



Pre-Educational Journey Explore the Land of Israel | November 5-10, 2019

COST:

Occupancy	Price (per person)
Double Occupancy (Travel Advisor)	\$1,650
Double Occupancy (Guest)	\$1,710
Single Occupancy (Travel Advisor)	\$2,364

WHERE: Tel Aviv / Jaffa / Caesarea / Galilee / Golan / Beit Shean / Jerusalem

WHEN: November 5-10, 2019

ITINERARY:

- Tuesday, November 5
 - Depart USA
- Wednesday, November 6
 - Arrive in Israel, Ben Gurion Airport
 - Hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight
- Thursday, November 7
 - Breakfast visit the city of Tel Aviv
 - **Visit Jaffa**
 - Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Friday, November 8
 - After breakfast depart Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastal road to Caesarea
 - **Explore Caesarea and Galilee**
 - Drive to your hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.
- Saturday, November 9
 - After breakfast drive to Tel Dan nature reserve and archaeological site

- **Explore Galilee and Golan**
- Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Galilee
- Sunday, November 10
 - After breakfast drive south to Beit Shean
 - **Explore Jordan Valley, Belvoir, and Jericho**
 - Check into your hotel in Jerusalem for your overnight stay and the evening opening event for the ASTA Destination Expo – Israel

EXCLUSIONS:

- Tips & Gratuities
- Personal expenses e.g. tel., laundry, etc.
- Meals not stated in the program.
- Any items, services or beverages not specifically mentioned in the program

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

- This FAM tour will operate with a minimum of 15 participants.
- Your registration is non-refundable unless the FAM is cancelled by ASTA or the Supplier.
- Tips and Gratuities are included.
- Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended.
- Have questions? Contact meetings@asta.org

FULL ITINERARY:

DAY 1: NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Arrivals at Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met by a [Vered Tours](#) representative to help you through customs and transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

Hotel: Orchid Plaza Hotel, HaYarkon St 79, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

DAY 2: NOVEMBER 6, 2019

After breakfast we will visit the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, beginning in the area of the ancient port of Jaffa, which Jewish legend attributes to Japheth, son of Noah and the Greek legend to Joppa, daughter of the gods of the winds. It was here in the 8th Century B.C., according to the Bible, that Jonah started his journey to Nineveh. Much of Old Jaffa has been lovingly restored with renovated houses, artists' studios and galleries. Continue to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, founded in 1909. Visit Independence Hall, where the modern State of Israel was declared in 1948. Along Rothschild Boulevard view examples of international-style "Bauhaus" architecture, recognized by UNESCO as a "World Heritage Site". Visit the colorful Carmel Market and the Nahalat Binyamin pedestrian mall. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: NOVEMBER 7, 2019

After breakfast we will depart to Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastal road to Caesarea, built by Herod the Great as the capital of the Roman province of Judea. Visit the ruins of the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader period including the theater, hippodrome and palace of the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Continue north along the coast to Haifa for a magnificent view from Mt. Carmel of the Galilee and the Baha'í Gardens. Continue north to Acre (AKKO), the Canaanite and later Phoenician port city that became a Crusader stronghold and their capital after the fall of Jerusalem. As an Ottoman Turkish port and fortress it withstood Napoleon's attack in 1799. The Crusader ruins have been restored among many khans, bazaars and mosques. Drive to your hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Hotel: Pastoral Kfar Blum, Kibbutz Kfar Blum, Upper Galilee

DAY 4: NOVEMBER 8, 2019

After breakfast, we will drive to Tel Dan nature reserve and archaeological site, located by one of the tributaries of the Jordan River. Visit Banias, a pagan city dedicated to the god Pan, rebuilt by Herod the Great's son, Philip and known in the New Testament as Caesarea Philippi. Visit a winery to taste local wines. A visit to the Golan Heights offers spectacular views of Israel, Lebanon and Syria. Descend to the area of the Sea of Galilee to visit Capernaum, a Jewish city that was the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. The ancient synagogue still standing was built on the foundations of an earlier one dating back to the 1st century AD.

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee in wooden replicas of ancient fishing boats.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Galilee.

DAY 5: NOVEMBER 9, 2019

After breakfast, we will drive south to Beit Shean, Scythopolis in Roman times and one of the 10 cities of the Roman Decapolis with extensive archaeological excavations depicting a highly developed, Roman city, destroyed not in battle but by earthquake. Visit the Crusader fortress Belvoir, which, as its name describes, commands tremendous panoramic views of the region. Depart Galilee through the Jordan Valley by Jericho, one of the world's oldest walled cities. Begin your ascent to Jerusalem, stopping for a breathtaking view from Mt. Scopus. Check into your hotel in Jerusalem for your overnight stay and the evening opening event for the ASTA Destination Expo – Israel.

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