



# JEWISH HERITAGE TOURS

## Friday arrival *9 nights*



### Friday

#### **Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv**

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by a Diesenhuis Unitours representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

### Saturday

#### **At Leisure**

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

### Sunday

#### **Caesarea / Haifa / Acre / Rosh Hanikra**

Drive north to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region; see the excavations of the Crusaders' city, the aqueduct and the Amphitheatre that has been restored as a concert venue. Proceed to Haifa to visit the Clandestine Immigration and Naval museum ("Af al Pi Chen") and hear the story of the illegal immigrants to Israel at the time of the British mandate. Drive to Acre, the Old City recognized by UNESCO as world heritage site; walk through the old port and local market. Continue to Rosh Hanikra; descend by cable car into the underwater grottoes and admire the spectacular natural formation.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

### Monday

#### **Safed / Golan Heights / Tel-Hai**

Drive to Safed, one of the four holy cities in Israel, center of the Kaballa movement; visit the Caro and Ari synagogues; stroll through the narrow alleyways and visit the picturesque Artists' quarter. Next, enjoy a Jeep tour at the foots of the Golan. Continue to the Golan Heights; stop at Gadot overlook, the memorial for the fallen

of the Golan, located over former Syrian bunkers; view the monument built in honor of the Alexandroni brigade. Proceed for a magnificent observation point over the city of Kuneitra, and the Syrian territory. Drive to Tel-Hai; see the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. Meet with a Kibbutz member and learn about their unique lifestyle.

Overnight at a Kibbutz guesthouse.

### Tuesday

#### **Tiberias / Beit Shean / Beit Alpha / Gan Hashlosha / Jerusalem**

Drive to Tiberias to visit Rambam's grave; Continue through the Jordan valley to Beit Shean, known as "Scythopolis", and see the fascinating excavated remains from Roman and Byzantine periods.

Stop at Beit Alpha to admire the beautiful mosaic floor of a synagogue discovered in 1929. Visit Gan Hashlosha national park and enjoy the warm spring water pools and waterfalls. Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem; stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Wednesday

#### **Kotel Tunnels / Sephardic Synagogues / Davidson Center / Tower of David**

Visit the Tomb of King David on Mt. Zion. Walk along the Cardo, heart of the ancient Roman City; visit the four Sephardic Synagogues restored after 1967 war in the Jewish quarter; tour the Western Wall Tunnels; visit the archaeological park at Davidson Center; walk through the colorful local bazaar to visit the Tower of David

museum presenting the history of Jerusalem and ancient remains of the city beginning with the first temple period.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Thursday

#### **Yad Vashem / Mt. Herzl / Ammunition Hill / Israel Museum**

Enjoy seeing the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies at the Kotel. Drive through Mea Shearim, one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem and learn about the unique lifestyle of the ultra-orthodox communities. Proceed to Mount Herzl, the military cemetery, and Yad Vashem the memorial to the Holocaust. Visit the Ammunition Hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold, conquered by the Israeli army in the six day war, and converted into a national memorial site and museum. Drive by the Knesset, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Next visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed, and the Holyland model, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Friday

#### **Qumran / Masada / Dead Sea**

Drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Masada, ascend by cable car and tour the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans; visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue and bathhouse; descend by cable car. Next, stop for Lunch and Spa facilities in one of the leading hotels in the area and enjoy a "Swim" in the Dead Sea.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Saturday

#### **At Leisure**

Overnight in Jerusalem.

### Sunday

#### **Jerusalem / Ben Gurion Airport**

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.



### **The above rates include the following services:**

- Sharing transfer on arrival and departure (from/to Ben Gurion Airport)
- 9 nights accommodation on **BED & BREAKFAST** basis
- Half board for 2 nights at kibbutz hotel Lavi
- Lunch and Spa at the Dead Sea
- 6 touring days as per itinerary, with English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to the sites visited as per itinerary
- Jeep tour in the Galilee

**The hotels appearing in the table might be replaced with similar ones.**