

WELCOME

ברוכים הבאים

9 DAY | MIRACULOUS MULTI-FAITH EXPERIENCE

9-DAYS | 7-NIGHTS

DAY ONE: Sunday

DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO: Monday

ARRIVAL

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representatives and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Drive through **Tel Aviv**, known as the “city that never sleeps” and pass by centers of culture and recreation such as the Habima Theater, sprawling beaches, Dizengoff Street and Rabin Square.
- Check into the hotel.
- *What Kind of Holy Land?* Dialogue with **Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish**, Director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, and with other Muslim and Christian representatives.
- **Welcome Dinner** at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY THREE: Tuesday

ALONG THE COAST

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- *Living Together* **Panel Discussion** with educators and activists in Jaffa.
- Visit the **Jaffa Overlook** for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.
- Drive to **Baka El Garbiya**, an Arab village in Wadi Ara.
- *The Muslims & Jews of Israel in 2012* Dialogue with students and faculty at the **Islamic College** in Baka El Garbiya.
- Visit **Nazareth** and walk through the colorful marketplace to visit the Church of the Annunciation of Christ and meet with a representative from the Bishop's office.
- Drive to the kibbutz and check into the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel.
- Group discussion and reflection.

Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee

DAY FOUR: Wednesday

NATURE AND SECURITY

- Breakfast at the kibbutz hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- **Jeep** tour climbing to the **Golan Heights** in the footsteps of IDF soldiers and their battles in the Six Day War, to enjoy the beautiful natural scenery and gain an insight into the strategic complexity of the Golan.
- Guided visit through **Christian Holy Sites** around the Sea of Galilee, including visits to:
 - **Tabgha**, traditional site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, and the site of a modern church built on the remains of a Fourth Century church
 - **Capernaum**, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the site of Jesus' teachings and the remains of a Second Century synagogue.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Drive southwards along the **Jordan Rift Valley**.
- **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 the new.
- Check into the hotel.
- *The Unique Character of Israel* Dialogue with **Avraham Infeld**, Director of the Israeli Chais Foundation or with journalist and scholar, **Yossi Klein Halevi**, of the Shalem Center, over dinner at a restaurant in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FIVE: Thursday

THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- **Ecumenical Welcome Blessing** overlooking the **Old City** from atop the **Mount of Olives**.
- Visit the **Western Wall Tunnel**, the underground continuation of the Western Wall alongside the Temple Mount.
- Continue on a walking tour through the **Jewish Quarter**, including visits to:
 - The **Cardo**, a Byzantine street that is now the oldest shopping arcade in the world.
 - The **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
- Lunch on own.
- Visit the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and other Christian sites.
- Visit the **Garden Tomb**, traditional Protestant site of Calvary.
- Return to the hotel.
- Group discussion and reflection over dinner at a restaurant in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY SIX: Friday

MEMORY AND RENEWAL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Challenges of Holocaust Education* Dialogue with Holocaust scholar, **Dr. Rachel Korazim**.
- Guided visit through the newly renovated **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The **Avenue of the Righteous**
 - The new **Historical Museum**
 - The **Children's Memorial**
 - A concluding **Memorial Service**
- Walk through the picturesque neighbourhood of **Ein Karem**, nestled on the slopes of the Jerusalem forest and explore the art galleries, coffee shops and hidden corners of beauty.
- Visit the city of **Bethlehem**, site of the birth of Jesus and the Church of the Nativity and meet with a Christian spiritual leader.
- *Optional Kabbalat Shabbat* service at a local synagogue or at the Kotel.
- **Festive Shabbat Dinner** with **Rabbi Levi Kelman**.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY SEVEN: Saturday

THE DEAD SEA BASIN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Descend to the **Dead Sea Basin**.
- Ascend Masada by cable car to visit **Masada**, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Explore the many archaeological remains from the Roman and Byzantine Eras.
- Bathe in the relaxing and healthy sulphur springs at a **Dead Sea Resort Hotel** and float in the Dead Sea, including lunch at the hotel.
- Visit **Qumran**, explore the area where the Dead Sea Sect established a community, see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and view the interactive audiovisual program.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY EIGHT: Sunday

JERUSALEM OF ALL RELIGIONS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided visit to the **Temple Mount – Harem A Sharif**, including the **Dome of the Rock** and an outside view of the **Al Aksa Mosque**.
- *Optional* Church services.
- *One Mountain, Three Religions: Mt. Zion and the Religious Challenge* Visit the traditional burial site of **King David**, a 1948-1967 Temple Mount overlook, Dormition Abbey, a mosque and the Room of the Last Supper.
- Lunch in the Old City.
- *The Origins of Monotheism* Special visit to the **Bible Lands Museum** with its vast collections of archaeology and art from the heartlands of the Bible.
- Return to the hotel for time to relax.
- **Festive Farewell Dinner** and wrap-up discussion.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY NINE: Monday

RETURN

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