Israel Plus Eilat and Petra

Duration: 13 days / 12 nights

A comprehensive, up-scale tour of the whole of Israel from the Golan to Eilat including an unforgettable day trip to Petra! Well-priced and one of our most popular offerings.

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	Tel Aviv	Welcome to Israel! Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and be met and assisted by one of our representatives who will transfer you to your hotel in vibrant Tel Aviv. Spend the day at leisure, and then join us at night for a welcome dinner.	Dinner
2	Tel Aviv	Spend the morning on a walking tour of the city and then have the remainder of the day to enjoy all of the delights of this seaside city at leisure. Check out the Israeli folk dancing on the seaside promenade or visit "Namal Tel Aviv," a lively area dotted with yachts and a boardwalk filled with pubs.	Breakfast
3	Tel Aviv Haifa	Begin your day with a visit to the fantastic Yitzhak Rabin Center, which chronicles the life of the extraordinary leader as well as the development of the State of Israel. Continue to ancient Caesarea to explore the astounding Roman and Crusader ruins including the impressive theater and aqueduct. Visit Caesarea Harbor to see a multi-media presentation that will bring the ancient history to life! Arrive in Nazareth, the sacred town where Jesus spent part of his youth, to visit the Church and view Mary's Well. Travel to the sparkling port city of Haifa to check into your hotel atop Mount Carmel. In the evening, visit a Druze Village to meet these unique Israelis and hear about their traditions while enjoying a traditional Druze dinner.	Breakfast Dinner
4	Haifa Safed Tiberias	View the golden-domed Baha'i Shrine and colorful Persian Gardens before departing Haifa. Drive along the coast to spectacular Rosh Hanikra and 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 where you can walk through the subterranean city and visit the bazaars recalling the colorful Middle Ages. Then, visit Safed, one of Judaism's holiest cities, where Kabbalah flourished during the Golden Age. Visit the ancient synagogues and the charming Artists' Quarter. Arrive in Tiberias for a special seaside dinner and stay overnight.	Breakfast Dinner
5	Capernaum Golan Heights Jerusalem	In the morning, drive to Capernaum to see the ruins of the ancient synagogue dating back to the 5th century. Ascend the strategic Golan Heights for an overview of the fierce battles that took place during the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973. On to Katzrin, the capital of the Golan and to the monument of the 7th Brigade, where you will see the multimedia presentation, "Kesem Hagolan", and get a greater understanding of this area. Visit a former Syrian army bunker at Kibbutz Kfar Haruv, which was settled by Americans and Israelis, together. View the fertile valleys below as you tour the kibbutz and enjoy lunch in the communal dining room. Travel to Beit She'an, an ancient city from the time of King Saul, and see the excavated remains of a Roman city. Continue to Jerusalem for the night.	Breakfast Lunch

Highlights

- English-speaking tour guide
- Roundtrip flight Tel Aviv/Eilat
- Choice of deluxe hotel plans
- Comprehensive sightseeing
- Walking tours
- Transfers as indicated

Meals

- Daily breakfast (Israeli buffet)
- Welcome dinner in Tel Aviv
- Dinner at a Druze Village
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Haruv
- Special dinner in Tiberias
- Dinner at a restaurant in Jerusalem
- Traditional Friday night dinner in Jerusalem
- Lunch in Petra
- (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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6	Jerusalem	Drive to the Hadassah Medical Center to see the brilliant Chagall Windows. On to Yad Vashem, a memorial to the Holocaust, where you will visit the museum, children's pavilion and walk along the Avenue of the Righteous. Next, visit the Mount Herzl cemetery to pay respect to Israel's military heroes. Drive via the Supreme Court Building and the Knesset (Parliament) to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Here, you will have time to walk through the new Israel Museum and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden to see the model of ancient Jerusalem. In the evening, have dinner at a restaurant in Jerusalem before your magical night tour of the city.	Breakfast Dinner
7	Jerusalem	Enter the Old City from the Dung Gate and walk to the Western Wall, the only remaining portion of the Second Temple. Witness joyous Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and view the Dome of the Rock. Drive to Mount Zion to visit the traditional Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Proceed to the restored Jewish Quarter and 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 and then walk through the exotic bazaars with their wondrous aromas. End the day with an optional visit to Bethlehem. In the evening, enjoy the "Night Spectacular" Sound and Light show at the Citadel Museum (weather and schedule permitting).	Breakfast
8	Masada Dead Sea Jerusalem	Travel along the Judean desert and the shores of the Dead Sea (the lowest place on earth) to Masada. Ascend by cable car to this last stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod the Great's palace, synagogue and bathhouse. Then, take the opportunity to enjoy an 'unsinkable' swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea. Drive past the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, on your return to Jerusalem. In the evening, experience a traditional Friday night dinner.	Breakfast Dinner
9	Jerusalem	Start the morning on a walking tour with your tour director visiting the Museum of the History of Jerusalem at David's Citadel in the Old City. Spend the remainder of your day at leisure.	Breakfast
10	Eilat	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Eilat. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure enjoying the hotel facilities or heading to the beach at the Red Sea.	Breakfast
11	Petra* Eilat	Experience the most unforgettable day touring Petra! In the morning, you will be transferred from your hotel in Eilat to the Arava border where we will assist you with crossing. Arrive in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and drive to the 'hidden' city of Petra. Either take a horse ride or go on an exhilarating walk from the main gate to the entrance of the ancient city. Continue by foot through the rose-red streets of the city of the Edomites and later, the Nabateans. Visit the Treasury (made famous in the movie "Indiana Jones"), which is carved out of a single piece of rock. You will also see the Theatre Tombs, Hall of Justice, Palaces and Temples. After lunch, depart Petra and drive to the resort city of Aqaba for a short panoramic tour. Then return to the Arava border to cross back to Eilat. Transfer to your hotel in Eilat for the night. *Petra day tour is operated by a local company on 'seatin- coach' basis.	Breakfast Lunch
12	Eilat	Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore this wonderful	Breakfast

		resort city. Optional activities and excursions are available from your hotel or you can just relax and enjoy the cool, clear waters of the Red Sea.	
13	Eilat	After breakfast and check out, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Tel Aviv.	Breakfast

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