

Havurah Shir Hadash

Community Israel Experience | May 26 - June 8, 2015

Join Rabbi David Zaslow and Ayala Zonnenschein on a spiritual pilgrimage to our ancient homeland

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Together we'll explore the ancient land juxtaposed with the modern, amazing reality that is Israel today. For two weeks we'll travel to all the important Biblical and historical sites with professional guides on a comfortable bus. Plus, we'll be staying in excellent four-star hotels. With Rabbi David Zaslow and Ayala Zonnenschein we'll be in good hands in a spiritual pilgrimage to our ancient homeland. From the beaches of Tel Aviv to the mountains of Safed; from the desert of the Negev to the agricultural lands of the Galilee this will be an extraordinary adventure.



Along with the itinerary articulated below, our group leaders will engage participants in shared spiritual practice, study and debriefing of daily experiences, as well as powerful encounters with local teachers and peacemakers.

About Our Travel Partner. Authentic Israel is a Tel Aviv-based tour operator with three decades of experience in the field of educational travel. Authentic Israel specializes in creating custom experiences for groups of all backgrounds. More at www.authenticisrael.com.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- VIP greeting at Ben Gurion Airport and a private transfer to Tel Aviv on March 26, 2015
- 4-star centrally located hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv & Tsfat. Deluxe hotel spa at the Dead Sea
- Israeli tour guide daily (except Shabbat)
- Luxury air-conditioned touring bus with dedicated Israeli driver (except Shabbat)
- Breakfast daily and group meals per itinerary
- Tax/gratuities at restaurants & hotel portorage
- Entrance fees, activity costs & guest educators

What's Not Included:

- International flights
- Gratuities – Suggested as \$100 per person
- Meals not specified as included
- Hotel incidentals
- Travel insurance (optional) and local medical insurance (optional)

PROGRAM ITINERARY

The following is a projected itinerary, which is subject to minor change and will be re-confirmed about two months prior to departure. *Meals Included: B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner*

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

- Depart for Israel on self-booked flights

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport
- VIP greeting & transfer included for all arrivals
- Dinner at Maganda in the Yemeni Quarter
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv [D]

Thursday, May 28, 2015

- Leket - Harvesting project for hungry
- Neot Kedumim - Tree planting and tour of the Biblical Reserve (shmita option)
- Free afternoon to enjoy Tel Aviv's beachfront!
- Co-existence walking tour of old Jaffa seaport with an educator from Beit Daniel
- Sunset dinner at a Jaffa restaurant
- Evening: Nalagaat – Theater of the Deaf and Blind (not included)
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv [B + D]

Friday, May 29, 2015

- Explore Neve Tzedek's "White City" architecture
- Celebrate Statehood at Independence Hall
- Shopping time and lunch at Nahalat Binyamin street festival and the Carmel Market

- Visit to the Rabin Square Memorial
- Ascend to Jerusalem and prepare for Shabbat
- Intro to Jerusalem at the Haas Promenade
- Check-in to hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat at Kol HaNeshama (option to walk or bus back to hotel)
- Shabbat dinner at accommodations
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B + D]

Saturday, May 30, 2015

- Option to attend Shabbat services at a Jerusalem synagogue or minyan
- Return to hotel for Shabbat lunch
- Option to visit the Israel Museum (not included)
- Free evening on own in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B + L]

Sunday, May 31, 2015

- Ir David – The remains of King David's Jerusalem
- The Southern Wall Excavations & Kotel Tunnels
- Explore the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, including the Cardo and Hurva Synagogue
- The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Christian Quarter and the Arab Shuk (Bazaar)
- Free evening on own in Jerusalem

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- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B]

Monday, June 1, 2015

- Mt. Herzl - Resting place of Israel's national leaders and military heroes
- Guided tour of Israel's High Court of Justice
- Lunch on own in Mahane Yehuda market and explore Jerusalem's Nachlaot neighborhood
- Yad VaShem Holocaust complex
- Group dinner at Darna – Moroccan style
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B + D]

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

- Depart Jerusalem for the Judean Desert
- Qumran Caves – Hiding place of Dead Sea Scrolls
- Nature walk in the Ein Gedi desert oasis
- Check-in to hotel on the Dead Sea – Time for floating and relaxation
- Desert tent dinner at Metzukey Dragot overlooking the Jordan Valley
- Overnight: Royal Rimonim, Dead Sea [B + D]

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

- Ascend Masada via cable car and explore the mountaintop fortress
- Continue up the Jordan Valley to the Galilee
- Swim in the natural pools of the Sachne at the base of Mount Giboa
- Tour of the Roman-era excavations at Beit Shean
- Check-in to accommodations on the Kinneret
- Evening: Cruise on the Sea of Galilee followed by a gourmet dinner at Roberg
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar, Galilee [B + D]

Thursday, June 4, 2015

- Ascend the Golan Heights

- Gamla - Ancient Golan center of Jewish life
- Tasting & tour at Belle Ofri Winery on the Golan
- View of Israel's neighbors from Mt. Ben Tal
- Nature walk to the Banias Waterfalls – Headwaters of the Jordan River
- Return to accommodations – dinner included
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar, Galilee [B + D]

Friday, June 5, 2015

- Walking tour and shopping time in ancient Tsfat
- Off-road jeep tour in the Galilee mountains
- Rosh Pina – Aliya Movement of the 19th Century
- Check-in to Tsfat hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner at hotel
- Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tsfat [B + D]

Saturday, June 6, 2015

- Option to attend Shabbat services at a Tsfat synagogue or minyan
- Walking tour of Tsfat - Center of Jewish mystics
- Seuda shlishit (dinner) at hotel
- Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Tsfat [B + L + D]

Sunday, June 7, 2015

- Travel to Israel's Western Galilee region
- Explore Acco – Templar Tunnels, Crusader-era castle and Tunisian Synagogue
- The Bahai Gardens overlooking Haifa
- Tour of Caesarea - Herod's palace on the beach
- Wrap-up session and discussion on the beach
- Closing dinner at area restaurant
- Return to airport for overnight flights [B + D]

Monday, June 8, 2015

- Arrive back to Portland

TRAVEL TO/FROM ISRAEL

Participants are responsible for their own air travel to/from Israel and will be met at Ben Gurion Airport outside of Tel Aviv and escorted to the hotel at no additional charge any time on May 26th. Because our program begins with a welcome dinner, we ask that all flights arrive in Israel by 4:00pm. At the end of the program, participants are escorted back to Ben Gurion Airport on the final Sunday

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evening in time to catch overnight flights back to North America (departing between 10:30pm and 1:00am the next day). Participants on return flights outside of this window can be accommodated by special arrangement, and additional fees will apply.

GET REGISTERED

Participant #1 (Primary Contact)

First Name*: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Email: _____ Tel (Cell): _____ Tel (Other): _____

Participant #2 (if applicable)

First Name*: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Email: _____ Tel (Cell): _____ Tel (Other): _____

Participant #3 (if applicable)

First Name*: _____ Last Name: _____

Participant #4 (if applicable – use copies of this page for additional participants)

First Name*: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Please enter your name as it appears on your passport. Please note that according to Israeli customs regulations, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your travel.

Rooming Notes:

Medical & Dietary Notes:



Emergency Contact: Full Name: _____ Relation: _____

Email: _____ Tel (Cell): _____ Tel (Other): _____

PACKAGE SELECTIONS

Please indicate the number of applicable travelers in your party:

_____ Land Package – Based on Double Room Occupancy [**\$2,850/p**]

_____ Single Room Supplement [**\$950/p**] _____ Triple or Quad Room Discount [**\$120/p**]

Program Selection Notes: _____

Terms of Participation

- To reserve your tour reservation, send in your registration and a deposit of \$600/person. Your deposit check should be payable to: Havurah Shir Hadash. Please put “Havurah Israel Trip” in the memo area of your check. Only checks (no credit cards) are accepted for the deposit. Checks should be sent to Havurah, c/o Israel 2015, Attn:, P.O. Box 1262, Ashland, OR 97520.
- The deposit/registration is due by December 31, 2014 and is fully refundable up until January 31, 2015.
- Between February 1 and March 1 a cancellation fee of \$250 will be charged.
- The balance of payment is due no later than March 15, 2015 and will be payable to our tour company, Authentic Israel (payment information to follow in future mailings). If a credit card is used for this balance of payment, there will be an additional 3.5% fee.
- Participants who cancel after March 15, 2015 are not entitled to any refund. Participants are encouraged to purchase travel insurance accordingly (see below) prior to making the final payment.
- The program is subject to a minimum participation of 30 paid travelers as of February 1, 2015 and a maximum participation of 45 people (the capacity of one bus). Participants are encouraged not to book flights until the minimum participation is guaranteed.

For questions, contact Ayala Zonnenschein / 541-292-0805 / ayala@ashlandhavurah.org

Statement of Responsibility. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, Authentic Israel and Havurah Shir Hadash assume no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconvenience, illness, theft, property damage, irregularity, or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator or by any person or reason whatsoever including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports and/or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities to or included in this tour or any part thereof. Enrollment in and payment for the tour constitute your acceptance of the program conditions and this Statement of Responsibility.

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Any and all disputes between the parties arising out of or relating to this agreement, whether grounded in contract, tort or statutory law, shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration in Washington, DC. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules of JAMS. The prevailing party in the arbitration shall be entitled to its attorneys' fees and costs plus any fees and costs incurred in connection with confirming the arbitrator's award.

PRE-TRIP PREPARATION

Detailed pre-trip preparation material and program luggage tags are distributed approximately three months prior to arrival and in advance of the payment due date. Participants will also be invited to a trip Facebook group in order to meet fellow travelers before the program and stay in touch afterwards.

Passport & Visa Rules

Please check to make sure that you know where your passport is and that it is not expired or about to expire. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the date you arrive in Israel. If your passport expires within this period, please start the renewal process today. Many airlines will deny you boarding if your passport is not valid according to this policy. If you are traveling to Israel on a USA, Canadian, or European Union member country passport, a visa is not needed to enter Israel. If you are traveling on a passport from another country, you may need a visa to enter Israel. Our office is able to provide you with an official ticket confirmation if needed.

Local Health Insurance

Separate from travel insurance (see below), Authentic Israel offers local health insurance in Israel that covers treatment and medication for non pre-existing conditions. The policy carries no deductible or co-pay, and there are no claims to submit. Even if your home insurance extends abroad, you would need to pay out of pocket in Israel and file a claim with your insurance when you return home. This local Israeli policy is a very easy way to receive medical care in Israel without any paperwork or reimbursement process. Detailed policy information is available upon request. The cost of the policy for the ten-day Israel Family Journey program is according to the following age groupings:

Up to age 65 – \$25/person (\$30/person including the Eilat extension)

Ages 66-75 – \$60/person (\$72/person including the Eilat extension)

Ages 76-85 – \$70/person (\$84/person including the Eilat extension)

Staff Gratuities

It is customary in Israel to tip the Israeli guide and driver at the end of the program. As a rule of thumb, \$100 per adult traveler is appropriate – or in the shekel equivalent. We recommend splitting that amount – 1/3 for the driver (~\$35) and 2/3 for the guide (~\$65). Gratuities for hotel staff and wait staff at group meals are already included in the cost of the program.

Israel Sources & Resources

We hope you look forward to your Israel travel as an experience – not just a tour. With that in mind,

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we have assembled a Sources & Resources document which you will receive in Israel. You can explore the material in advance at www.authenticisrael.com/sources to put your upcoming travels in context.

DISCOUNTED TRAVEL INSURANCE



Authentic Israel has partnered with Travel Insured International to provide an optional travel insurance package as follows:

<i>Eligible travelers must reside in the United States (all nationalities) on a trip no longer than 180 days</i>	Worldwide Trip Protector	Worldwide Trip Protector PLUS
BENEFITS	MAXIMUM LIMITS	MAXIMUM LIMITS
Kids under 18 traveling with parent(s) are covered:	FREE!	\$20 Each
Cancellation for Covered Reasons ¹ – Pre-Departure	100% of Trip Cost	
Trip Interruption for Covered Reasons ¹	Up to 150% of Trip Cost	
Cancellation for Any Reason – Pre-Departure ²	N/A	75% of Trip Cost
Trip Interruption for Any Reason ³	N/A	75% of Trip Cost
Travel Delay (at least 6 hours)	\$1,000 Maximum	
Missed Connection (at least 3 hours)	\$500 Maximum	
Medical Expense ⁴	\$100,000 (Supplemental)	\$100,000 (Primary)
Emergency Evacuation	\$1,000,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000 (\$250 per article limit) (Supplemental)	\$1,000 (\$250 per article limit) (Primary)
Baggage Delay (at least 12 hours)	\$300	
Pre-Existing Medical Conditions	Covered if purchased w/in 21 days of trip deposit and all non-refundable trip costs are insured	

Please consider the follow supplemental benefits and special terms:

- Covered Reasons** include personal illness/death, family illness/death, acts of terrorism and other reasons – see policy for details. Note – Terrorism is defined by the US State Department in a city on your travel itinerary within 30 days of departure – does not cover unrest, instability or war.
- Cancel For Any Reason.** This supplemental coverage can be selected if purchased within 21 days of the initial trip deposit or airfare payment and the premium paid covers all trip costs (land and air). Cancellation must be made at least two days or more prior to scheduled departure date.

- 3. Interrupt For Any Reason Supplement.** This supplemental coverage can be selected if purchased within 21 days of initial trip deposit or airfare payment and the appropriate additional premium is paid. Trip must be interrupted at least three days or more after actual departure date.
- 4. Option: Primary Baggage + Medical Coverage at \$25 per person.** Waives excess insurance

limitation on Baggage & Personal effects and Accident & Sickness Medical Expense.

- 5. Option: Increase Benefit Limits at \$35 per person**
- Additional \$1,000 Travel Delay
 - Additional \$300 Baggage Delay
 - Additional \$1,000 Baggage & Personal Effects
 - Additional \$500 Missed Connection

Insurance premiums are calculated as a function of total trip costs as follows:

Worldwide Trip Protector					
AGE	COVERED AMOUNT PER ADULT (18+)*				
	\$2,501- \$3,000	\$3,001- \$3,500	\$3,501- \$4,000	\$4,001- \$4,500	\$4,501- \$5,000
18-34	\$117	\$136	\$157	\$174	\$194
35-58	\$144	\$160	\$185	\$198	\$237
59-65	\$166	\$206	\$251	\$307	\$343
66-70	\$189	\$231	\$276	\$322	\$361
71-80	\$356	\$396	\$440	\$468	\$504
81-85	\$415	\$476	\$590	\$631	\$712
86+	\$498	\$576	\$655	\$715	\$792
Children under the age of 18 traveling with parent(s) are covered for FREE					
For trips over 30 days add \$5/day/traveler					
Learn more, view additional trip cost options and order online at WorldwideTripProtector.com					

Worldwide Trip Protector PLUS					
AGE	COVERED AMOUNT PER ADULT (18+)*				
	\$2,501- \$3,000	\$3,001- \$3,500	\$3,501- \$4,000	\$4,001- \$4,500	\$4,501- \$5,000
18-34	\$187	\$218	\$251	\$287	\$320
35-58	\$216	\$256	\$296	\$317	\$379
59-65	\$249	\$319	\$389	\$467	\$532
66-70	\$274	\$335	\$400	\$476	\$542
71-80	\$498	\$594	\$660	\$772	\$832
81-85	\$664	\$762	\$885	\$978	\$1,104
86+	\$747	\$864	\$983	\$1,073	\$1,188
Children under the age of 18 traveling with parent(s) are covered for a fee of \$20 each					
For trips over 30 days add \$8/day/traveler					
Learn more, view additional trip cost options and order online at WorldwideTripProtectorPlus.com					

*All trip costs must be included with coverage, including flight costs not booked via Authentic Israel.

All benefits subject to plan exclusions. See full policy for details – can be found in links above.

Questions? Contact info@travelinsuranceisrael.com or 1-888-747-3773.