



Baltimore Zionist District  
Israel Trip For 55+  
October 20th- November 2nd, 2022

## ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Wednesday, October 19

Depart USA (D), (B)

Depart your hometown for your flight to Israel. Dinner, breakfast and beverage service on board.

Overnight: Onboard.

Thursday, October 20

Arrive Tel Aviv (D)

*Shalom* and welcome to Israel! Arrive at the Ben Gurion international Airport in Tel Aviv. Upon exiting the plane, you'll be met by a FastTrack Service representative who will assist with Passport Control, luggage retrieval, and Customs. Meet your driver who will take you to the Carlton Hotel for four nights. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers and the BZD staff at an enjoyable WELCOME DINNER AT THE HOTEL. A briefing about your exciting tour will follow.

Friday, October 21

Tel Aviv (B), (D)

This morning, depart for your visit of the Palmach Museum, dedicated to Israel's pre-state underground army. Then, stroll along the open-air fruit and vegetable stands at *Ha-Carmel* Market. Enjoy the Friday Arts and Crafts Fair at *Nahalat Benyamin* Street. Discover the new Street Food scene and boutiques along *Sheinkin* Street. Free time this afternoon. How about a dip in the Mediterranean or in the hotel pool? Tonight, enjoy a SHABBAT DINNER AT YOUR HOTEL.



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Saturday, October 22

Tel Aviv (B)

This morning is free for independent activities. Perhaps, attend *Shabbat* service at one of the nearby synagogues. Or sleep-in and take a walk along the beach. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Tel Aviv with your tour guide. Visit the Ben Gurion House. Enjoy a short walking tour of Graffiti and Street Art at the Florentine Quarter. Walk along *Shabazi* Street at *Neve Tzedek*, one of the first Jewish neighborhoods founded before Tel Aviv was born. Tonight, is yours to enjoy downtown Tel Aviv or the *Namal*, the restored port area with cafes and restaurants.

Sunday, October 23

Tel Aviv/Jaffa/Tel Aviv (B), (D)

After breakfast, depart for your full day tour of Tel Aviv and Jaffa. First, visit ANU, the Museum of the Jewish People, the largest Jewish Museum in the world. Then, take the elevator to the highest observation deck in town at the Azrieli Towers. Enjoy some free time for shopping at the mall and lunch on your own at one of the many eateries or the nearby neighborhood of Sarona, a former Templars Colony. Meet your driver for a panoramic drive through Tel Aviv. See Rabin Square, The Golda Meir Center for the Performing Arts, Habima Theater, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Rothschild Boulevard and more. Take a short drive to Jaffa. Walk through the narrow lanes of the Artists Quarter. Browse the many shops and stands of the Flea Market. Return to your hotel to freshen up for your DINNER AT A MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT.



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Monday, October 24

Tel Aviv/Caesarea/Atlit/Haifa/Akko/ Kfar Giladi (B), (D)

Check out of your hotel today and travel north along the Mediterranean Coast. First, explore 2,000-year-old *Caesarea*, an ancient port city built by Herod the Great. On to *Atlit* to visit the former Detention Camp built by the British in the late 1930s. Travel to *Haifa*. View the splendid *Bahá'í* Gardens from the top of Mount Carmel. See the German Colony. Proceed to the Crusader Town of *Acre*. See the Knights Halls and the Arab *Souk (Bazaar)*. Tonight, DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. Overnight at the Kfar Giladi for three nights.

Tuesday, October 25

Kfar Giladi /Upper Galilee/ Hula Valley/ Kfar Giladi (B), (D)

After breakfast, depart for *Tzfat* (Safed). Visit historic synagogues. Join a local artist in her workshop. Enjoy some free time to stroll the narrow lanes. Visit some of the charming art galleries in the Old Town. Next, drive through the quaint 1880's village of *Rosh Pina*. Drive to the upper station of the *Manara* Cliff to board the cable car. Enjoy the dramatic vistas from the steepest cable car in the world. Learn about the complex geo-politics of the region. Descend to the Hula Valley below. Visit *Agamon Ah-Hula*, an amazing nature reserve where one can watch the bird migration. Enjoy a sunset ride in the park. Tonight, enjoy DINNER AT THE HOTEL RESTAURANT.

Wednesday, October 26

Kfar Giladi / The Golan Heights/ Kfar Giladi (B), (D)

This morning, board your jeep for a ride up the *Golan* Heights. Learn about the hard-fought battles which took place here during the Six Day War in 1967 and the *Yom Kippur* War in 1973. Stop at a former military barrack. A glimpse into nearby Syria will help you appreciate the essential control of these heights for Israel's security. Next enjoy some of the products manufactured in this region. First, enjoy a tour and participate in a chocolate making workshop. Then, visit one of the twenty quality wineries in the *Golan*. Visit the Museum of Golan Archaeology in the town of *Katzrin*. See *Mitzpe Gadot*, a breathtaking vantage point overlooking the Hula Valley.





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For 19 years, Syrians fired at the Israeli communities below from this former Syrian bunker. The site was featured in the movie "Spy". DINNER TONIGHT AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

Thursday, October 27

Kfar Giladi/ Hammat Tiberias/ Jordan River/Jerusalem (B), (D)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel. Drive to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Board a boat for a scenic ride. On to *Hammat* Tiberias to see the well-preserved mosaic floor of the sixth century synagogue. Visit the ruins of *Bet Shean*, an impressive Roman and Byzantine town which was destroyed in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Drive along the Jordan River Valley, passing Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Drive through the Judean Desert to Jerusalem. You're tour guide will welcome you to this amazing city – say *She-Hecheyanu* with *challah* and wine. Proceed to the Mamilla hotel for six nights. Tonight, enjoy DINNER AT A TYPICAL JERUSALEMITE RESTAURANT, serving dishes from the traditional cuisine of North African Jews.

Friday, October 28

Jerusalem (B), (D)

This morning, enter the Old City through the Jaffa Gate. Walk through the Armenian Quarter and the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall. Visit the Western Wall Tunnels to see portions of the wall hidden from view. Proceed to the City of David, Jerusalem's earliest settlement. Learn about the underground water system and see the tunnel constructed by King Hezekiah to withstand the impending siege of the Assyrians in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Return to your hotel to freshen up. In the late afternoon, your motorcoach will transfer you to the Western Wall before *Shabbat*. Join the beautiful singing and dancing of *Kabbalat Shabbat* at the *Kotel*. Walk back (or ride the bus if preferred) back to the hotel for SHABBAT DINNER with your group.



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Saturday, October 29

Jerusalem (B)

This morning is free for independent activities. Walk to celebrate Shabbat at the Western Wall, or attend services at one of the few near-by synagogues. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Jerusalem in the vicinity of the hotel. See *Mishkenot Shaananim*, the first houses built outside the Old City Walls by Sir Moses Montefiore in 1860. Proceed to *Yemin Moshe* neighborhood with its beautiful residences and gardens. Visit the First Station of Jerusalem's Railway, built in 1892. Continue the walk to the German Colony. Return to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure.

Sunday, October 30

Jerusalem (B), (L)

Begin the day with a visit to the National Memorial Hall for Israel's Fallen. On to *Har Herzl*. Enter the Herzl Museum for a special audio-visual presentation about this legendary visionary. Proceed to Herzl's Tomb and to the National Pantheon, the resting place of many of Israel's leaders. Continue to *Yad Vashem*, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Walk along the Garden of the Righteous Among the Nations. Your tour guide will introduce you to the Museum and show you the moving exhibits. Proceed to The Children's Memorial, a haunting tribute to the 1.5 million Jewish children murdered in the *Shoah*. Switching gears, next enjoy a Culinary Tour of the *Machane Yehuda* market with a tasty lunch of street food specialties. Depart for a visit of the Israel Museum. See the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, and the Model of Jerusalem as it appeared 2,000 years ago. Travel to the 9-11 Living Memorial Plaza, a five-acre site built to honor the 2,983 victims of the terrorist attacks. Next, relax on your motorcoach during your panoramic drive through the city. See The *Knesset*, the President's Residence, The Jerusalem Theater and the Government Civic Center. End your tour with a visit of the *Mamila* Open-Air Mall. Balance of day at leisure.





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Monday, October 31

Jerusalem/Masada/The Dead Sea/ Jerusalem (B)

This morning, descend from Jerusalem and drive through the Judean Desert to the shores of the Dead Sea.

En-route, view *Qumran* where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered. See *Ein Gedi*, a village dating back to the times of the Bible. Take the cable car to visit the mountain-top fortress of *Masada*, built by King Herod the Great. Discover the story of the Zealots, the siege by the mighty Roman Legion, and the subsequent mass suicide of 960 rebels. Stop at a Spa on the shores of the Dead Sea. Coat yourself with the therapeutic black mud. Float on the salty water for a memorable experience. Return to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure.

Tuesday, Nov 1

Jerusalem/ Rehovot/Holon/ Jerusalem (B)

This morning, travel to *Rehovot* to visit the Ayalon Institute, the clandestine factory that manufactured ammunition in the years leading to and during the War of Independence. Return to Tel Aviv where an unusual experience awaits you at the Shimon Peres Center for Peace and Innovation. Learn about the many technical and scientific discoveries that have made Israel the Start Up Nation. Next, visit the Independence Hall Exhibit at the *Shalom Tower* to relive the historic moments of Israel's birth on May 14, 1948. Today's tour concludes with "Dialogue in the Dark" led by blind guides at the Children Museum in Holon. Dinner on your own this evening.

Wednesday, Nov 2

Jerusalem/Sderot/Netiv Ha Asara/ Ashkelon/Airport (B), (D)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel. Travel to *Sderot*. See how residents have adjusted to the reality of living near Gaza. View the indoor playground, the "Qassam Museum" and the special bus-stops shelters. On to *Netiv Ha Asara* in the Gaza Envelope region. Discover desert farming and the special lifestyle of the community. Proceed to *Ashkelon*. See the amazing Desalination Plant. Walk through the Archaeological Park and the Marina.



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Enjoy DINNER AT A JEWISH-BUKHARIAN-STYLE RESTAURANT in *Or Yehuda*. Sadly, it's time to say, "Shalom" to Israel. Drive to the Ben Gurion International Airport for your return flight. Meet our representative who'll provide the FastTrack service through the Check-In process, Security clearance, and access to the gate for your flight back home.

**Welcome Home.**