

ISRAEL & SPANISH RIVER CHURCH INTERFAITH TRIP TO ISRAEL

LED BY RABBI KELLER AND PASTOR CASSIDY

Jun 23, 2024 - Jul 3, 2024



ISRAEL



WHO'S GOING

ADULTS ONLY



TRIP TYPE
INTERFAITH



DURATION
11 DAYS

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GROUP SIZE

30+



PRICE **FROM \$4,990**



REGISTRATION DATES JUL 18, 2023 - MAR 23, 2024

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YOUR JOURNEY

J² crafts journeys of inspiration, education, and Jewish connections to Israel and worldwide. We are guided by a simple but powerful concept: No two trips are the same; each experience should be personal, meaningful, and backed by superb service. Travel is not just about the places you visit, but the connections you make along the way.

- Jeep Tour



PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

DEPARTURE

Sun. Jun 23, 2024

Depart the USA.

Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Mon. Jun 24, 2024

- Arrive at Ben-Gurion International Airport.
- Meet your tour educator who will accompany you on this journey of education and inspiration.
- Welcome dinner at the hotel.
- Israel 101 learn about the basics of Israel, its people, history, and geography, followed by an orientation to your trip with your tour educator.

♦ Overnight: Tel Aviv

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3

OLD & NEW

Tue. Jun 25, 2024

Check out of the hotel.



- Stop at the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv and to our journey in Israel.
- Walk along the independence Trail in Tel Aviv and embark on a remarkable journey that begins with the founding of Tel Aviv in 1909 and ends with the establishment of Israel in 1948.
- Explore Nachalat Binyamin, Tel Aviv's arts and crafts market before we move on to the Carmel Market.
- Visit Nazareth and walk through the colorful marketplace to the Church of the Annunciation.
- Join an Israeli Arab family at their home to talk, over tea and coffee, about their lives and to join them for a GalilEat cooking workshop, followed by a traditional dinner.
- Check into the hotel.

♦ Overnight: Sea of Galilee

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4

THE STILL, SMALL VOICE

Wed. Jun 26, 2024

- Visit Caesarea Philippi (Banias), the site where Jesus revealed his mission.
- Go for a jeep tour of the Golan Heights.
- Spend time in Tsfat, where you will:
 - Meet with David Friedman, a Tsfat artist inspired by Kabbalah.
 - Visit the Ari Synagogue.
 - See the Caro Synagogue, built originally, like the Ari Synagogue, in the 16th century.



- Walk through the Artists' Colony.
- Return to the hotel for dinner.

♦ Overnight: Sea of Galilee

■ Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5

THE SEA OF GALILEE

Thu. Jun 27, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Explore the Sea of Galilee, a center of early Christianity. We'll visit:
 - The Mount of Beatitudes.
 - Capernaum.
 - Tabgha, the site where Jesus turned a few fish and loaves into a meal for thousands.
 - Cruise the Sea of Galilee on a boat inspired by the fishing vessels used here 2,000 years ago.
- Drive along the coast and back in time to Caesarea, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Period.
- Drive to Jerusalem and check into the hotel.

DAY 6

A CITY OF LAYERS

Fri. Jun 28, 2024

Explore Mt. Zion:



- Visit the Upper Room.
- Visit King David's Tomb.
- See the nearby Abbey of the Dormition.
- Tour Jerusalem's Old City and the Jewish Quarter.
- Among the highlights will be:
 - A climb to the rooftops, overlooking the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the golden Dome of the Rock, and the famous Hurva Synagogue.
 - The Cardo, the main street of Roman-controlled Jerusalem and its Byzantine-era columns.
 - King Hezekiah's "Broad Wall," built to protect Jerusalem from invasion 2,700 years ago. Hurva Square, the center of modern-day life in the Jewish Quarter.
 - Visit The Jerusalem Archaeological Park.
- Visit the Kotel (Western Wall), widely considered Judaism's holiest site. We'll discuss the wall's historical and contemporary importance and experience its unique atmosphere.
- The City of Shabbat experience Kabbalat Shabbat at a local Reform Synagogue.
- Festive dinner at the hotel.

♦ Overnight: Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 7

THE DEAD SEA BASIN

Sat. Jun 29, 2024



- Take the cable car to the top of Masada.
- Float into happiness on the Dead Sea where the feeling of weightlessness is great fun.
- Time permitting Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Sect established a community and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.
- Continue to Kasser Al Yahud, the spot where Christians believe the baptism of Jesus took place.
- Return to the hotel.

♦ Overnight: Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8

DREAMERS & STONES

Sun. Jun 30, 2024

- Attend church services.
- View Jerusalem from the crest of Mt. of Olives.
- Descend to the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Discover multiple faiths in the Old City, including the Via
 Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.
- Tour the Old City's Christian quarter and explore inter-religious relations with Hana Bendcowsky, Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations.

DAY 9

MEMORY NEAR AND FAR



Mon. Jul 1, 2024

- Visit Yad Vashem, the national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust.
- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the Mahane Yehuda open-air market.
- Explore Bethlehem, a Palestinian town on the West Bank and, as the birthplace of Jesus, one of Christianity's great places of pilgrimage.
- Visit the Church of the Nativity, which since it was built around 339 has been one of the holiest Sites in Christendom.
- Explore the geopolitics of Jerusalem with site visits and discussions on key issues.

DAY 10

A MOSAIC OF A CITY

Tue. Jul 2, 2024

- Visit the Temple Mount, the site of the First and Second Temples, and today the location of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest in Islam.
- Explore the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Kotel, and examine important archaeological discoveries that are revising our understanding of daily life in ancient Jerusalem.
- Visit the Garden Tomb. It houses an ancient tomb many believe is the site of Jesus' burial and resurrection.
- Late check out.



- Explore the Israel Museum, housing more than 5,000 years of cultural treasures.
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

♦ Overnight: Flight

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 11

HOME AGAIN

Wed. Jul 3, 2024

Until we meet again.

THE EXPERT



SHARON WAGNER-ZAUDER

Sharon was born in England where she worked in Jewish education and was a high school history teacher. Since coming to Israel in 1997, Sharon has worked as a freelance educator, consultant, and tour guide. She also served as Senior Israel Engagement Manager during three years spent in London. She holds a BA in History from Leeds University and MA in Jewish Education from LSJS. She lives in Jerusalem with her husband and three children.







RATES & LODGING

PARTICIPANTS

30+

COST P/P IN **DOUBLE ROOM**

\$4,990

COST P/P IN SINGLE

ROOM

\$6,770

TEL AVIV: CARLTON

Room Category: Premium Partial Sea View

SEA OF GALILEE: ISROTEL GOMEH HOTEL

Room Category: Galil Mountain

JERUSALEM: THE INBAL

Room Category: Standard New

City



WHAT TO EXPECT

Included

- 8 nights' accommodations. Late check out on the day of departure is included.
- 9 days of touring with a tour educator (guide), in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- □ Daily breakfast & 5 dinners.
- Water on the bus.
- Porterage at the hotels.
- All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.

♠ Excluded

- Credit card fees.
- Flights to & from Israel.
- COVID related expenses, including tests.
- Evening transportation when dinner is not included.
- Amendments to the program: In the event that any sites, programs or meals etc. are added to the program, an additional fee may be required.
- Personal extras: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, food other than the table d'hotel menu, passport and visa fees, insurance, and foreign port taxes, unless otherwise specified.
- Gratuities: Recommend guidelines for tipping are provided in the terms section.
- □ US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.
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