

Join Dix Hills Jewish Center's

Israel Discovery Tour: Sites To Be Seen & Divine Cuisine

Led by Rabbi Howard Buechler

March 24 – April 4, 2024



Tour Package Includes:

- Hotels: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv; Hagoshirim Hotel and Nature; and Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- All Breakfasts, Friday night Dinner and Shabbat Lunch, 5 weekday dinners and lunches as per itinerary
- Touring with Rabbi Howard Buechler and one of Israel's Top Tour Guide educators in a WiFi enabled deluxe touring Motor Coach

A Few Tour Highlights:

- Tour Old Jaffa, the ancient port city once known as Zion Gate.
- Shehekhyanu/Welcome ceremony on top of Tel Jaffa.
- Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv at the Founders' Monument and stroll down Rothschild Boulevard to view the Bauhaus architecture.
- Enjoy a tasting tour of the colorful Levinsky Market to sample foods, beverage and sweets from around Mediterranean.
- Travel to Rehovot for a guided tour of the Ayalon Institute – an underground bullet factory used by Jewish forces before the founding of the State of Israel.
- Guided tour of the former Atlit Illegal Immigrant Detention Camp where the British held Holocaust refugees who tried to enter the country "illegally"
- Ride in a "bird blind wagon" for a guided visit to Agamon Hahuleh, described as a "paradise for birds and people" to see thousands of migrating birds
- Explore mystical Tzfat, the cradle of Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism) in the 16th century.
- Chocolate making workshop at the De Karina Chocolate Factory. Guided tour of the boutique Bahat Winery including wine tasting
- Jeep tour in the Golan Heights for a special perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics as we "look down at Israel" the way the Syrian army once did.
- Tour the ruins of Beit Shean, once a splendid city of the Roman Decapolis.
- Visit Bio-Bee on Kibbutz Sde Eliahu, world leaders in organic agriculture to hear how they are using very effectively biological pest control, rather than toxic pesticides to protect their crops
- Visit the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Model of ancient Jerusalem in the first century.
- Walking tour of the historic Montefiore Windmill or walking tour of First Temple period burial site at Ketef Hinnom.
- Discover the archaeological story of the Western Wall and episodes of Jewish life in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago at Robinson's Arch and the Southern Wall.
- Excavations and walk through the Western Wall Tunnels.
- Tour of the rebuilt Jewish Quarter in the Old City, including the Broad Wall, Rooftops, Cardo and Western Wall Lookout
- Cross the Judean Desert ascend Masada by cable car, tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence
- Walk in Ein Gedi Nature Reserve and enjoy the opportunity to bathe in waterfalls and hear how David hid there from King Saul
- Swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort
- Guided tour of the architecturally fascinating Supreme Court Building and a great opportunity to hear about Israel's legal system
- Visit to the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Shrine of the Book and the Model of Jerusalem in the first century
- Guided tour of Yad Vashem Israel's National Holocaust Memorial and Museum, including the Historical Museum and Children's Memorial.
- Guided tour of the new Hebrew Music Museum to learn about the history of Jewish music from biblical times and through seven different regions
- Travel to Latrun in the Ayalon Valley to learn about the struggle for the Road to Jerusalem in the War of Independence
- And much, much more! Wineries and Divine Cuisine!

Trip Costs and Reductions

Discounted price for check payment

Land Only Package – \$5395

Land and Air Package – \$6929

Single Room Supplement – \$1980

Full price for credit card payment

Land Only Package – \$5610

Land and Air Package – \$7206

Single Room Supplement – \$2059

Reductions

Adult 3rd in a room – \$725

Added to above pricing is a \$100 administration fee made out to Dix Hills Jewish Center.

Added to the costs above are tips for Guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Portage – \$220. Tour price is based on minimum of 20 participants, with less than 20 participants the price will increase. Round trip air available through ITW Tours call Stacey at 800-247-7235 or stacey@israeltour.com.

View and download itinerary and application at www.itctours.com/tepe

For additional information please call Rabbi Buechler at 631-499-6644 or email Rabbi at rabbibuechler@gmail.com

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Sunday, March 24 – Depart USA

- As Purim ends we fly to Israel in the evening.
- Please note:** ITW can assist with other flight/departure arrangements.

Monday, March 25 – Going up into the Land

- Arrive in **Israel** to be met and assisted by your ITW representative (*today's program depends on arrival time*)
- Check-in to the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** on **Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast**.
- Welcome dinner at **Goshen Restaurant**. (Note: All restaurants subject to change)
- Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, March 26 – The Hebrew City and the Jewish State

- Walking tour of historic "**Little Tel Aviv**" – Discover the quaint **Neve Tzedek** neighborhood that gave birth to the "**first Hebrew city in 2,000 years**", once home to Zionist cultural pioneers Eliezer Ben Yehuda, S. Y. Agnon and Rabbi Kook.
- ITW Touch:** Discover **City of Sand and Sea**, a mosaic fountain created by artist and writer Nachum Gutman portraying scenes from the history of Jaffa and Tel Aviv.
- Hear about the establishment of **Tel Aviv** at the **Founders' Monument** then stroll down **Rothschild Boulevard** to view the **Bauhaus** architecture for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Lunch on own in **Carmel Market** – Great street food.
- Tour **Old Jaffa**, the ancient port city once known as Zion Gate from which Jonah tried to flee and where Solomon brought the Cedars of Lebanon on the way to Jerusalem. Today paintings and sculptures have been installed in its ancient alleys.
- Shekhyanu**-Welcome ceremony on top of **Tel Jaffa** overlooking modern Tel Aviv.
- Guided tour of the **Ayalon Institute** – An underground bullet factory in Rehovot used by Jewish forces before the founding of the State of Israel.
- Dinner on own, restaurant recommendation will be provided.
- Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, March 27 – Renewers of Jewish Life in Ancient and Modern Times

- Depart for northern Israel.
- Wine tasting** and lunch at the boutique **Tishbi Winery** and restaurant in **Binyamina**.
- Guided tour of the former **Atlit Illegal Immigrant Detention Camp** where the British held Holocaust refugees who tried to enter the country "illegally". Then board an "illegal immigration ship" to watch a multimedia presentation about the heroic pre-State immigration.
- Travel to the **Galilee Panhandle**.
- Ride in a "bird blind wagon" for a guided visit to **Agamon Hahuleh**, described as a "paradise for birds and people" to see thousands of migrating birds coming to roost for the night.
- Check-in to the **Hagoshirim Hotel and Nature**.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Overnight: Hagoshirim Hotel and Nature

Thursday, March 28 – Ancient and Modern Geopolitics and Israel's Finest

- Explore mystical **Tzfat**, cradle of **Kabbalah** (Jewish mysticism) in the 16th century. Visit its old synagogues and picturesque alleyways. Then discover the origins of our

Friday night service in the city where **Lecha Dodi** was written.

- Lunch on own.
- Jeep tour** in the **Golan Heights** for a special perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics as we "look down at Israel" the way the Syrian army once did. Then look out at the border from strategic **Mt. Bental**.
- Chocolate making workshop at the **De Karina Chocolate Factory**.
- Then taste wines and liqueurs at the adjacent **Bahat Winery**.
- Gourmet Dinner at Gadi Elias' Place** in **Yesod Hamaala**.
- Overnight: Hagoshirim Hotel and Nature

Friday, March 29 – Across Israel: Many Faces of the Jewish People

- Tour the ruins of **Beit Shean**, once a splendid city of the Roman Decapolis.
- Visit **Bio-Bee** on **Kibbutz Sde Eliahu**, world leaders in organic agriculture to hear how they are using very effectively biological pest control, rather than toxic pesticides to protect their crops.
- Lunch at Kibbutz Sde Eliahu.
- Travel south through the **Jordan Valley** and ascend to **Jerusalem**.
- Time permitting:** Afternoon visit to the **Machane Yehuda Market**.
- Check in to the **Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem**.
- Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat.
- Friday/Shabbat evening options:**
 - Join hundreds of other Jews from around the world to **Greet the Sabbath** at the **Western Wall**. Option to pray together as a congregation at the "**Masorati Kotel**", where men and women can stand together.
 - OR:** Attend **Friday night services** at a local **Jerusalem synagogue**.
 - Festive Shabbat Dinner** at O2@ the Inbal Hotel – Lone Soldiers to be invited.
 - Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, March 30 – And on the Seventh Day...in Jerusalem

- Shabbat morning services** – TBD with Rabbi Buechler.
- OR:** Sleep late and morning at leisure.
- Shabbat Lunch** at hotel.
- Walking tour to the historic **Montefiore Windmill** to discover the first neighbourhood built outside the walls of the Old City. Then continue to nearby **Ketef Hinnom**, a First Temple period burial site where archaeologists discovered the oldest biblical text ever found.
- Haydallah** with Rabbi Buechler.
- Free evening. Dinner on own.
- Recommendation for the evening:** Check out the **First Station Compound** – Jerusalem's old Ottoman Train Station which has been converted into a restaurant-café area. It's a short walk from your hotel.
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, March 31 – The Old City of Jerusalem: An Ancient Jewish Legacy

- Discover the archaeological story of the **Western Wall** and episodes of Jewish life in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago at **Robinson's Arch** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**. Hear about a new archaeological discovery connected to the Chanukah story.
- Visit the traditional prayer area of the **Western Wall**.
- Walk through the **Western Wall Tunnels** to discover underground Jerusalem.

• Lunch on own.

- Tour of the rebuilt **Jewish Quarter** in the Old City, including the **Broad Wall, Rooftops, Cardo** and **Western Wall Lookout** and hear about the remarkable discoveries under the ruins of the **Tiferet Yisrael Synagogue**, followed by free time to shop and explore on own.
- Discover how residents of the **Jewish Quarter** light Channukah candles and 'publicize' the miracle.
- Dinner at **1868 Restaurant**.
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, April 1 – Masada and the Dead Sea: Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

- Set out early across the **Judean Desert**.
- Walk in **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** and enjoy the opportunity to bathe in waterfalls and hear how David hid there from King Saul.
- Ascend **Masada** by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence. **Discussion: Which decision did our ancestors make? Masada or Yavne? What does that mean?**
- Swim in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort. The resort also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities.
- Lunch at Hod Dead Sea resort.
- Return to **Jerusalem**.
- Free evening. Dinner on own.
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, April 2 – Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity

- Tour of **Yad Vashem** – Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the **Historical Museum and Children's Memorial**.
- Lunch on own.
- Guided tour of the architecturally fascinating **Supreme Court Building** and a great opportunity to hear about Israel's legal system, which functions without a constitution.
- Guided tour of the new **Hebrew Music Museum** in downtown **Jerusalem's Nachalat Shiva** neighborhood to learn about the history of Jewish music from biblical times and through seven different regions of the Diaspora.
- Visit to the **Israel Museum** to see the **Dead Sea Scrolls** in the **Shrine of the Book** and the **Model of Jerusalem** in the first century.
- Recommendation:** Stay at the Israel Museum to explore additional exhibitions, such as Modern Israeli Art, Synagogue Interiors in the Judaica Section or the Archaeology Wing.
- Dinner on own.
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, April 3 – Lasting Memories and Departure

- Travel to **Latrun** in the **Ayalon Valley** to learn about the struggle for the **Road to Jerusalem** in the War of Independence.
- Wine tasting** at the **Castel Winery** in the **Judean Hills**.
- Afternoon free to explore on own and get in last minute shopping.
- Late check out.**
- Farewell dinner at **Medita Restaurant**.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport – **See you again soon!**

Thursday, April 4 – Arrive in USA



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Please send a copy of your passport's face page with its number and expiration date.

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- Land Only Package \$5395 (Discounted rate for payment by check)
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- Reduction - Adult 3rd in a room \$725
 - Added to the costs above are tips for Guide, Driver, Restaurants and Porterage - \$220 per
 - Added to above pricing will be \$100 administration Dix Hills Jewish Center Fee
 - Airport taxes and fuel surcharge is subject to change
 - Prices based on 20 participants; price will increase with fewer than 20 participants or be reduced with 25 or more participants
 - Travel/health insurance is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED and available through ITW.
Please Stacey call 800-247-7235 for a quote.

Please let us know if there are any accessibility requirements, physical limitations or dietary restrictions.

RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH A DEPOSIT OF \$350 PER PASSENGER

Deposit Amt: \$_____ Tips Amt: \$_____ Opt. Insurance Amt: \$_____ = Total Amount: \$_____

Please make check payable to: ITW Tours, and return to address below.

PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE AND SIGN — THANK YOU — PAYMENT IN FULL DUE 90 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Rooms: Prices are based on double occupancy.

Taxes: Airport tax and fuel surcharge are included in the ticket price when ticketed.

Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers are not included in tour price: \$220 per person.

Dix Hills Jewish Center administration fee of \$100 will be added to price : per person

Insurance: **Insurance is not included in the tour price.** We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses, which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failing to secure adequate coverage.

Medical Condition: ITW is not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur during or prior to the tour. Insurance is now mandatory according to the Israel ministry of tourism. Insurance travel/health is available through ITW including coverage for pre-existing conditions. Please call for a quote at 800-247-7235. Please check our website for coverage details.

Cancellation: All cancellations must be in writing to us and must be signed by the person who made the original reservation. Cancellations are only effective from the day they are received by us. No refunds are issued for cancellations received after the date the tour departs. Penalties will apply. If you cancel your tour, cancellation fees and penalties will be deducted from your refund or deposit. Cancellation fees will apply to all deposit checks. (Airline penalties could be equal to the total cost of the ticket.) Cancellation fees apply to each person.

**MINIMUM FEE OF \$ 100.00 PER PERSON FOR ANY CANCELLATION PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
PRIOR TO DEPARTURE "CANCELLATION FEE"**

\$300.00 per person 90-80 Days

\$400.00 per person 79-69 Days

No Refund 68 Days or less

Plus any penalties applied by airlines, hotels and tour operators.

Baggage: Luggage is the responsibility of the passenger and that of the airlines. For lost luggage claims, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly.

Seat Assignments: There is no advanced seat selection for tour departures; however, we will try to meet individual requests upon availability. Three hours advance arrival to the airport is necessary to ensure adequate time for check in.

Responsibility for Flight and Passenger Accommodations and Services: ITW is responsible for making all arrangements for tour services offered in the itinerary. The airlines, hotels, land operators and other suppliers providing services are independent contractors and not agents, employees or associates of ITW. Acceptance and confirmation of your reservation is at the discretion of the airlines even after full payment has been made. **ITW Tours, Rabbi Howard Buechler and Dix Hills Jewish Center** assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of an aircraft, motor coach, taxi, or other conveyances, which may be used in the performance of its duty to the passengers. All vouchers and other documents for services issued by the company are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and to the laws of the country where services are supplied. If the tour services as indicated by the itinerary cannot be supplied or there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond the control of ITW, we will arrange for provision of comparable services. ITW reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary whenever ITW deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience and safety of the participant at any time. The participant agrees that ITW shall not be liable for any changes in flight schedules, delays, weather conditions, damages, losses (including personal injuries, death and property losses) or expenses occasioned by acts or omissions of any person, including suppliers providing services, or for any acts of war, insurrection, revolts, or other civil uprisings, military actions, strikes, or acts of God occurring either in the country of origin, through passage or destination. No person other than an authorized representative of ITW by written consent is authorized to vary, add or waive any term or condition in this agreement. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any tour passenger should such person's health or general deportment impede the operation of the tour to the detriment of the other tour passengers.

Passports and Visas: Each passenger participant must have a valid passport. **Please make sure the expiration date is at least 6 months past your date of return.**

Immunizations: Depending on international requirements at time of travel immunization shots or vaccinations will be required.

Note: The sequence of activities in the itinerary may change or be reversed. Some may be omitted due to circumstances beyond our control. Pricing is subject to change until the trip is paid in full.

Signature(s): _____ / _____ Date: _____

My (our) signature(s) indicate(s) that I (we) have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions included with this trip package.