

Emunah of America
The Great Israel Experience
November 28 - December 12, 2010
Chanukah in Jerusalem!
Itinerary*

Sunday, November 28th

Depart from JFK on EL AL #002 at 6:20pm

Monday, November 29th

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport at 11:35am. At the baggage claim area you will be met by an Emunah representative who will lead you out to your tour guide and bus.

Travel north along the coastal road to Caesaria to view a virtual reality presentation of the city in Roman times. Explore the newer excavations including Herod's Palace and the ancient Hippodrome.

Check-in and dinner - Kibbutz Lavi

Tuesday, November 30th

Travel around the beautiful Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) into the Golan. Travel to Har Bental, an army camp used by the IDF from 1967-1973 overlooking the Syrian border. Continue to "Oz 77" a film describing the harrowing 3-day tank battle for the Golan Heights in 1973. Travel to Katzrin, the "capital" of the Golan and enjoy a visit to the new visitor's center and a tour and tasting at the famous Golan winery.

Dinner and overnight - Kibbutz Lavi

Wednesday, December 1st

Optional - early morning tour of Kibbutz Lavi.

Check-out of the hotel and travel south through the Jordan Valley to Bet Shean to view the well-preserved Roman ruins of this ancient city. Continue to Bet Alpha, a 1st century synagogue with a beautifully preserved mosaic floor.

Travel to Jerusalem and check-in at the Prima Kings.

Dinner and overnight - Prima Kings

1st night of Chanukah

Thursday, December 2nd

Begin the day with a gorgeous panoramic view of Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade and then on to the Old City of Jerusalem. Begin at the Davidson Center for a virtual reality presentation of the Second Temple and its surroundings as it appeared during the time of Herod. Continue to the Kotel Tunnels for a tour of the ancient wall and street below the current city. Walk up to the thriving Jewish quarter for a short walking tour.

Dinner and overnight - Prima Kings

2nd night of Chanukah

Friday, December 3rd

Tour the new museum of Yad Vashem

Remainder of the day at leisure

Kabalat Shabbat at the synagogue of your choice

Friday night dinner and overnight - Prima Kings

3rd night of Chanukah

Shabbat, December 4th

Shabbat services at the synagogue of your choice

Shabbat lunch at the Prima Kings Hotel (instead of dinner)

Remainder of the day at leisure

Overnight - Prima Kings

4th night of Chanukah

Sunday, December 5th

Check out of the Prima Kings and travel to Eilat via the Dead Sea. Drive to Masada to see the presentation at the new visitor's center and ascend via cable car to explore the excavations. Continue south through the Negev.

Check-in and dinner at the Prima Music, Eilat

5th night of Chanukah

Monday, December 6th

Enjoy a tour of Eilat and a visit to the underwater Observatory. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

Dinner and overnight - Prima Music Hotel, Eilat

6th night of Chanukah

Tuesday, December 7th

Check-out of the hotel and depart Eilat stopping at the Timna Valley and Beersheva on the way to Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight - Prima Kings

7th night of Chanukah

Wednesday, December 8th

Depart Jerusalem in a bulletproof bus with security and travel to Kibbutz Kfar Etzion. Experience the moving presentation of the battle and subsequent loss of the Kibbutz just before the declaration of the State of Israel in May 1948.

Continue to Hebron to visit and pray in Me'arat HaMachpela, the Cave of the Patriarchs, and meet with the Jewish residents of the city. Stop at Kever Rachel before returning to Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight - Prima Kings

8th night of Chanukah

Thursday, December 9th

We will start the day at the JNF forest for those wishing to plant a tree.** Travel to Tel Aviv to visit Independence Hall for a stirring presentation on the declaration of the state of Israel on May 15, 1948. Tour the ancient port city of Jaffa. Enjoy dinner with the children and staff of an Emunah Children's Home.

Overnight - Prima Kings

Friday, December 10th

At leisure

Kabbalat Shabbat at the synagogue of your choice

Friday Dinner and overnight - Prima Kings

Shabbat, December 11th

Shabbat services at the synagogue of your choice

Shabbat lunch at your hotel

Remainder of the day at leisure

Motzei Shabbat - check-out of the hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight back to the States.

Sunday, December 12th

Depart Tel Aviv on EL AL #001 at 1am and arrive JFK at 6am.

*Itinerary is subject to change.

**Trees are at your own expense, approximately \$15 p/tree.