Gente Israel Tour

Duration: 11 Days,10 Nights

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	Toronto	Thursday- October 27 Israel here we come! Depart on your Air Canada flight to Israel and begin an unforgettable journey departing at 4:35pm from Terminal #1.	
2	Arrive in Israel	Friday – October 28 Welcome to Israel Welcome to Israel! Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport at 10:00am where you will be met and assisted for your transfer to the Hotel in Jerusalem. **Dinner and overnight at the Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem**	Breakfast
3	Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem	Saturday – October 29 After breakfast we start the day at the **Mount of Olives**, for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk down to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the Church of All Nations. From here, we proceed by bus across the Kidron Valley, past the Tombs of Absalom, Zechariah and James and proceed to **Mt Zion** to visit the traditional site of the **Upper Room** (Room of the Last Supper) and the Tomb of David. We continue our walk along the **Via Dolorosa.** We pass through the colorful bazaars, alleyways and market places and reach the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** for a brief visit. Drive to **Bethlehem.** Visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the world and birthplace of Jesus. **Dinner and overnight at the Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem**	Breakfast
4	Jerusalem	Sunday –October 30 Following breakfast, we drive to the **City of David** to see remains of Jerusalem from the time of King David. See the Hezekiah's Tunnel and walk through the water tunnel built by King Hezekiah in the 7th century BC. which comes out to the Pool of Siloam. Continue to the **Davidson Center** to start at the facility using the state of art technology and film showing what the Temple Mount was like from the time of the Second Temple. You will continue to the Southern Wall Excavations and see the walls from the time of King Herod and walk on the same steps Jesus walked on going up to the Temple. Visit the **Western Wall**, Judaism's holiest spot. Continue to **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Museum & Memorial. The museum tells the story of the Holocaust	Breakfast

Package Includes

- Roundtrip airfare Toronto – Tel Aviv.
- Professional Tour Director.
- Transfers and assistance at airport upon arrival.
- 10 Nights Accommodation as per on the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to sites visited.
- Sightseeing in Modern Air-Conditioned Motor coach.
- Meals as per itinerary.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.

Does Not Include

- Gratuities, Insurance, Items of a personal nature.

Optional Tours:

- Wine Tour and Wine tasting on the Golan Heights - $60.00 CAD per person
- Visit to KFAR HANOKDIM which is in the Negev Desert, a Bedouin camp, where the group will have camel rides, sit in a Bedouin tent and listen to life about Bedouins with coffee.The rate is $40 CAD Net.
- A Bedouin Feast meal, where the group sits in the tent on cushions and has an amazing meal The rate is $72 CAD Net.

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		from a unique perspective by emphasizing the experiences of Jewish victims and survivors using original artifacts, testimonies, and personal possessions. Tour this sprawling complex and visit the **Grove of the Righteous among the Nations** and the **Children's Memorial.** Take a short drive to to the **Israel Museum** and visit the **Shrine of the Book** housing the **Dead Sea Scrolls,** the oldest manuscripts of the Bible ever found. Visit the **Model of Jerusalem** from the Second Temple Period. Finish the day at the **Machane Yehuda Market** and immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's Shuk (Market). Wander around the many local vendors selling delicious cheeses, pastries, spices, nuts and much more. Taste Halva, ice cream and fresh fruit juices. Return to your hotel. **Dinner and overnight at the Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem**	
5	Masada - Dead Sea	Monday – October 31 Following breakfast at the hotel, descend through the Judean Desert to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on Planet Earth, continuing straight to **Masada**. Ascend the mountain by Cable Car to this last stronghold of the Zealots who chose death rather than surrendering to the Roman Legion in the Jewish Revolt against Rome some 2000 years ago. Masada is not declared a UNESCO "World Heritage Site". After, tour Herod's Palace, the synagogue, the bathhouse, the water system and the fascinating storage rooms. Descend Masada and drive to your hotel at the Dead Sea. Balance of the day to enjoy a float in the saltiest body of water in the world or use the spa facilities at the hotel for a relaxing day. **Dinner and overnight at the Isrotel Nevo Dead Sea Hotel.**	Breakfast
6	Dead Sea to the Galilee	Tuesday – November 1 After breakfast drive through the lush Jordan Valley via Jericho, the oldest city in the world. We continue our drive to the homeland of the Prophet Elisha, **Beit Shean**, where we will walk through the incredible excavations of the largest ongoing archaeological dig in the land of Israel with its Roman theatre, colonnaded Roman streets, mosaics and Roman bathhouses. Drive to **Nazareth** where Jesus spent his childhood and visit the Church of the Annunciation. Continue to **Kfar Kedem** that recreates the day-to-day life of this ancient land. A hands-on experience, Kfar Kedem will transport you back to the roots of your heritage. Ride the rolling hills as Abraham rode them. You will be shown how to make bread, cheese, wine, and olive oil using ancient techniques while providing historical and spiritual insight through this hands-on experience in the world of the Bible. You will be given robes and head coverings made in the style of ancient Israel in order to fully immerse themselves in the experience. We finish the day at the Sea of Galilee and Tiberias. **Dinner and overnight at the Lake House Hotel, Tiberias.**	Breakfast

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7	Galilee – Golan Heights	Wednesday – November 2 After breakfast we start the day with a visit to the **ancient boat museum** of a boat from the time of Jesus found in the Sea of Galilee by fishermen from Kibbutz Nof Ginossar. We continue for a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee. Drive to **Capernaum,** the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry and the site of many of his miracles. We will see the remains of Peter's house and the synagogue site where Jesus taught and worshipped. Continue to the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered what is perhaps the most famous sermon ever preached – "The Sermon On the Mount". We will drive north to **Tel Dan** one of the most important sites for the archaeological and historical recovery of ancient Israel a town that has seen many different occupants in the course of 6000 years. We drive to the **Golan Heights** and visit **Banias**, one of the sources of the Jordan River. **Dinner and overnight at the Lake House Hotel, Tiberias.**	Breakfast
8	Galilee to the Mediterrean	Thursday - November 3 Drive to Acre and the **Old City of Acre** a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of the remains of the Crusader town. Visit the underground Crusader City. These ruins are both above and below street level. It's also because the city is one of a very small number of Ottoman walled towns. It has citadels, mosques, khans, and baths, all of which have been preserved. Then, head to **Haifa;** see the meticulous **Baha'i Gardens**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, often described as the "eighth wonder of the world. Drive to **Caesarea, the "Dream by the Sea"** constructed by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC and named after Caesar Augustus. Enjoy a tour of the rich remains spanning from the time of the Romans to the Islamic period: the 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheater, the Crusader harbor, and Herod's palace– all will be brought to life in a brand new multi-media show dedicated to the events and personalities who shaped this seaside wonder." Drive to Tel Aviv, Israel's most cosmopolitan City. **Dinner and overnight at the Herod's Hotel, Tel Aviv**	Breakfast
9	Tel Aviv	Friday– November 4 After breakfast drive to **Old Jaffa**, one of the oldest cities in the world. Hear the story of Jonah and the whale and see the entrance to the House of Simon the Tanner. Then explore the reconstructed Artists/ Quarter with its galleries and boutiques. Continue to the colorful and lively **Carmel Market (**Shuk HaCarmel) the largest market in Tel Aviv. It's a vibrant marketplace where traders sell everything from clothing to spices, and fruit to household items. We'll head to nearby Tel-Aviv's	Breakfast

popular **Nachalat Benyamin**, an open pedestrian Arts and Craft Fair where you will find a variety of hand-made products as well as performance artists making this a lively event and definitely in Tel Aviv. The balance of the day at leisure. **Dinner and overnight at Herod's Tel Aviv Hotel.**

10	Tel Aviv at Leisure	Saturday - November 5 Today is the Sabbath and our last day which will be a day of leisure in Tel Aviv. **Dinner and overnight at the Herod's Hotel, Tel Aviv.**	Breakfast
11	Toronto	Sunday- November 6 After breakfast depart to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back to Toronto on Air Canada departing at 11:55am and arriving in Toronto at 5:00pm at Terminal #1.	

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