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# B'er Chayim Temple Tour to Israel

Hosted by  
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## Package includes

- Round trip flights from IAD to TLV via scheduled carriers, including fuel surcharges, taxes & fees (fuel surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued)
- Arrival & departure transfers with meeting, assistance, and portorage
- All intra-Israel transportation and transfers via air-conditioned motorcoach
- Accommodations in 4 and 4 ½ star hotels throughout
- Israeli buffet breakfast daily plus 6 dinners (welcome dinner in Tel Aviv, 2 dinners in Galilee, 1 dinner at the Dead Sea, Shabbat dinner, and farewell dinner in Jerusalem)
- Dedicated English speaking guide throughout

## Why you'll love it

- Visit Jaffa, the oldest seaport in the world.
- Experience Israel's world-class culinary scene which begins at the Carmel Market.
- Pay respects to Yitzchak Rabin, Israel's fifth Prime Minister, at the square and memorial dedicated to his memory.
- Learn the fascinating story of the Jewish people at ANU, the Museum of the Jewish People.
- Explore Caesarea, built by Herod the Great.
- Tour Haifa and Akko including the underground tunnels of the Crusader city.
- Walk through the meandering streets of Safed, center of Kabbalah and a flourishing artists' colony.
- Travel to Beit Shean, among Israel's largest archaeological sites.
- Overnight at the Dead Sea where you'll enjoy the mineral-filled waters and curative mud.
- Ascend the mountaintop plateau of Masada.
- Witness the magic of Old and New Jerusalem.
- Experience Shabbat dinner with a local family.

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# Itinerary at a Glance

**DAY 1** **Depart Washington, DC (IAD)**

- Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv

**DAY 2** **Arrive Tel Aviv**

- ✈️ *2 nights Dan Panorama Tel Aviv or similar.*
- 🍴 *Dinner.*

**DAY 3** **Tel Aviv**

- 🍴 *Breakfast.*
- Morning visit to Jaffa and Carmel Market for a culinary tasting tour
- Afternoon at Rabin Square, then explore ANU, Museum of the Jewish People

**DAY 4** **Mediterranean Coast, Haifa & Akko**

- ✈️ *2 nights Kibbutz Lavi or similar.*
- 🍴 *Breakfast & dinner.*

- Morning tour of Caesarea, then continue to Haifa and Mt. Carmel
- Afternoon exploration of Akko, a UNESCO World Heritage site

**DAY 5** **Safed, Golan Heights, Kibbutz Tour**

- 🍴 *Breakfast & dinner.*

- Morning drive to Safed, center of Kabbalah, with many beautiful synagogues, workshops, and galleries
- Afternoon tour of the Golan Heights followed by a tour and tasting at a family-owned winery
- Visit Katzrin and the former Syrian fortifications
- Meet a Kibbutz member for a tour and a talk about Kibbutz life

**DAY 6** **Tiberias, the Jordan Valley & Dead Sea**

- ✈️ *1 night Leonardo Plaza Dead Sea or similar.*
- 🍴 *Breakfast & dinner.*

- Morning drive to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee (Kinneret)
- Explore Beit She'an to view the excavations that have uncovered over 20 layers of civilization
- Drive along the Jordan valley to the Dead Sea

**DAY 7** **Masada, the Dead Sea & Jerusalem**

- ✈️ *3 nights Dan Boutique Jerusalem or similar.*
- 🍴 *Breakfast.*

- Morning dip in the Dead Sea, then ascend to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their battle against Rome
- Afternoon view of the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- Drive up to Jerusalem, highlight of your tour

**DAY 8** **Jerusalem's Old City**

- 🍴 *Breakfast & dinner.*

- Visit to the Western Wall Tunnels, the Kotel and the Cardo
- Tour the Burnt House and other excavations
- Shabbat Dinner with a local Jerusalem family

**DAY 9** **Jerusalem's New City**

- 🍴 *Breakfast & dinner.*

- Tour Yad Vashem
- Visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book, and the Second Temple model
- Visit the Megemeria School of Jewelry and Art
- Remainder of the day at leisure

**DAY 10** **Depart Israel/overnight Zurich**

- Morning at leisure in Jerusalem
- Afternoon transfer to Ben Gurion for flight to Zurich for an overnight near the airport

**DAY 11** **Zurich/IAD**

- 🍴 *Breakfast.*

- Late morning flight to IAD, arriving later this afternoon

## Tour Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy

# of travelers	10/14	15/19	20/24
Double Occupancy	\$4,484	\$3,950	\$3,728
Single Occupancy	+\$830		

*Note: Travelers will be invoiced for the 10/14 passenger prices. Invoices will be adjusted before the final payment due date according to the number of passengers in the group.*