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# **Sunshine Cathedral - Group trip to Israel**

May 14, 2023 - May 21, 2023

US\$ 2,400 per person

Our rates include all the accommodation, services, entrance fees, transfers and flights mentioned in the program.

Rate starting 30 participants: US\$ 2,400- per person sharing a double room.

Supplement if not sharing a room / single room:: US\$ 800,-

# May 14 - Arrival



Welcome to **Israel**! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, you will be greeted by your OUTstanding tour guide, who will welcome you and take you to Jerusalem. After checking in to your hotel, enjoy the special Hospitality Lounge with light snacks at the hotel.



## **Transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to hotel**



### **Check in at Harmony Hotel Jerusalem**

Standard Room on Bed&Breakfast



# May 15 - Jerusalem



### Private walking tour of Jerusalem

Experience the exquisite panoramic views of the Old City of Jerusalem from the top of the **Tower of David Museum**. On Mount Zion, visit King David's tomb, the **Room of Last Supper** and the Dormition Abbey and then we shall enter the Old City through Zion Gate to the Jewish Quarter. Together we tour the recently excavated and restored Roman Cardo once the ancient Roman road at the heart of the city. Our route will lead us to the **Western Wall**, Judaism's holiest site and the last remnant of the Second Temple. For the grand finale, we make our way to the Christian Quarter and walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** as we join pilgrims from around the world, revering the Tomb of Jesus Christ. The day shall end with a visit to the **City of David**, birthplace of Jerusalem. Pass through the underground tunnels through which Jerusalem was conquered and residents could slip out of the city, and experience the hidden spring where kings were crowned. Next, we walk in illuminated darkness through the waters of Hezekiah's Tunnel, where water has flowed.













### Welcome dinner

On the menu delicious food, incredible atmosphere and a couple of Israeli guests who will share their story with you.

# May 16 - Bethlehem



#### **Tour of Bethlehem**

Drive to the city of Bethlehem, **birthplace of Jesus**. After crossing the checkpoint, you will meet with your local Palestinian guide.

Walk through Manger Square to visit the **Church of Nativity**, the oldest Church in the Holy Land. Admire the ancient limestone columns and remains of mosaic floors. Descend to the **Grotto of Nativity**, where a Silver Star in the floor marks the spot where Christ is believed to have been born.

Proceed to the **Church of Milk Grotto** where the Virgin Mary nursed baby Jesus and according to tradition, a drop of her milk spilt and turned the stones white. Next, visit **Shepherd's field**.

Bethlehem is also quite important to Jews as this is the town where David was born and later on crowned the first King of Israel. **Rachel's Tomb**, at the northern entrance is the third holiest site in Judaism. Rachel, who is also an important figure in Christianisme and Islam, was the favorite of Jacob's two wives, and the mother of Joseph and Benjamin, two of the twelve progenitors of the tribes of Israel.













### **Visit Yad Vashem**

Continue to Yad Vashem Museum, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Yad Vashem is located on the western slope of Mount Herzl on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem. The memorial consists of a 45 acre complex containing the Holocaust History Museum, memorial sites such as the Children's Memorial and the Hall of Remembrance, The Museum of Holocaust Art, Sculptures and more.

# May 17 - Masada - Dead Sea - Tel Aviv



### **Check out at Harmony Hotel Jerusalem**



#### Trip to Yardenit, Masada and the Dead Sea

After an early breakfast, our "gay bus" will pick you up. On the menu: fun and pleasure for the eyes, as you will be joined on this trip by some young Israeli studs:)

First drive to the **Yardenit site**, for a Jordan River Baptismal service. You can purchase white baptism attire there or bring your own. There are showers and changing areas.

Then, descend south to the lowest point on earth and visit the famous mountain fortress of **Masada**. The magnificent fortress of Masada was built in the year 30 BCE by King Herod, whose architectural feats have left their mark throughout Israel. At the beginning of the great revolt against Rome in the year 68 CE, Masada was conquered by a group of Jewish zealots, and Masada became their last stronghold. In the year 72, the Romans besieged Masada and succeeded in reaching the steep fortress after constructing a huge earthen ramp on its western side. In the year 73, the 960 Jewish zealots living at the top of Masada chose to commit suicide rather than to fall into the hands of the Romans alive. Their deeds left behind a saga of courage, heroism, and martyrdom.

Afterward, escape to the world's largest natural spa: the **Dead Sea**! Situated 400 meters below sea level, it is an intimate utopia of rejuvenation and natural minerals. After a delicious buffet lunch at the Lot Hotel, cover yourself in mud and loose all sense of gravity while floating at the private beach of the hotel.





# **Visit Genesis Land**

Here you will experience life as it was in biblical times. Visitors to Genesis Land are greeted by Eliezer, Abraham's manservant, and by a train of camels which we will ride down to Abraham's tent of legendary hospitality and Dinner.





### Transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv



Check in at Tal Hotel
Standard Room on Bed&Breakfast



May 18 - Tel Aviv



Start your day with a walking tour of the **White City** guided by our OUTstanding tour guide. Explore the highlights of the magnificent city and its amazing gay vibe! We will kick-off this tour on Rothschild Boulevard, one of Tel Aviv's most important and iconic streets. It's is a commercial center, with major financial institutions lining the street, a cultural center, with the main theater and concert hall of Tel Aviv, a culinary center, with tens of top restaurants, and a leisure center. Following we will visit the lovely Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built-in 1887, The Old Train Station, the Flee Market, and the historical sites of Old City Jaffa, one of the oldest port cities in the world.





### Sunset boat trip

In the late afternoon, enjoy a sunset boat trip along the coastline of Jaffa, Tel Aviv & Herzliya accompanied by some local party boys.

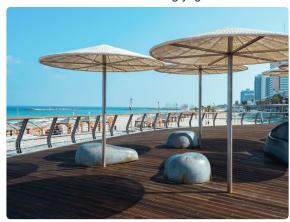


# May 19 - Tel Aviv



### Morning activity at the beach

In Tel Aviv, where the weather is sunny most days of the year, the options for fun, athletic outdoor activities abound. Truly, the city boasts many gyms, but Tel Aviv also offers a number of alternative ways to get a good workout while enjoying the beautiful outdoors. What's better than starting your day with some outdoor exercising at the beautiful beach of Tel Aviv? You can choose either a relaxing yoga class or an energizing work-out.





### Shuk & Cook

Meet our chef and head for a tour of the bustling **Levinsky Market**, founded in the 1920s by Balkan immigrants. You'll wonder amongst the locals who come here to get the freshest fruits and vegetables, soak up the smells of the delightful spices and discover the wide range of culinary tastes. After this enchanting experience, he will take you to his Tel Avian kitchen for a cooking workshop on signature dishes found in Israel, using the ingredients gathered at the market.

You will conclude with a feast of flavors and cocktails





## **Evening out in the city**

In the evening Tel Avivian drag Queen will take you bar hopping around Tel Aviv!



# May 20 - Sea of Galilee



### **Trip to the Galilee**

Today we'll head north-east, towards the Sea of Galilee. Right before we arrive in

Tiberias, we will enter Mount Arbel National Park to get the most breathtaking view over the region. Next we'll hop on a boat and sail on the Kinneret, before a delicious lunch with a view on the lake.

After that we'll drive along the Sea of Galilee, stopping in Capernaum to view the ruins of the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught and the gorgeous Greek Orthodox Church. And last but not least: a day trip to the Galilee would not be complete without a visit to vineyard and some delicious wine tasting.





### **Farewell Dinner**

Attend a superb evening Farewell Dinner, to conclude those amazing moments you experienced on the last days.

## May 21 - Departure



### **Check out at Tal Hotel**



### **Transfer from hotel to Ben Gurion Airport**

Following breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for your flight back home with everlasting memories of Israel.

Goodbye & Shalom &



### **Policies, Terms and Conditions**

## Our rates exclude:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Meals throughout the entire tour other than mentioned
- · Transfers other than mentioned
- · Tips to driver, guide and restaurant staff
- · Border Tax and Visa fee if applicable
- Any other item not mentioned above

### Payment:

It is our company policy to receive a 30% deposit upon booking, and full payment 4 weeks prior to arrival.

## **Cancellation Policy:**

- Up to 29 days prior to arrival date: 15% from the total services
- 28 21 days before arrival date: 30% from the total services
- 20 14 days before arrival date: 50% from the total services
- 13 7 days before arrival date: 80% from total services
- Less than 7 days before arrival date: 100% from total services



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