

CONGREGATION ANSHAI TORAH - ISRAEL EXPERIENCE



December 2025

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Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO ISRAEL!!! TRAVEL TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, December 22
2025

- **Welcome to Israel!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by assistance, our tour guide and our bus for the trip!
- Travel North
- Opening for the trip - Discover the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more...
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 2 - UPPER GALILEE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, December 23
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore the gorgeous **Tel Dan** Nature Reserve where nature, history & hydro-politics come together
- Enjoy an off-road **ATV ride** on the slopes of the Golan Heights and relive the drama of the battle during the Six Day War
- Felafel Lunch (included)
- Visit the impressive **Nimrod Fortress** in the Golan Heights
- Delicious Israeli **cooking workshop** for the whole family
- Return to hotel

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 3 - TZFAT AND WESTERN GALILEE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, December 24
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Descend by cable car to the stunning **Rosh Hanikra Grottoes** where the azure waters of the Mediterranean meet the chalk-white cliffs.
- Visit the heavily fortified old **British Prison in Akko** where members of the Jewish Underground were incarcerated, and sometimes executed, prior to Independence in 1948
- Lunch on own in Akko
- Discover the Mystical City of **Tzfat**, including the beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory & more
- Meet with Kabbalistic artist **Avraham Leventhal**
- Dinner at Pagoda or Decks restaurant (included)

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 4 - GOLAN HEIGHTS - TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, December 25
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out & depart
- Lookout over the border with Syria from atop the former Israeli forward post of **Mt. Bental** & gain a deeper understanding of the complex & changing realities on the ground.
- Participate in a fun **chocolate-making workshop** at De Karina in Ein Zivan (Children) OR- Wine tasting at the **Bahat winery** (Adults)
- Lunch on own en route
- Travel to Jerusalem through the **Jordan Valley**
- Visit the site of **Qasr Al Yahud**, the place where the Children of Israel and Joshua crossed over the Jordan River into the Promised Land and the Baptismal Site
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!!!** Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from **Mt Scopus**
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Friday, December 26 2025

- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- Introduction to the Old City of Jerusalem at the impressive **Jaffa Gate**
- Walk along the **Ramparts of the Old City Walls** from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter on own
- Time for reflection at the Western Wall
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past
- Prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat
- Shabbat dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, December 27
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Please join morning services at a local synagogue with Rabbi Kushnik
- Shabbat Lunch at the Fuchsberg Center (included)
- **Mid - trip reflection** with Rabbi and tour guide
- **Walking tour** in the neighborhoods of Jerusalem: **German Colony and Baqaa**
- Musical Havdallah!
- Sing, dance and laugh through the midrachov (mainstreet) in Zichron Yaakov on a unique, **guided musical tour with Guru Zuzu**
- Experience the vibe on **Ben Yehuda Street**- dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, December 28
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Don't forget towels, bathing suit, water, hats and sun screen
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch on own en route
- Explore the beautiful **desert oasis of Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cool off under a waterfall
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Kalya Beach**
- Transport yourselves to the Days of the Bible as you visit Abraham's Tent in **Genesis Land** - includes camel rides, pita-baking, traditional desert hospitality & dinner
- Return to Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 8 - NEW JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, December 29
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market** including a **culinary tour!**
- Lunch on own at the Market (if still hungry)
- Encounter the leaders and heroes who are interred at the **Mount Herzl National Cemetery**
- Volunteer at **Pantry Packers** packaging food for the needy
- Dinner on own
- Join thousands of enthusiastic fans at the Arena Stadium and see the **Hapoel Yerushalayim Basketball Team** in action. (Pending basketball schedule)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 9 - JERUSALEM HILLS- TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, December 30
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Enjoy an easy nature hike to the **Sataf** spring in the Jerusalem Hills
- Discover the Armored Corps Memorial at **Latrun** & climb on the tanks
- **Plant a tree** in the **JNF Ben Shemen Forest**
- Box lunch en route (included)
- Experience the vibe at the bustling open-air **Carmel Market** with its lively vendors & colorful displays of fresh produce
- Experience the vibe at the **Nachalat Binyamin arts-&-crafts fair** & open-air **Carmel Market**
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**
- Check into hotel
- Dinner in Tel Aviv on own

Overnight: Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY 10 (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, December 31
2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Visit the state-of-the-art **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** which celebrates the vision of former President Shimon Peres & the incredible "blue-and-white" technological innovations that have changed the world we live in.
- Enjoy a **Street Art Graffiti Tour** of the bohemian **Florentine Neighborhood** & feel the pulse of Tel Aviv followed by a graffiti workshop
- Lunch on own
- Volunteer at **Leket** picking fruit and vegetables for the needy - at the distribution Center near Raanana
- Final dinner in Tel Aviv (included)
- Travel to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!!!**

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