

WELCOME
ברוכים הבאים

8 DAY | ACTIVE ISRAEL STUDY TOUR FOR ADULTS

8-DAYS | 6-NIGHTS

DAY ONE: Sunday

DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO: Monday

NEW BEGINNINGS AND A GLIMPSE INTO OUR PAST

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Ascend to Jerusalem.
- **Welcome to Jerusalem – ברוכים הבאים:** Enter the vibrant and colourful 3,000 year old city of Jerusalem and experience the convergence of the old and new.
- Stop at the **Haas Promenade** to say the traditional “shehechyanu” blessing, recited upon entering Jerusalem.
- Check into the hotel and time to relax.
- *Creating Jewish Futures in the Contemporary Jewish State* **Welcome Dinner** and dialogue with **Rabbi Danny Gordis** of the Shalem Center.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY THREE: Tuesday

JERUSALEM: THE CITY OF THREE RELIGIONS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the **Temple Mount**, site of the First and Second Temples and the third holiest place to Islam, with the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque.
- Explore **Christian East Jerusalem** through visits with Christian personalities and institutions, joined by **Hana Bendcowsky**, Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations.
- Lunch on your own.
- Overlook Jerusalem from atop the **Mount of Olives**, traditional sites of Jesus' ascension to heaven, for a view of the glorious old and new cities of Jerusalem.
- Meeting with **Dr. Rami Nasrallah**, Founder and Head of the International Peace and Cooperation Center (IPCC).
- *My Home in Jerusalem* Conversation with **Yishai Fleisher** in his studio, *Eye on Zion*, situated on the Mt. of Olives.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FOUR: Wednesday

VISIONS AND CHALLENGES OF JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the new **Herzl Center**, located at Mount Herzl, dedicated to the life and achievements of the founder of Political Zionism, Theodore Herzl, followed by a visit to the graves of Theodore Herzl and Yitzhak Rabin.
- *Building a Jewish Society in a Modern State* Special study program at the **Hartman Institute** in Jerusalem, with a leading scholar.
- Lunch on your own.
- **LaDa'at** **The Geopolitics of Jerusalem - ירושלים: ובלילה חומה**: Travel through the city of Jerusalem exploring some of the political and diplomatic complexities of recent years, including the 'Security Barrier' with further insight into the ramifications of current developments.
- Depart for **Gush Etzion**.
- Meet with **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, founder and Dean of the Ohr Torah Stone Institutions, a network of high schools, colleges, and graduate programs in the United States and Israel, followed by a short bus tour of Efrat.
- *Ethics & Dilemmas in the Field* Session with **Col. Benzi Gruber (Res.)**, the Deputy Commander in the armored division that took part in Operation Cast Lead in Gaza in 2009.
- Dinner at a restaurant in Gush Etzion.
- Return to Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FIVE: Thursday

ISRAEL'S ECONOMICAL AND ECOLOGICAL PROGRESS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- *Israel's Economic and Hi-Tech Revolution* Dialogue with **Jonathan Medved**, one of the leading investors in a new Israeli start-up company. Jonathan is featured in the book *Start-Up Nation* by Dan Senor and Saul Singer.
- Depart Jerusalem.
- Visit the **Ashkelon Seawater Reverse Osmosis (SWRO)**, a desalination plant in Ashkelon.
- *The Electric Car Revolution*, guided visit to the new **Better Place Visitors' Center**, for a glimpse at the premier global provider of electric vehicle services
- Late afternoon visit to the **Old City of Jaffa**; ascend from the ancient port, through the renovated artists' colony to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began
- Check into the hotel in Tel Aviv.
- Enjoy dinner on your own in **Tel Aviv**, at a choice of a wide array of restaurants from the Tel Aviv Port to Jaffa, and downtown Tel Aviv.
- **Evening Cultural Event.** (*Dance, Theater, Music*)

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY SIX: Friday

THE MOSAIC OF TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Walk through the museum at the new **Rabin Center**, dedicated to the history of society and democracy in Israel, with the life of Yitzhak Rabin serving as a connecting thread between the various sections of the exhibition, both chronologically and substantively.
- *The Art Scene in Tel Aviv* Visit the **Galleries** which have put Tel Aviv at the forefront of local and international art scenes and meet with gallery owners.
- *Everything Must Go* Walk through Tel Aviv and Jaffa's **Open-Air Markets**, including Nachalat Binyamin, Levinsky and the famous Jaffa Flea Market whilst meeting the personalities, hearing their stories, and sampling their wares, with lunch on own.
- Return to the hotel.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Yisraelit** at the Tel Aviv Port. (*Seasonal*)
- **Shabbat Dinner** with lone soldiers and other invited guests.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY SEVEN: Saturday

VISIONS AND REALITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive south to the Negev.
- *Life After Operation Cast-Lead* Visit a residential area located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, for insight into the security complexities of Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, including a dialogue with a local resident.
- Visit the home and gravesite of Israel's first Prime Minister, **David Ben Gurion**, located at Kibbutz Sde Boker overlooking the Wilderness of Zinn in the Negev Desert.
- Return to Tel Aviv.
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol Havdallah* overlooking the Sea.
- **Festive Farewell Dinner.**

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY EIGHT: Sunday

RETURN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport.
- Departure flight to the U.S.A., arriving the same day.