



## Pre-Educational Journey Israel Cultural, Faith and Culinary Tour November 6-9, 2019

### COST:

Occupancy	Price (per person)
Double Occupancy	\$1,149
Single Occupancy	\$1,549

**WHEN:** November 6-9, 2019

### ITINERARY:

- Day 1
  - Tel Aviv & Jaffa
- Day 2
  - Back to the future-Israel's beautiful coastline/ Along the Mediterranean
- Day 3
  - Cobblestones & Vineyards -The Sea of Galilee and Golan Heights
- Day 4
  - Faiths & Cultures- Bahai Gardens, Isfiya Druze Village, Nazareth

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Sightseeing as per program.
- 4 days English speaking licensed guide and driver as per program with AC vehicle (bus or Midi Bus as per the above) with free Wifi.
- All entrance fees as per program.
- 3 overnights accommodation.
- Board arrangement:

- Bed & breakfast in Tel Aviv (includes breakfast at the accommodation daily).
- Half board in Tiberias (includes breakfast and dinner at the accommodation daily).
- Detail of other meals included.
  - 1 Lunch at Kibbutz Magal as per the below program
- Porterage at Hotels

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Meals or drinks throughout the entire tour other than mentioned.
- Tips to driver, guide, hotel and restaurant staff.
- Late Check out /early check in.
- Any other item not mentioned as included.

#### **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:**

- This FAM tour will operate with a minimum of 20 participants.
- Your registration is non-refundable unless the FAM is cancelled by ASTA or the Supplier.
- Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended.
- Have questions? Contact [meetings@asta.org](mailto:meetings@asta.org)

#### **FULL ITINERARY:**

##### DAY 1: RARING TO GO - TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Following a delicious breakfast, you will meet your group and the Amiel guide in the hotel lobby, before setting off on a fun-packed day which will include:

- A visit to the "**State of Mind**" **Innovation Center** at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange: learn about cutting-edge developments by Israeli start-ups in fields such as science, medicine, security, space and more.
- A walk around the **Old Port City of Jaffa**, the oldest seaport in the world and home to a vibrant multiethnic community of Muslims, Christians and Jews: get to know the first Jewish city of the modern era, established in 1909.
- A choice of two **culinary tours** that will introduce you to the very best of Tel Aviv's food scene:
  - **Carmel market tasting tour** – enjoy a fascinating variety of culinary riches, colorful spices and intriguing characters in the main market of Tel Aviv, where the flavors and scents of the old town combine with the young bustling atmosphere of the city's central market.
  - **Vegan culinary tour** – Tel Aviv, the #1 vegan culinary destination in the world, is where traditional vegan and vegetarian cuisine and innovative young chefs meet, creating a one-of-a-kind savory adventure for food lovers, whether vegan or not.
- A stroll along **Rothschild Boulevard**, the beating heart of Tel Aviv: home of The **White City**, Tel Aviv's most prominent collection of Bauhaus (International Style)

buildings. Built during the 1930s and the 1940s, this functional architecture not only created well-designed objects, but also a cohesive urban landscape that is unparalleled in the world.

## DAY 2: BACK TO THE FUTURE-ISRAEL'S BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE/ ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN

After breakfast, we leave Tel Aviv and head north. Take in the ancient city of **Caesarea**, built by Herod the Great and once the administrative center of the Roman Empire for the Province of Judaea. The city and its archeological wonders are a testament to its significance throughout the ages. The ancient port, the Roman hippodrome and amphitheater and the impressive palace are among the many historical treasures in this fascinating ancient city.

**The Kibbutz Experience – past and present** – visit **Ein Shemer** kibbutz museum, where we will experience a journey from the early days of the kibbutz to the present and learn about the kibbutz way of life. Continue with a tour of innovation at **Kibbutz Magal** - visit the **Netafim** greenhouse innovation center, a pioneering enterprise in the field of drip irrigation technology.

Enjoy a delicious lunch in the kibbutz dining hall.

Move on to the ancient crusader port city of **Akko**, the fascinating UNESCO heritage site, with new excavations revealing what life was like 1000 years ago. Visit the **Crusader Halls** and follow the underground tunnels. See the port and fortifications that enabled the inhabitants of the town to resist invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte. Spend time walking through the **Arab Bazaar**, reliving a Middle Eastern shopping experience.

## DAY 3: COBBLESTONES & VINEYARDS -THE SEA OF GALILEE AND GOLAN HEIGHTS

After breakfast, we drive to the mystical city of **Tzfat**, the birthplace of the ancient Jewish mystical text, the Kabbalah. Stroll through the narrow, winding alleys. Peek inside some of the beautiful synagogues. Browse through workshops and galleries in the flourishing artists' quarter.

Then enjoy a tour and wine tasting at a family-owned boutique winery in the Golan Heights.

Continue to **Katzrin**, the "Capital of the Golan Heights". Walk through a **Talmudic village** and get a sense of what it was like to live in the times of ancient Israel.

Drive to the **Sea of Galilee** and take a boat ride on the calm waters.

## DAY 4: FAITHS & CULTURES- BAHAI GARDENS, ISFIYA DRUZE VILLAGE, NAZARETH

After breakfast drive to **Nazareth**, Jesus's hometown. Walk in his footsteps as we tour the **Church of the Annunciation** and the markets of the Old City.

Drive to the **Druze village of Isfiya**, at the top of Mount Carmel. The Druze

are Arab- speaking citizens of Israel and are renowned for their hospitality. Take a fascinating guided tour of the alleys and old quarter of the village.

Continue to the amazing **Bahai Gardens in Haifa**, which form a wide circle surrounding the historic mansion where Bahá'u'lláh, the Prophet-Founder of the Bahai Faith, resided during the final years of His life and the shrine where His remains were laid to rest. Drive to Tel Aviv.

*Note: Overnight not included*

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