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OCTOBER 11 – 25, 2020 ISRAEL

Explore Tel Aviv, one of the most vibrant cities in the world. Titled the 'Mediterranean Capital of Cool' by the New York Times, this is a 24 hour city with a unique pulse, combining sandy Mediterranean beaches with a world-class nightlife, a buzzing cultural scene, incredible food, UNESCO recognized architecture, and an international outlook.

And then there is the crown of cities: Jerusalem. A city of tradition, religion, and history, but also, increasingly, of modern culture and heritage, it is a city with so much to offer. The holiest city of them all, a melting pot of cultures, religions, and worlds.

Enjoy the health benefits of a visit to the enchanting Negev Desert and the mineral restoration provided by the Dead Sea at -424 meters, the lowest place on earth.

Visit the north of Israel, a land of immense natural beauty, historic and religious significance, and demographic diversity. Experience the green lush landscape with nature, history, and empires to be explored.

VERY ACTIVE TOUR

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14 Days
13 Nights

Return Air Fare
Luxury Motor Coach

Breakfast and Dinner
Daily

Sightseeing Tours
English Speaking Guide

All entrance fees,
taxes, tipping & service
charges included

\$4400 double
\$5900 single

- JERUSALEM & OLD CITY
- TEL AVIV & JAFFA
- HAIFA & GALIL
- GOLAN HEIGHTS
- DEAD SEA & MASADA
- EILAT
- OPTIONAL: PETRA

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DAY 1 – Sunday, October 11 – Departure from Toronto at 2:00 pm

DAY 2 – Monday, October 12 – Arrival Tel Aviv – Galilee

- Arrive at Tel Aviv airport at 08:00 am. Meet your guide and begin our tour. First stop, a short visit to **Zichron Yaakov**. A beautiful settlement from the time of the First Aliya and free time for lunch. Continue to **Safed**, the city of Kabala, to visit the ancient synagogues and the artists' colony.
- **Overnight: Lavi Kibbutz hotel**

DAY 3 – Tuesday, October 13 – Galilee/Golan Heights

- We drive north to ascend to the Golan Heights. We begin at the **Banias**, one of the sources of the Jordan River. We continue to **Mt. Ben Tal** to experience a great view of the Golan Heights and view across the border of Syria. Then drive to **Katzrin** the capital city of this region. We visit the local **winery** where some of the best Israeli wines are produced:
- **Overnight: Lavi Kibbutz**

DAY 4 – Wednesday, October 14 – Galilee to Jerusalem

- Depart **Kibbutz Lavi** and travel directly to the **Tayelet Haas Promenade** in **Armon Hanatziv**, Jerusalem for the Welcome "Shehehianu" Ceremony. Check into hotel, unpack, refresh. Drive to **Mt. of Olives** for another spectacular view of Jerusalem. Enjoy a spiritual visit to the **Kotel**. We will visit the **Western Wall Tunnel** at 18:20. Return to hotel for dinner.
- **Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel**

DAY 5 – Thursday, October 15 – Jerusalem

- Enter the walled **Old City** through one of the gates and walk to the "**Cardo**" in the recently restored **Jewish Quarter**. Tour the Jewish Quarter. Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Back to hotel for rest and dinner.
- **20:00 Jerusalem Night Spectacular at David's Tower**
- **Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel**

DAY 6 – Friday, October 16 – Jerusalem

- Visit the **Yad Vashem Memorial**, Israel's memorial to the six million Jews that lost their lives in the Holocaust, and **Suk Mahane Yehuda** market. (Drive by **Knesset, Israel Museum, Supreme Court Building, Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University**). Return to the hotel to enjoy a traditional Friday night dinner.
- **Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel**

DAY 7 – Saturday, October 17 – Shabbat in Jerusalem

- **FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM**
- **Overnight: Jerusalem hotel.**

DAY 8 – Sunday, October 18 – Jerusalem to Dead Sea

- Go to **Masada**, ascend by cable car. Visit **Herod's palace**, the cisterns and learn about the Jewish zealots that fought the Romans before being defeated. Rest of the day – relax in the salty waters of the Dead Sea.
- **Overnight: Dead Sea hotel.**

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DAY 9 – Monday, October 19 – Dead Sea to Eilat

- Check out and leave Dead Sea and pass by **Kibbutz Yotvata** known for its dairy products. Drive through **Negev Desert** where you will see **Solomon's Pillars**. Rest of the day – relax in Eilat
- **Overnight: Eilat hotel.**

DAY 10 – Tuesday, October 20 - Eilat

- **FREE DAY IN EILAT**
- Optional day to Petra
- **Overnight: Eilat hotel**

DAY 11 – Wednesday, October 21 – Eilat to Tel Aviv

- After breakfast at your hotel we drive towards **Tel Aviv** through the **Negev Desert**.
- Visit **Sde Boker** – the home of David Ben-Gurion, see the burial place of Ben-Gurion and his wife Paula. We will see Israel's most spectacular natural sight, the **Ramon Crater** (Makhtesh Ramon) in the heart of the Negev.
- **Overnight: Tel Aviv hotel.**

DAY 12 – Thursday, October 22 – Tel Aviv

- Visit **Independence Hall** where the establishment of the State of Israel was declared.
- Today we also visit **Machon Ayalon**, the ammunition factory that operated secretly before the War of Independence. Visit to the **Sharona** area - a Templar colony that was part of a military base and is now a tourist attraction.
- **Overnight: Tel Aviv hotel**

DAY 13 – Friday, October 23 – Tel Aviv

- Meet your guide and begin a visit to the **Yitzhak Rabin Center**. Visit **Old Jaffa** from **Clock Square** through the **Charles Clore Park** and an observation point in Jaffa, finishing at the port. Return to **Tel Aviv** and walk along the **Nahalat Binyamin** pedestrian street and return to our hotel for Shabbat dinner.
- **Overnight: Tel Aviv hotel**

DAY 14 – Saturday, October 24 – Shabbat in Tel Aviv

- Relaxing morning, hotel check out 11:00. Travel up the coast to **Haifa** and have lunch in the Port area. Visit the grounds of the **Bahai Temple** and return to Tel Aviv via **Caesarea**, where we visit the newly excavated Hippodrome and the exciting multimedia presentation that communicates through historical characters and follows the history of this fascinating city. Back to **Tel Aviv** for a relaxing visit to the renovated **Tel Aviv Port**. On Saturdays, the port has a special and experiential atmosphere. Within the harbor there are a variety of options for dinner – restaurants, ice cream parlours and more.
- **Transfer to Ben Gurion for the return trip home.**

DAY 15 – Sunday, October 25, 2018 – Depart for Toronto

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