

# JOURNEY TO ISRAEL NOVEMBER 7-16, 2023

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**6 & 9 Night Program Options**

**Post-Trip Jordan & Petra excursion also available**

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## INCLUDED

Premium Accommodations  
Airport Transfers  
Daily ground transportation  
and/or walking tours  
Select group meals at top  
restaurants (including tips)\*  
Full-time tour leader, local  
guides and specialized guides  
CLE Lecture series with local  
experts and influencers (open  
to non-attorney guests)  
Admission to all museums /  
attractions in program

*\*Select group meals will be curated  
for quality and diversity including  
beverages and tips:*

- ❑ *Authentic Israeli and  
refined International  
cuisines*
- ❑ *Curated Food / Beverage  
Tastings and culinary  
experiences*

*Dietary restrictions will be  
accommodated*

*Food surveys distributed to  
participants at a later date.*

## NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Israel  
Airport transfers  
Suggested tips for drivers and  
local guide(s)  
Additional meals not provided  
in itinerary  
Incidentals / Individual hotel  
expenses (e.g., mini bar, room  
services, laundry fees)  
Trip cancellation insurance



The **New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers** invites you and your guest(s) to join our exclusive **Journey to Israel**. We begin with 3-nights in **Tel Aviv**, a city known for its high-quality restaurants, world-class cafe culture, and superb nightlife scene. Spend a day in nearby **Jaffa**, the oldest seaport in the World.

Continue on to 3-nights in **Jerusalem**, the capital of the modern nation of Israel and a major holy city for the three Western traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We visit **Masada** and the **Dead Sea**, see the **Western Wall** and celebrate the *Shabbat of a Lifetime* with local families. Our fascinating educational programs are designed for lawyers and non-lawyers alike with visits to the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**, a member-guided tour of the **Knesset**, home of the legislative branch of the Israeli government; as well as a visit to the **Supreme Court**.

Other program highlights include a food tasting tour, beverage tastings and visits to thriving art communities. Our group receives privileged access to historical sites as well as local nightlife & private entertainment.

For those on the the 9 night package, we continue to the ancient Roman capital of **Cesarea** with a wine tasting in the **Carmel** region and a traditional dinner with *Druze* villagers. Spend 2-nights at the **Sea of Galilee**, tour the **Golan Heights**, **Nazareth** and **Haifa**.

Of course, no visit to Israel is complete without a thorough immersion into Authentic Israeli & Middle Eastern cuisine. Our group meals will be selected for their quality and diversity with curated food and beverage tastings.

You do not want to miss this opportunity to visit Israel while receiving CLE credit! (anticipated/pending)

*Please Note:* This program will require high-intensity walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.

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# AT A GLANCE: ISRAEL IN 6 OR 9 NIGHTS



11/7

**TEL AVIV**



11/8

**TEL AVIV**



11/9

**TEL AVIV - JAFFA - TEL AVIV**



11/11  
-11/13

**JERUSALEM WITH MASADA & DEAD SEA**



11/14  
-11/15

11/14 CAESAREA- ZICHRON YA'AKOV- CARMEL - GALILEE

11/15 SEA OF GALILEE - GOLAN HEIGHTS

\*11/14 DEPARTURE DAY FOR THOSE ON 7 NIGHT TOUR



11/16

**GALILEE - NAZARETH-HAIFA-TEL AVIV**

**LATE NIGHT DEPARTURE FOR SOME**

FOR THOSE CONTINUING ON THE OPTIONAL EXCURSION, WE OVERNIGHT IN OUR HOTEL AND DEPART THE FOLLOWING MORNING FOR JORDAN & PETRA



# JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

*Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations. Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and then-in-place safety measures. Special requests are encouraged.*

## Day 1 Tuesday November 7th

Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)** where you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

### **Hotel Carlton Tel Aviv**

Eliezer Peri St. 10, Tel Aviv-Yafo +972 3-520-1818

Welcome Dinner at the Hotel.

*Remainder of Evening free to rest and get acclimated to the local time zone.*



### 11:00am

Join **Inbal Baum** of *Delicious Israel* for a tour of the unique Tel Aviv markets including tastings of Israel's diverse cuisine and surprising wines is an experience that will awaken all your senses.

### Afternoon

Visit the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**.

We will witness the miracle of a 73-year-old country in the Middle East, bursting with energy to be a world leader of technology and solutions for wildernesses of all kinds.

### Evening

Visit to **Milk & Honey** whiskey distillery. This is Israel's first whiskey distillery. We will sample their products and learn about making spirits in an arid, hot desert environment.

*Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided. Remainder of the evening free.*

## Day 2 Wednesday November 8th

*Breakfast is served daily inside the hotel.*

### Morning

**Religious Courts in the Israeli Legal System:** Two Family Law perspectives and Rabbinical Courts. Our first presenter is **Dr. Rachel Levмор**, Rabbinical Court Advocate and women's rights advocate. Dr. Levмор received her Ph.D. in Talmud and Jewish Law from Bar Ilan University. In addition to being a published author in this legal area, Dr. Levмор is the first female Rabbinical Court Advocate to serve on the Israel Commission for the Appointment of Rabbinical Court Judges.

**Muslim courts:** Our second lecture on religious courts is by **Kadi (Muslim judge) Iyad Zahalka**, head of Jerusalem's Shari'a Court since 2012. The Shari'a court system handles personal status issues like marriage and divorce for Muslims and has functioned on an uninterrupted basis since the Ottoman era, including after Israel's establishment in 1948.





## Day 3 Thursday November 9th

### Morning

**Constitutional Law in Israel: A Brief Introduction to the Israeli Legal System** with **Barry Levenfeld** of Yigal Arnon & Co. Mr. Levenfeld is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

After our lecture, enjoy an insight into **the evolution** of Tel Aviv's art scene and what it's like to be a creative living in the city. Stroll past the city's massive collection of Bauhaus architecture-style buildings, a UNESCO World Heritage, to several of Tel Aviv's most respected art galleries and exhibition spaces. Meet with an emerging Tel Avivan artist to learn about influences within the local creative scene from an insider's perspective.

*Lunch on your own.*

### Afternoon

Continue to **Jaffa, Israel's ancient port** and the colorful **sister city of Tel Aviv**.

Lunch on your own in Jaffa before our walking tour.

Learn about the biblical references to the city and discuss the **challenges of triumphs experienced by the Arab and Jewish residents**.

### Evening

**Dinner at Malka restaurant** which provides high school dropouts with **culinary training** in collaboration with **Elem — the Organization for Youth at Risk**. The project gives **hope and inspiration to these youth** at risk by offering them the prospect of a career in the food services industry.

## Day 4 Friday November 10th

### Morning

Check out of the hotel and travel for **Jerusalem** by private coach. Guided visit through **Yad Vashem's Historical Museum**, addressing the role of the Holocaust in contemporary Israeli society. Explore the relationship between the Holocaust and the State of Israel.

### Afternoon

*Lunch on your own in Jerusalem.*

**Visit the Shrine of the Book.** This stunning pavilion at the **Israel National Museum** houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and other artifacts found in excavations at Qumran and its environs. Located near the Dead Sea, Qumran is the site where a Hellenistic-period Jewish community existed. In 1946 at Qumran, Bedouins discovered scrolls dating back 2,000 years written in Hebrew, Aramaic and other languages. Among other things, the scrolls contained written copies of material included in the Jewish Torah.

Afterwards, we see the famous Second Temple model exhibit. This scale-model shows what Archeologists believe Jerusalem looked like at the end of the Second Temple period (around 70 CE.)

Hotel Check-In at **Inbal Hotel Jerusalem**

Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3 Jerusalem +972 2-675-6666

Free time to prepare for Shabbat (Sabbath).

Usher in the Sabbath at the Kotel (Western Wall) and join the thousands of visitors and worshipers at the Kotel welcoming the Sabbath with prayer, song and dance.

### Evening

**Shabbat of a Lifetime.** Experience the Sabbath as you share a meal with a Jerusalem family that will open their home and explain the customs and ceremonies of Shabbat over a traditional Shabbat dinner in different ethnic communities of Jerusalem.





## Day 5 Saturday November 11th

*Early morning departure from the hotel to avoid the midday heat of Masada. Today pack your swimwear.*

Travel back in time to the first century C.E. to hear and see the compelling story of **Masada**. Masada is an engineering marvel in its own right, with ancient water systems and construction feats that might be a point of pride even by today's standards. The story of the struggle between the Zealots and the Roman legions come to life as we tour the site.

Relax and float in the incredible **Dead Sea** at one of the Dead Sea's beautiful hotel spas.



After our group Lunch, we return to Jerusalem.

*Dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants on Mamilla Blvd. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

*Optional:* Experience the story of ancient Jerusalem at the Night Spectacular Sound & Light show amidst the archaeological remains in the courtyard of the Tower of David Museum.

## Day 6 Sunday November 12th

### Morning

Examine the life of the **Old City** through the ages, feel the unique atmosphere of the area, and get a glimpse of the complex weave of traditions and perspectives between the Jewish, Muslim, Armenian and Christian Quarters.

*Lunch on your own in the Old City. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

Guided visit through the **City of David**, “the original Jerusalem” of the kings and prophets of the Hebrew Bible, including some of the most ancient archaeological finds in the country and a walk through Hezekiah's underground water tunnel, built to protect Jerusalem's water supply from invading armies.

Walk in the footsteps of pilgrims and rebels from the Second Temple Period through the newly opened underground passage that connects the City of David to the Southern Wall Excavations and the Davidson Center.

### Afternoon

Guided tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels**, where hidden layers of the Wall revealed underground tell the story of ancient Jerusalem and generations of longing for it.

Meet with **Jon Medved** founder and CEO of **OurCrowd**, one of Israel's leading high tech venture capitalists and was dubbed by the New York Times as one of the top 10 most influential Americans who have impacted Israel.

### OR

Meet with **Yosef Abramowitz**, CEO Energiya Global Capital an American-Israeli human rights activist, educator and entrepreneur is recognized as one of the pioneers of the solar energy industry in both Israel and Africa.

*Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

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## Day 7 Monday November 13th

*On your last day in Jerusalem, enjoy as much free time as desired. Professional visits may be arranged as follows, with special requests encouraged.*

### Morning

Guided tour of the **Knesset**, the home of the legislative branch of the Israeli government. Discuss the essence of democracy and the unique challenges faced by the State of Israel as it strives to maintain both its Jewish and democratic nature. After our tour, we meet with a Knesset member.



Continue to the **Supreme Court** and meet with a Supreme Court Justice for an insight into the role of the Israeli courts, including the interaction between Israel's highest court and the country's complex security and political reality.

*Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

### Afternoon

**A Wall Divides Us:** Field trip along the security barrier with **Danny Tirza**. Mr. Tirza is known as the "architect" of Israel's Separation Barrier who commanded the unit that built the fence as Israel's chief cartographer. Hear what his ideas were about the necessity of this barrier and the security and human rights considerations behind its planning and construction.

*Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

## Day 8 Tuesday November 14th

### Morning

*Departure day for those on the 7 night program.*

Hotel Check and Depart for **Caesarea**. Explore the complex relationship between Jewish and Roman Pagan civilizations during a visit to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by King Herod on the shores of the Mediterranean.

Consider the challenges faced by Jews living in a predominantly Roman city during a guided walk through the remains of the theater, hippodrome, bath house complex and palace of this magnificent city.

Lunch at the Caesarea Port.

Continue to the **Carmel** region to the beautiful town **Zichron Ya'akov** – a quaint Carmel Mountain town and the home of Carmel Winery.

Begin with a walking tour of charming **Zichron Ya'akov**, one of the first Jewish pioneering settlements in Palestine. Learn about the Nili spy ring, founded by residents of the settlement to help the British conquer Palestine from the Ottomans in World War I.

Wine tasting, tour at the **Carmel Winery** which was founded in 1882 by Baron Edmond de Rothschild. In 2010 the Carmel Winery won the prestigious Decanter World Wine Award for its Shiraz Kayumi wine.

### Afternoon

Visit the **Druze village of Daliyat El-Carmel** for a dialogue on the Druze Israeli Arab community's relationship to Israel and their place in Israeli society.

We enjoy a traditional Druze dinner in the home of a local family.



## Day 9 Wednesday November 15th



### Morning

Depart the hotel and travel to the **Golan Heights**.

Relive the most incredible story in the history of the IDF with **Major (Res.) Yaakov Selavan**. Go underground in the 1973 fighters' footsteps with unexpected challenges awaiting amidst fear & darkness at the Tel Saki Bunker. Includes meeting IDF soldiers currently protecting the Syrian Border (*dependent on security constraints & IDF schedule*).

**Security Briefing & "Embracing the Enemy" Encounter: The Syrian Border with LTC. Eyal Dror** and hear the exclusive story of the IDF's greatest humanitarian operation. LTC. Eyal, who founded and commanded Operation "Good Neighbor" shares firsthand how the IDF helped Syrian civilians.

Guided walking tour through the **Old City of Tzfat**, rebuilt in the sixteenth century by Jews who fled the Spanish Inquisition. Visit the cemetery and ancient synagogues to learn how the teachings of these great mystic's shape much of Jewish life today.

*Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

Take time to browse in the many colorful shops and galleries of the Artists' Colony.

Meet a Kabbalistic Artist, in his studio to learn about the secrets of Kabbalah through the lens of his art.

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Return to the hotel.

## Day 10 Thursday November 16th

### Morning

Visit Nazareth to meet local Israeli Arab Christians. Learn about the complex identity issues they are facing as an Arab minority living amongst the Jewish majority in Israel and as a Christian minority living amongst the Muslim majority in Nazareth.

Visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest church in the Middle East.

Travel to **Haifa** for an overview of Haifa's Baha'i Gardens. Enjoy the magnificent view of Haifa Bay and the breathtaking Baha'i Temple and Gardens, the world center of the Baha'i religion.

*Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.*

Continue to **Rehovot**. Examine the struggles leading up to the birth of the State of Israel during a guided visit to the Ayalon Institute. The "institute" was actually a clandestine bullet factory run secretly, and literally underground, from 1946-48 by the pre-state Haganah and a predecessor to the IDF.

Group Farewell dinner in Tel Aviv.

Transfers to Ben Gurion airport for late night flights back to the U.S.

*Some may elect to stay an extra night before returning to the USA.*

*Rooms can be reserved on your behalf with the group rate extended.*

*For those continuing on the **Jordan-Petra Excursion**, we continue to our hotel for the night.*





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# Add-on Excursion to Jordan & Petra

## Thursday November 16th

*See activities as described in Group Itinerary.*

Following our Group Farewell dinner in Tel Aviv, we continue to our 4\* hotel in the center of Israel for the night.

## Friday November 17th

*Breakfast is served daily inside the hotel.*

### Morning

Hotel Check-Out and depart by private coach to **Allenby bridge** where we receive VIP Assistance in order to facilitate a smooth border crossing. Once in Jordan, and at the Allenby Bridge, we are received by local staff and transferred to our next destination.

**Visit to Wadi Rum** where we see the **ancient valleys and towering weathered sandstone mountains** that rise out of the pink and white colored sand. The lunar-like landscape makes it a perfect setting for filming science fiction scenes and epic films like *Lawrence of Arabia*. The romanticized British Army Officer T.E. Lawrence is often credited with leading the Arab revolt against the Turks in WW1 and later became the subject of the famous motion picture bearing his name.

### Afternoon

We visit the **Seven Pillars of Wisdom, Al Khaz'aly, Lawrence Jail**, and the sun-set area followed by a traditional dinner and overnight in Wadi Rum where we will enjoy a night of glamping.

### Wadi Rum Hasan Zawaydah Camp (or similar)

MF6P+2R3 Ad Deiseh

Wadi Rum Village, Jordan

+962 7 7732 2352

## Saturday November 18th

*Breakfast is served daily inside the hotel.*

### Morning

Depart the hotel for our visit to Petra. Known as the '*Pink-Rose City*' or the '*Lost City*' is one of the newest Seven Wonders of the World.

Enjoy a breathtaking guided walking tour through the ruins of ancient Petra – the city that the Nabateans carved out of solid rock dating back to 300 B.C.

### Afternoon

Continue through the passage Siq, which dramatically opens to reveal the Treasury Building (Al-Khazneh). We see the Roman Theatre, Corinthian tomb, Palace of Pharos's Daughter, the Carved Roman Theater and the Royal Courts, along with one of the oldest Cathedral of the Bishop high-chair.

For those who enjoy a strenuous climb, a path takes you up 1000 steps to the ancient Nabatean sacrificial site with an altar cut directly from the rock.

Check in to **Petra Movenpick Hotel**  
Tourism Street Petra Waid Musa, 71810, Jordan  
+962 3 215 7111

Dinner at our hotel.

## Sunday November 19th

### Morning

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Transfers to **Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)** for **late night flights back to the U.S.**

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