Prelude Tours - Thursday Departure

Duration: 9 days / 7 nights

A Dan Tours Israel Exclusive Tour Limited to 28 participants

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	En Route	Depart Canada on your flight to Israel	
2	Tel Aviv	Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Balance of the afternoon at leisure in the city the New York Times calls "The Capital of Mediterranean Cool." Tonight, Get Together Dinner.	Dinner
3	Tel Aviv	Morning walking tour. Remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this seaside city. Tel Aviv's museums and restaurants are world-class. Don't miss Tel Aviv's hip port neighborhood, with its yachts, eateries and café-filled boardwalk. Or, take the optional full-day tour to Masada and the Dead Sea.	Breakfast
4	Tel Aviv/Haifa	Depart Tel Aviv. Drive to the extraordinary Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center chronicling the life of the late Prime Minister and the development of the State of Israel. Continue to ancient Caesarea; explore the Roman and Crusader ruins including the impressive 2,000-year-old theater (still in use!) and aqueduct. Then, visit Caesarea Harbor: a fascinating, multi-media presentation brings ancient history to life! Arrive in Nazareth, the sacred town where Jesus spent part of his youth; visit the Church and view Mary's Well. On to the sparkling port city of Haifa; check into your hotel atop Mt. Carmel. This evening, visit a Druze Village --meet these unique Israelis! Hear of their traditions and share a Druze Dinner.	Breakfast Dinner
5	Haifa	View the golden-domed Baha'i Shrine and their breathtaking "hanging gardens," – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive along the coast to Rosh Hanikra; descend by cable car to see the magnificent underwater grottoes. Continue through the picturesque seaside town of Nahariya to the timeless Crusader city of Acre; walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful Middle Ages.Then, to Safed, one of Judaism's holiest cities, where the Kabbalah was developed in the 16th.-century; visit the ancient synagogues and the charming Artists' Quarter. Arrive in Tiberias for a special Dinner and overnight.	Breakfast Dinner
6	Haifa/Jerusalem	Morning drive to Capernaum, see the ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th-century. Then, ascend the strategic Golan Heights and learn about the 20th century battles that protected Israel's future. On to Katzrin, capital of the Golan and to the monument of the 7th Brigade; see the multimedia presentation "Kesem Hagolan" for a greater understanding of the region. Visit a former Syrian army bunker at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv, settled by Americans and Israelis together; view of the fertile valleys below as you tour the kibbutz and enjoy lunch in the communal dining room. Travel to Bet Shean, an ancient city from the time of King Saul; see the excavated remains of the magnificent Roman city destroyed by an earthquake in the 8th.-century. Drive south and then rise through the mountains to the "golden" city of Jerusalem. Overnight in Israel's capital.	Breakfast Lunch

Tour Includes:

- Professional Tour Director
- Choice of Deluxe Hotel Plans
- 5 Days of Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Plus Walking Tours in Tel Aviv & Jerusalem
- Arrival and Departure Transfers

11 Meals:

- Daily Israeli Buffet Breakfast
- Friday Dinner Get-together in Tel Aviv
- Dinner at a Druze Village near Haifa
- Special Dinner in Tiberias
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv
- Restaurant Dinner in Jerusalem

Special Features:

- Tour the Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center
- Descend to the Underwater Grottos at Rosh Hanikra
- Visit Army Bunkers at Kibbutz Kfar Charuv in the Golan
- Multi Media Presentation "Kesem Hagolan"
- Night Tour of "illuminated" Jerusalem
- Tour Herodian Mansions or Hasmonean Tunnel
- "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem
- Express Airport Check-in Service at Ben Gurion Airport

Meals

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

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7	Jerusalem	Drive to Hadassah Medical Center to the see the sublime Chagall Windows. On to Yad Vashem, Israel's national Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, with its Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous. Then, to Mount Herzl to pay respects to Israel's founders and heroes. Pass the post- modern Supreme Court and the Knesset (Parliament) en route to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Time to walk through the New Israel Museum and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden; see the Scale Model of ancient Jerusalem. Evening: Night Tour and Restaurant Dinner.	Breakfast Dinner
8	Jerusalem	Enter the Old City from the Dung Gate; walk to the Western Wall, last remnant of the Second Temple. Witness joyous Bar Mitzvah ceremonies! View the Dome of the Rock. Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Proceed to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo, the colonnaded main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Visit the Herodian Mansions, a completely excavated residential quarter from 2000 years ago, or, walk through the extraordinary Hasmonean Tunnel (tunnel schedule permitting.) Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; walk through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas. End the day with an optional visit to Bethlehem. Evening: "Night Spectacular" Sound and Light Show at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting). (Note: In order to attend this performance, please be sure that your departure flight from Israel is reserved for Friday morning and not the late evening flight on Thursday.)	Breakfast
9	En Route	Transfer to the Airport for your international departure flight. Enjoy our Express Check-in Service.	

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