apr.19th: Departing Chicago, Miami and New York on a transatlantic flight. Dinner, inflight entertainment and breakfast on board.

Day 2, Monday, Apr.20th: Arrival to Tel Aviv. Airport assistance and transfer to your beach front hotel (Herods or similar). If arrival time permits, we will do a **panoramic tour of Tel Aviv** on the way to the hotel. Check in. Rest or take a walk on the board walk (considered by National Geographic as the fourth most beautiful in the world). We meet for dinner.

Day 3, Tuesday, Apr. 21st: Tel Aviv. After our rich Israeli buffet breakfast, we visit the **Ben Gurion House** to understand the independence story of the State of Israel. Continue to **Rabin's Square**, where Israel's Prime Minister was assassinated in 1995. From here we drive to the **Palmach Museum** showing the story of Israel Pre IDF organization. We end this day by visiting **Apolonia** – a Roman city north of Tel Aviv. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Wednesday, Apr.22nd: Jerusalem. On our way to Jerusalem we visit the **Bullet Factory** – an underground “illegal” ammunition factory, hidden under a laundry during the British Mandate that ended in 1948. We visit **Latroun**– the Armored Corps Museum and memorial center. We reach Jerusalem and visit **Ammunition Hill** where the fiercest battle of the Six Day War took place. Check in to our Jerusalem hotel.

Day 5, Thursday, Apr 23rd: Jerusalem. We start with a group picture at **Mt. of Olives** overlooking the city of Jerusalem. We then visit the **new National Memorial Center**. See how Israel cherishes the memory of 23,698 Israelis who fell while defending their country. At **Herzel Museum** we are exposed to the story of Zionism that brought the Jewish People back home. We dedicate the rest of the day to meet the **Border Police** - in charge of the anti-terrorism activities of the city (subject to confirmation). Many law enforcement organizations around the world come here to learn from their experience. We return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 6, Friday, Apr. 24th: Jerusalem. We dedicate time to explore the mesmerizing **Yad Vashem**. We next visit the **City of David**, where King David established his residence before taking the city. We end at the **Kotel. Kabbalat Shabbat at our hotel.**

Day 7, Saturday, Apr. 25th: Shabbat Service at the **Great Synagogue**. You can rest in the hotel or join us for a walking tour of the **Old City Jewish Quarter**. You can also join us on a visit to the **Israel Museum**, home of the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited and see a model of the city from the second temple time (Jesus time). Those who wish to visit the **Holy Sepulcher Church** can do so today too .We meet for dinner at our

hotel.

Day 8, Sunday, Apr 26th Desert bound. After breakfast we check out from our hotel and head to the lowest place in the world – the Dead Sea area (1200 feet below sea level). We first visit **Masada** – the palace - fortress built by king Herod where hundreds of Jews preferred to commit a group suicide rather than surrender to the Romans. We enjoy a dip in the **Dead Sea**, rich with minerals - nature's gift to your skin. We drive north to reach our Haifa hotel.

Day9, Monday, Apr. 27th: Galilee. We drive to the grottos of **Rosh Haninkra**. Nearby is the underground impressive Crusader city of **Akko**. Return to Haifa for a view over the beautiful **Bahai Gardens. Return to our**

hotel for an early dinner (6PM) as by 7:10PM we must reach the Military Academy for the Memorial Day ceremony that starts at 7:45. Return to hotel.

Day10, Tuesday, Apr. 28th: Memorial Day. We climb the Golan Heights to follow **Eli Cohen's path** (an Israeli Mossad spy who lived in Syria under cover and provided invaluable intelligence that was crucial for the victory of the Six Days War). We reach the **Valley of Tears** where the fiercest tank battle took place in Yom Kippur War and see an amazing video about it. If time permits, we reach Mt. Bental to look over Syria. We drive to our Netanya hotel for dinner and rest.

Day 11, Wednesday Apr.29th: Back home. Airport transfer and flight home. Arrival on same day.

Welcome home! You have just returned from a lifetime experience

GENERAL INFORMATION (IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ): THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES: Round trip flights from Chicago, Miami and New York • Four-star hotels • Meals: Daily buffet breakfast and dinner • All excursions detailed in the itinerary, with licensed guides and deluxe air-conditioned vehicles • Entrance fees to all sites visited. • Luggage handling of 1 bag of 50lbs at hotels •Transfers to/from airports in Israel • The price is based on a **double occupancy** and on a minimum group of **25 participants**.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Personal expenses, beverages during meals, recommended tips of \$10 pp per day, recommended travel insurance of \$174. Single room supplement is an additional \$1030 mandatory for the participant that does not have a roommate. Aviatours and your leader will try their best to find a roommate, but if we are unable to find one for you 45 days before departure, you will need to pay the single supplement or sleep in a triple bedroom. (Third bed is a rollover bed and not comfortable).

Passports and Visas: Your passport must be valid at least until October 30 2020 (It is your responsibility to check your passport to see if it's valid for travel. As per TSA Guidelines your passport needs to be valid at least 6 months after the return date. USA citizens do not need a visa to Israel other nationalities please check www.israelemb.org

BAGGAGE: Only 1 piece of luggage of 50lb is allowed. The carry on should not exceed 16lbs.

Reservations and payment: A \$300 deposit (by check or money order only) is required at time of registration. Initial deposits need to be submitted as soon as possible to guarantee your airline seat. \$600 additional before November 1, 2019. Final payment is due no later than Jan. 15th, 2020 to avoid a \$75 late payment fee. Non-payment by February 23, 2020 will cause an automatic seat cancellation with the airline. Please fill out the registration form of the tour and send it along with a check or money order. Please make a check or money order payable to AVIATOURS and mail to 66 Guy Lombardo Ave. Freeport, NY 11520. ALL payments should be with a note stating AVIA/ SHOMRIM 2020

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Registration deposit - \$474 with insurance (optional but highly recommended), \$300 without insurance. (The cost of the insurance of \$174 is not included in the final price). Paid by check or money order. Deposit must be sent with a signed registration form.

We have limited seats available at these prices. When taken, price may increase.

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