

Prestige Israel

AN EXCITING AND UNIQUE LOOK AT ISRAEL

12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS - 8 TOURING DAYS 2012 SEASON

Monday: Arrival

On arrival at Ben Gurion airport, a Kenes representative will meet you and provide you with a **private transfer** to your hotel in Tel Aviv

Tuesday: Tel Aviv and surrounding area

Breakfast in the hotel

Begin the day with a visit to the **Ayalon Institute**; there is no doubt that the efforts of the Haganah members who worked in the secret factory under harsh conditions played a crucial role in the success of the War of Independence. Drive to Glilot Junction and visit the “**Better Place**” where Israeli electric cars are being developed. Tour the new Visitors Center and enjoy a multimedia show. Drive past **Rabin Square** – memorial to the late Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin who was assassinated during a peace rally in November 1995 and **Rothschild Boulevard**, where the plentiful examples of Bauhaus architecture have earned Tel Aviv the title of the “White City”. Drive and walk through one of the first neighborhoods established outside of the old city of Jaffa – **Neve Tzedek** and see the impressive restored houses, in this trendy quarter of Tel Aviv. End the day with a visit to the open arts and crafts fair at **Nachlat Binyamin** (open every Tuesday and Friday), enjoy their colorful displays



and walk through the fruit and vegetable Carmel Market. Return to your hotel.

Wednesday: the Negev Desert

Breakfast in the hotel

Check-out of the hotel this morning and drive to **Beer Sheva** –capital of the Negev. At **Hazerim** we will visit the **Air Force Museum** and then continue to a local **Winery** for a wine tasting tour. Visit a **goat cheese farm** and enjoy a picnic lunch. After lunch visit **Ben Gurion's grave** at Sde Boker before arriving at your Dead Sea Resort and Spa Hotel. Float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea or enjoy spa treatments. All treatments should be reserved in advance (a list of available treatments will be supplied on request).

Dinner and overnight Dead Sea



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Thursday : Masada , Ein Gedi and a Camel Ride

After breakfast in the hotel, check-out and visit the mountain top fortress of **Masada** – ascend by **cable car** and explore the ruins of the fortress built by King Herod, and the advanced water cistern. This site is where the Zealots chose mass suicide rather than surrender to Roman capture. Descend by cable car and continue to **Ein Gedi** - a lush oasis set between the harsh Judean Desert and the sterile Dead Sea, and where King David hid in the cave while King Saul's 3,000 soldiers searched for him. The area is filled with gushing waterfalls and dense growth. The hike is approximately 30 minutes each way (through water). En route to Jerusalem stop at **Genesis Land** (Eretz Beresheet) for hospitality in Abraham's Tent and enjoy a short camel ride. Continue to Jerusalem and enjoy a panoramic view of the city from Mt Scopus and partake in the

Shecheyanu ceremony, the blessing on our arrival to the Holy City of Jerusalem .Check-in to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight



Friday: the Old City of Jerusalem

Breakfast in the hotel. Enter the Old City and walk along the outer walls of the old city known as the **Ramparts** and look in to the different quarters: Muslim, Christian, Armenian and Jewish. Walk along the **Cardo**, once the Roman market place and view the **Western Wall**, last remnant of the 2nd Temple. Continue to the **Davidson Center** and explore the Herodian Temple as displayed in this modern Visitors Center, visit the wide steps and other relics found in excavations here from the time when the Second Temple stood in its full glory, 2000 years ago!



Early afternoon visit to the colorful **Shuk Machane Yehuda**, to experience the smells and tastes of the country and see the locals doing their last minute shopping prior to the start of the Sabbath. Participate in the “Shabbat of a life time” program. Meet our host who will take us on a unique tour of the old city and introduce the Sabbath to you (no cameras will be allowed). After this short tour you will be taken to a private home to join the Shabbat celebration. Learn about the Jewish tradition and enjoy the Shabbat meal with the family. Return to your hotel at the end of the evening



Overnight: Jerusalem hotel

Saturday: Day at Leisure

Breakfast in the hotel

Free day at leisure .

Overnight: Jerusalem hotel



Sunday: the New City of Jerusalem

Breakfast in the hotel. Today will be spent visiting the new city of Jerusalem. Drive by the Israeli Parliament and the Menorah, emblem of the state of Israel. Continue to the **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial .Visit the new Museum and Children’s Memorial. Proceed to the **Kennedy Memorial** for a **tree planting** ceremony in the forest nearby. End the day with a visit to **Ammunition Hill**, where one of the most fierce and famous battles of the Six Day War (1967) took place and now a public park and museum. Ammunition Hill is dedicated to the memory of the Three Brigades, the Air Force and the Central Command who liberated Jerusalem and its183 soldiers who fell in the 6 days of fighting. Return to your hotel

Overnight: Jerusalem hotel



Monday: the road to the Galilee

Breakfast in the hotel and check out. Depart Jerusalem and drive via the Jordan Valley to **Old Geshher** which provides a glimpse into the pre-state era of the Israeli State and the transformation of the Jewish settlements in this part of the country. A 15 minute audio visual program does an excellent job of relating the story of the settlements of the area. Visit the natural springs of **Sachne**



(bathing suits optional). Ascend the Upper Galilee and visit **Agmon Hula**, an agricultural region in northern Israel with abundant fresh water and a paradise for bird watchers. Enjoy a family activity at this beautiful bird sanctuary. Check-in to your kibbutz hotel in the Galilee. Dinner and overnight Kibbutz Hagoshrim

Tuesday: tour the Upper Galilee

Breakfast in the hotel. Begin the day with a visit to Tel Dan national Park and continue to Metulla where we will stop at the **Dado** lookout point – see the neighboring Lebanon village and hear about the geopolitical situation of the area. We will meet our **jeeps** and tour the Golan before heading to **Safed**. Safed is one of the 4 holy cities in Israel, the other 3 cities being Jerusalem, Hebron and Tiberias .Safed is where the study of the Kabala began 400 years ago. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight



Wednesday: the Mediterranean Coastal Plane

Breakfast in the hotel and check out. Drive towards the Western Galilee and arrive at **Acre** designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The waves from the Mediterranean Sea crash against the walls of Acre's old city, washing the steep, thick sandstone walls that have survived the centuries. The walls, fortresses and strongholds of the city bear the marks of many nations that left impressive buildings behind them, beautifying Acre to this day. Continue to **Haifa** and enjoy the panoramic view of the **Baha'i Gardens**. Drive to **Atilt**, the detention camp constructed during the British Mandate towards the end of the 1930's as a military camp on the Mediterranean coast. From 1939 to 1948 it was a detention camp for "illegal immigrants" who found themselves yet again incarcerated behind barbed wire. A recently purchased ship, similar in size and appearance to those used to transport immigrants to Israel is on display now. Continue to Tel Aviv and check in to your hotel

Thursday LE HIT TRA'OT

Departure transfer to airport

* visit subject to availability - please bring with you a valid drivers license



Hotels on tour:

| “Prestige Israel 2012” | | |
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| Tel Aviv | Dan Panorama | 2 |
| Dead Sea | Daniel | 1 |
| Jerusalem | Dan Panorama | 4 |
| Galilee | Hagoshrim DLX rooms | 2 |
| Tel Aviv | Dan Panorama | 1 |

| Arrival Date | Rate per person sharing double room | Single Supplement | Child under 18 Sharing Parents room supplement |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| 13 February 2012 | \$2,328 | \$975 | \$1,721 |
| 12 march 2012 | \$2,541 | \$1,140 | \$1,721 |
| 23 April 2012 | \$2,541 | \$1,140 | \$1,721 |
| 7 may 2012 | \$2,541 | \$1,140 | \$1,721 |
| 18 June 2012 | \$2,541 | \$1,140 | \$1,721 |
| 16 July 2012 | \$2,600 | \$1,170 | \$1,721 |
| 13 August 2012 | \$2,725 | \$1,310 | \$1,721 |
| 15 October 2012 | \$2,541 | \$1,140 | \$1,721 |
| 22 October 2012 | \$2,541 | \$1,140 | \$1,721 |
| 24 December 2012 | \$2,556 | \$1,155 | \$1,721 |

Included services in our tour rates:

Private transfers

- Ben Gurion Airport to your Hotel in Tel Aviv on arrival
- Tel Aviv Hotel to Ben Gurion Airport on departure
- Meeting point on arrival at the Stematzky bookstore at the Main Arrival Hall at the Ben Gurion International Airport.

- ❖ 8 Comprehensive days of touring in DLX Air conditioned Motor coach
- ❖ All entrance fees and attractions as per the above itinerary.
- ❖ Touring with a professional Israel Government licensed guide
- ❖ 10 nights' at Superior First Class accommodations on bed and breakfast basis at the hotels as mentioned above.
- ❖ **15 meals included**
 - 10 Israeli buffet breakfast at hotels
 - 1 Friday Night Dinner in JLM
 - 1 Dinner at the hotel in the Dead Sea
 - 2 Dinners at Kibbutz in the Galilee
 - Picnic Lunch in the Negev

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Not included services in our tour rates:

- ❖ Tips to guide/driver and Hotel staff. (recommended \$100 per person)
- ❖ Meals not mentioned above.
- ❖ Treatments at the Dead Sea Spa.

Highlights:

Small Group guaranteed (up to 30 persons) – **no overcrowded bus**

Shabbat of a Lifetime program

Picnic lunch in the Negev

Dinner at the Dead Sea Hotel

Jeep tour in the Galilee

Experienced, knowledgeable and friendly guide

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