InterfaithFamily Trip to Israel

Interfaith Families: Don’t miss out on a unique opportunity to visit Israel with InterfaithFamily/Philadelphia

Israel Trip Itinerary – 7 nights
(Revised May 11, 2014, subject to change)

December 27, 2014 – January 5, 2015

(Departing Philadelphia Saturday evening, December 27 and arriving back in Philadelphia early Monday morning, January 5)

Flight Information (non-stop flights)

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Departure: Saturday, December 27, 2014
- Leave Philadelphia Airport at 9:10 pm.
Day 1: Sunday Dec 28, 2014  
Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv / Old Jaffa

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by a Diesenhaus Unitours representative and transferred to your hotel.
- Visit Neve Tzedek, and the restored area of “The Station”.
- Continue to Old Jaffa, an 8000 year old port city; visit the ancient ruins and walk along the restored artists’ quarter.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner in Jaffa.
- Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 2: Monday Dec 29, 2014  
Rabin's Square / Independence Hall / Palmach Museum / Nof Ginosar

- After breakfast Stop at Rabin's square, place of assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.
- Visit the Independence Hall, relive Ben Gurion’s moving declaration of the State. Enjoy an impressive presentation of the amazing achievements of the Palmach at the recently opened multi-media Palmach Museum.
- Drive North to kibbutz Nof Ginosar.
- In the evening we will enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (The Kineret) followed by a delicious lakeside dinner at Decks Steak Restaurant.
- Overnight in Nof Ginosar hotel on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 3: Tuesday Dec 30, 2014  
Capernaum / Mt of Beatitudes / Tzefat / Hula Lake / Hagoshrim

- After breakfast, drive to Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and octagonal Church of St. Peter. Visit Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
- Continue to the synagogues, courtyards, and art galleries of the mystical city of Tzefat including some time for shopping.
- We will drive to Hula Lake and have a Nature walk in the Hula Valley bird reserve, we will have a drive in a tractor-drawn safari wagon, allows you an extra-close observation of birds and other animals in their natural habitat at Hula Lake.
- Drive to Hagoshrim.
- After dinner meet with a local resident to learn about Kibbutz life.
- Overnight in Hagoshrim.
Day 4 : Wednesday Dec 31, 2014

Mt Bental / Banias / Jerusalem

- After breakfast, ascend to the peak of Mount Bental, where you can enter army bunkers and take in a panoramic view at the crossroads of three countries.
- We will meet with Col. Kobi Marom for a briefing about the borders with Syria and Lebanon. (KIDS: CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP AT DE KARINA CHOCOLATE FACTORY).
- Take a nature walk to the waterfall at the Banias Nature Reserve.
- Drive to Nahalal for a special project called Leket – picking fruits and helping the needy families.
- Drive to Jerusalem along the Jordan valley – Upon arrival we will do the traditional Shecheyanu blessing at the Mount Scopus overlooking Jerusalem.
- Free evening & dinner on own.
- Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 5 : Thursday January 1, 2015

Jerusalem: Old City

- Enjoy Breakfast in a private room with a speaker – Uri Regev from Hiddush.
- KIDS: STUMBLE ACROSS MANY AUTHENTIC ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS IN A HANDS-ON DIG THROUGH ARCHEOLOGICAL MATTER FROM THE TEMPLE MOUNT.
- Drive to the Old City; Visit the tomb of King David and the room of Last Supper on Mt. Zion.
- Enter the walled city, visit the Western Wall, later we will visit the Western Wall Tunnels, walk alongside the Western Wall’s massive foundation stones where hidden layers of the Wall are revealed underground. They tell the story of ancient Jerusalem and of generations of longing for it.
- We will continue to the newly restored Jewish quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, and walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre.
- In the evening enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner at Boulghourji in a private room for discussion, followed by the spectacular "sound & light" show* at the Tower of David museum (weather conditions permitting).
- Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6 : Friday Jan 2, 2015

Jerusalem: New City

- After breakfast we will visit the Israel Museum; Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period; we will see the Knesset (The Israeli parliament) and stop by the Menorah.
• Continue to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust and meet survivor who will tell his personal story of survival. KIDS: VISIT THE BIBLICAL ZOO.
• Visit colorful, bustling Machaneh Yehuda open-air market and see the preparation for Shabbat.
• We will have dinner at one of the families hosting the "Shabbat of a Life Time" program.
• Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 7 : Saturday Jan 3, 2015**

**Masada / Dead Sea**

• After breakfast drive through the Judean Wilderness to the lowest point on earth -- the Dead Sea. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the base of Masada, the last stronghold of the Jewish zealots against the Romans. Ascend by cable car and tour the famed archaeological site including Herod's palace, an ancient synagogue and a bathhouse. After descending by cable car drive to Hod hotel for lunch and enjoy dipping in the Dead Sea water and spa facilities.
• Drive back to Jerusalem.
• Free evening – dinner on own.

**Day 8 : Saturday Jan 4, 2015**

**Weizman Institute / Ayalon Institute / Airport**

• After breakfast enjoy a free morning, depart hotel at 1:00 pm to Rechovot.
• We will have a guided tour of the Weitzman Institute in Rehovot and learn of the impressive accomplishments of Israel’s top science university.
• Continue to Ayalon Institute and see the amazing underground, pre-state bullet factory built by the Haganah under the noses of the British.
• Enjoy a farewell dinner in a private room as well as debriefing discussion of the trip.
• Return to Philadelphia Airport at 5:20 am.

Luxury accommodations for this trip include The Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv, Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel on the Sea of Galilee, Hagoshrim Kibbutz and the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem
Breakfast is included all days in Israel. Dinner (including one glass of wine or one soft drink per person) is included every day except for Days 4 (December 31) and 7 (January 3). Lunch is only included on Day 7 (January 3).

Price includes meeting and assistance on arrival and departure at Ben Gurion Airport by Diesenhaus Unitours representative; porterage at airport and hotels; arrival and departure transfers; seven full touring days in air-conditioned vehicle as per above itinerary; seven touring days with licensed English speaking tour guide; all entrance fees; tips to hotel and restaurant staff; tips to Driver and Guide.
Rates do not include: expenses of a personal nature; any meals and beverages not mentioned above.

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- In order for us to ensure that you have an air seat we need to have a $500 deposit per passenger by September 25, 2014. The deposit is non-refundable*** upon your acceptance to the trip.
- 20 paying passengers must register in order for the trip to take place. Total capacity is a maximum of 40 passengers.
- Full payment due Monday, October 20, 2014.
- Cancellations up to October 20, 2014 incur a $500.00 cancellation fee, per participant.
- Cancellations after October 20, 2014 incur a 100% cancellation fee, per participant.
- Cancellation insurance is available at an additional charge and is strongly recommended.
- Many different plans and options are offered through Travelex Insurance - 800-228-9792 and online at www.travelexinsurance.com. Mention location number 21-0149.

*** If there are not enough participants to meet our minimum and the trip is cancelled you will receive a full refund of your deposit and any other monies paid.

In order to qualify for the discount, all passengers must register for our group flights.

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