



**BIRMINGHAM FEDERATION  
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## **Oct. 12 – Thursday - Welcome to Israel - Welcome Home**

### **Day 01**

Individual arrival at **Ben Gurion airport.**

Transfer yourselves to your hotel in Tel Aviv



Early evening, meet with your guide at the lobby of the hotel.

**Welcome dinner at one of Tel Aviv's finest restaurants**

**You will be joined by a speaker who will discuss Israel over the last 75 years and the Israel of tomorrow.**

**Overnight – Tel Aviv**



## Oct. 13 – Friday – Welcome Shabbat in Tel Aviv

### Day 02

After breakfast, Drive to **Rosh Ha'ayin** and spend the morning with the **Partnership**.

Enjoy **lunch** with the **Partnership**.

Drive to Tel Aviv and take a stroll through the funky shops and cafes along **Sheinken Street**, the “Greenwich Village of Tel Aviv.”



Shop for unique craft items in **Nachalat Binyamin's** colorful, open-air market and see modern Tel Aviv in action.

Return to your hotel to prepare for Shabbat.

**Dinner** in a **private room** at your **hotel / restaurant**.

After dinner, take a stroll along the **Tel Aviv Tayelet**.

**Overnight – Tel Aviv**

## Oct. 14 – Saturday – The History of the State of Israel

### Day 03

**OPTIONAL** – attend a service at the local **synagogue**.

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of **Neve Tzedek**, Tel Aviv's hip neighborhood where the intellectual elite lived during Israel's early days.

Walk to the **Old Port City of Jaffa** (Yafo), just south of Tel Aviv for a beautiful panoramic view of Tel Aviv and a sense of the first Jewish city of the modern era, established in 1909. Jaffa is where the Prophet Jonah set out on his ill-fated sea voyage before returning to warn the people of Nineveh.

#### **OPTIONAL:**



After breakfast, drive to visit the 'underground' at the **Ayalon Institute**, which tells one of the fascinating and mysterious stories in the history of the struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel. Here, beneath the ground, and right under the nose of the British, a factory was created for the production of 9mm bullets for the Sten submachine gun, which was the personal weapon of the Palmach fighters.

Visit ANU - the **Museum of the Jewish People** - and learn about the history of the Diaspora in all its tragedies and triumphs. See models of synagogues from different countries and times. Look back into your family tree and learn new facts about your heritage.

**Lunch** at a **restaurant / Hotel**.

Walk along **Rothschild Boulevard**, the beating heart of Tel Aviv, where you can see **The White City**, Tel Aviv's most prominent Bauhaus (International Style) buildings, built during the 1930's and the 1940's. This functional architecture not only created well-designed objects, but also a cohesive urban landscape unparalleled throughout the world.

Return to your hotel.

Enjoy the evening on your own.

**Overnight – Tel Aviv**



## Oct. 15 – Sunday – To the North

### Day 04

After breakfast, **check out of your hotel** and drive to take a tour of the **Peres Center of Peace and Innovation**. The first and largest visitor's center of its kind in Israel, it presents the incredible story of Israel, the "innovation nation" and showcases the diverse fields and people behind Israeli innovation.



Enjoy an **amazing culinary tour at the Carmel Market**.

Drive northward along the coast and stop at **Amphorae Winery** for a **tour and wine tasting**.

Drive to the famous **Yemin Orde Youth Village**. The village is home to more than 500 children from around the world. The children have all suffered trauma in their young lives from isolation and neglect to abandonment and extreme poverty. At Yemin Orde, they find a home, a family and a future.

Continue to the Upper Galilee and check into your hotel.

**Dinner at your hotel**

**Overnight - North**

## Oct. 16 – Monday – The Golan Heights

### Day 05



After breakfast drive to visit **Banias**, which was a pagan city dedicated to the god Pan and was reconstructed in ancient times by Philip, the son of Herod. Here the Baniyas River, one of the sources of the Jordan, begins the straight out of the foot of the Hermon Mount.

Visit the **Banias Falls** where we will have time for a nature hike to one of Israel's most beautiful waterfalls, which flows from the foot of Mount

Hermon to the Jordan River.

Take an exciting **4x4 jeep ride** tour of the **Golan Heights**, enjoying its physical beauty with its scenic hills, and learn the strategic importance and history of the land.

**Lunch** at a restaurant.

Next head to the **Har Bental overlook**. From this former military base we can look into Syria and learn about the village of Kunetra and the 1967 & 1973 Wars. Have an interesting **Geo-Political presentation** by a former Officer of the **IDF**.

Visit the **Olea Essence** (Golan Olive Oil Mill) **Visitors Center**. A family farm that uniquely and exclusively use all the olive and do not dispose of any residue to the environment. Pressing their olives into Capernaum Extra Virgin Olive Oil and creating in their labs Olea Essence natural beauty products. Then, turning the olive residue in a patented process into Eco Olea green cleaning line.

Return to your hotel.

In the evening have a special **BBQ home hospitality dinner at Gadi's home**.

**Overnight - North**

## Oct. 17 – Tuesday – From the north to Jerusalem

### Day 06



After breakfast, check out of your hotel and drive to **Safed**, known as the capital of Jewish mysticism past and present, this breathtaking ancient hilltop city is the highest in the Galilee and all of Israel – geologically and spiritually. Explore one of the four sacred cities in Judaism, walk the winding cobblestone alleys in the Old City, view unique stone buildings and continue on to the Artists' Colony.

**OPTIONAL** - Have a special tour of the amazing **underground tunnels in Safed**. The tunnels are the result of the exposure of ancient rooms and water cisterns dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century which were covered underground for many years.

During the tour you will see the precious stones room, the restored water Mikvah, the weapon room, the ancient water cistern, the weaving loom, an ancient stone oven and more.

Drive through the lakeside city of **Tiberias** resting on shores of the **Sea of Galilee**.

#### **Lunch in Tiberias.**

Stop at the **Modern Orthodox Kibbutz of Sde Eliyahu** which is pioneering in **organic agriculture**. Take a **unique tour** in the clean air and the chemical free environment of organic farming at its best. Learn also about Kibbutz ideology and Jewish Religion, and how the two meet.

Ascend up the Judean Mountains and upon arriving in **Jerusalem**, we will stop at a viewpoint overlooking the Old City and celebrate our arrival with a special **She'hecheyanu** ceremony, a blessing to offer thanks for new and unusual experiences.

Check into your hotel.

#### **Overnight - Jerusalem**

## Oct. 18 – Wednesday – The Old City of Jerusalem

### Day 07

After breakfast, stop at the **Mt. of Olives** for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. This is an important site in both the Jewish and Christian traditions. The mountain has served as a burial ground for the Jewish People for 3,000 years, and among the 150,000 graves, there are the tombs of the prophets Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi, as well as many other notable rabbinical figures.

Enter the old city and walk through the **Jewish Quarter**, which was reconstructed when the city was unified after the Six-Day War in 1967. A special point of interest in the restored Jewish Quarter is the "**Cardo**". View the unearthed main Roman thoroughfare and ancient marketplace lined with columns.

Stop at the **KOTEL** – the **Western Wall** and have time to **pray**.



Have a **tour** at the new route of the **Western Wall Tunnels – The Great Bridge Route**. you will go one more level underground where you will see the Great Bridge that led to the Second Temple. This route will showcase different rooms and halls that served people of that time.

### Lunch at the Old City.

Next, you will embark on a magical journey to meet **merchants, artists and artisans** in the Old City of Jerusalem. Here, you can still find artisans and shops as they were in olden times: shoemakers, ceramic artists, tattooists, spice sellers, clothes merchants, perfumers, confectioners, veteran bakeries, and listen to stories about professions that are slowly disappearing from the local landscape. During the tour, you will meet the simple and hardworking people who, in a traditional passed down from generation to generation, do their work every day.



Return to your hotel.

### Overnight - Jerusalem

## Oct. 19 – Thursday – The New City of Jerusalem

### Day 08

After breakfast, have a **special Tour** along the “**seam line**” of southern Jerusalem, along areas of conflict and co-existence like East Talpiyot and Gilo. Meet **Danny Tirza**, a former security official who helped designed the route of the **Security Fence** that Israel has built to keep out Palestinian suicide bombers & terrorists.

The next stop is the **Machane Yehuda Market** for a unique **culinary tour** with a **food specialist**, Iris from **Amechaye**. She will introduce the flavors, the aromas, the people, and the colors that connect to a fascinating mosaic of tastes and stories. Join her on a most colorful, most incredible and delicious journey in the world-famous Machane Yehuda Market.



Drive to **Yad Vashem**, the museum and memorial for the 6 million Jews murdered in the Holocaust. Tour the **Holocaust History Museum**, built primarily underground. Both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, it presents the story of the Holocaust from a unique Jewish perspective, emphasizing the experiences of the individual victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies and personal possessions. View the **Valley of the Communities** and end the visit at the very moving exhibit at the **Children’s Pavilion**, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million Jewish children in the Holocaust.

Return to your hotel.

**Overnight - Jerusalem**

## Oct. 20 – Friday – From Jerusalem to the Dead Sea

### Day 09



After breakfast, **check out of your hotel** and visit the **Museum of Islamic Art**, which is devoted for the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects and archeological artifacts that represent Islamic art across the ages, through conquests and regime changes, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

See special art exhibits at one of the world's most incredible art museums.

depart to the Dead Sea area. Traveling east though the **Judean Desert**, arrive at the shores of the Dead Sea and descend to the lowest land point on earth at 1388 feet (423m) below sea level.

Visit the beautiful **Ein Gedi Reserve**. See the waterfalls at this Oasis in the desert, which is mentioned several times in the Book of Psalms, and hear the biblical stories of King David hiding from King Saul. The combination of Ein Gedi's abundance of water and tropical climate provides the ability for wonderful exotic plant and animal life to flourish.

Drive to your hotel and check in.

**Overnight – Dead Sea**



## Oct. 21 – Saturday – the Dead Sea

### Day 10

Enjoy a **day at leisure** in your hotel.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES for Saturday and/or Sunday (not included in the cost):**

Enjoy an amazing **ATV ride in the Dead Sea Area**, which combines the unique nature of the Dead Sea Region, with a liberating experience full of thrills, on a variety of enjoyable routes.

Have a powerful and special experience of rowing a **kayak** in the **Dead Sea**. Rowing in complete silence, that is disturbed only by the occurrence of voiced admiration, when encountering spectacular natural effects – images of the unique salt landscapes that appear to glint like diamonds, low-salinity pools, giant salt-cubes that were discovered only in recent years, salt stalactites and freshwater sinkholes in which you can bathe.

Drive to the legendary mountaintop plateau of **Massada** and ascend by cable car to the ancient fortress. Explore the site with its synagogue and bathhouse. Here, was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their struggle against the Romans.

Visit **Ahava** Dead Sea Products **Visitor's Center**.

**Overnight – Dead Sea**



## **Oct. 22 – Sunday – the Dead Sea**

### **Day 11**

Enjoy a **day at leisure in the Dead Sea or activities** – **late check out** has been arranged for you.

Early evening, check out of your hotel and **transfer to the airport** for your departure flight.

## JORDAN EXTENSION

**Oct. 22 – Sunday – Eilat**

### **Day 1**

Late morning, check out of your hotel and transfer to Eilat.

Proceed to your hotel and check in.

**Overnight – Eilat**

**Oct. 23 – Monday – Jordan**

### **Day 2**

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the border.

Upon your arrival to the Jordanian side, your guide and driver will pick you up and you will drive to **Wadi Rum** - a valley cut into the sandstone and granite rock in south Jordan and is the largest wadi in the country. It has been inhabited by many human cultures since prehistoric times leaving their mark in the form of rock paintings, graffiti, and temples. As of 2007, several Bedouin tribes inhabit Rum and the surrounding area. Enjoy a **jeep tour** along the **amazing scenery** of Wadi Rum.



**Lunch at Wadi Rum.**

Drive to Petra and check in your hotel.

In the evening, have a special **Petra by night tour**.

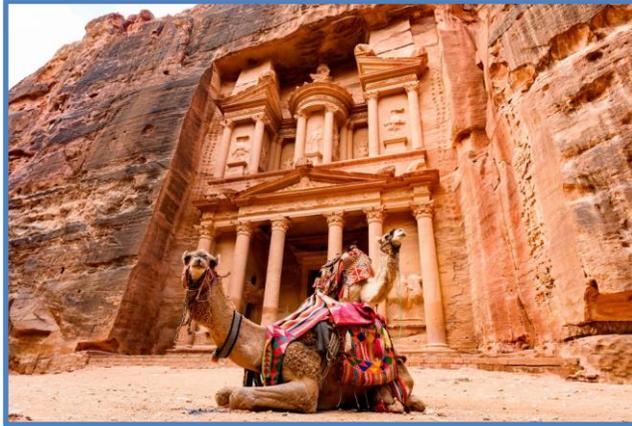
**Dinner at the hotel.**

**Overnight – Petra**

## Oct. 24 – Tuesday – Jordan

### Day 3

After breakfast, enter the Rose City of **Petra** through the Siq, a narrow passage



through the mountains that has inspired people for centuries. Up to the Treasury which suddenly appears at the end of the gorge, leaving visitors breath taken by its' size, color and beauty.

Continue into the heart of this ancient city carved into the mountains, passing hundreds of tombs and monuments and a spectacular Amphitheatre, which once held 3,000 spectators.

Check out of your hotel.

#### **Lunch in Petra.**

Drive to the border and transfer to the Israeli side.

Upon your arrival to the Israeli side a driver will pick you up and will transfer you to your hotel in Eilat.

#### **Overnight – Eilat**

## Oct. 25 – Wednesday – See you soon

### Day 3

A day at leisure in Eilat. A late check out until 4:00 PM has been arranged for you.

In the afternoon your driver will pick you up and transfer you to Ramon airport for your flight to Ben Gurion airport.

Upon your arrival to Ben Gurion airport, take a shuttle to terminal 3 for your flight home.

See you back soon...