

Emunah of America
Israel Summer Experience
August 9 - 22, 2010
Itinerary*

Monday, August 9th

Depart from JFK on EL AL #002 at 7pm.

Tuesday, August 10th

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport at 12:25pm. At the baggage claim area you will be met by an Emunah representative who will lead you out to your tour guide and bus.

Transfer to Jerusalem stopping at the **Haas Promenade** for a panoramic view of the old city. Check-in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Prima Kings includes dinner at the hotel

Inbal Hotel: dinner on your own

Wednesday, August 11th

Tour the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Begin at the **Davidson Center** for a short virtual reality presentation of the Second Temple and tour the **southern wall excavations**. Continue to the **Kotel Tunnels** for a tour of the ancient wall and street that runs below the current city. Walk up to the thriving Jewish quarter for a short walking tour and a visit to the "**Burnt House**". End the day with a refreshing **water hike in Hizkiyahu's tunnel in Ir David!**

Prima Kings includes dinner at the hotel

Inbal Hotel: dinner on your own

Thursday, August 12th

Begin the day at **Ammunition Hill** for the new audio-visual presentation depicting the battle for Jerusalem in June 1967. Travel to **Tel Azeka** - site of the Battle of David and Goliath. Continue to the **Bar Kochva caves** for (optional) crawl.

Plant a tree in Israel at Eshtaol (additional charge). Continue to **Latrun**, site of important battles and the Memorial to the Tank Corps.

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Inbal Hotel: dinner on your own

Friday, August 13th

Depart the hotel for Kever Rachel. Continue to Yad Vashem for a tour of the new museum. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Shabbat dinner at your hotel

Shabbat, August 14th

Day at leisure

Shabbat lunch in your hotel

(At the Prima Kings, lunch replaces dinner)

Sunday, August 15th

Depart Jerusalem and travel through the Judean Desert to the ancient fortress of **Masada**. Begin at the new Visitor Center for a stunning audio-visual presentation and ascend via the cable car. Tour the excavations of Herod's Palace. Continue to **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** for a refreshing water hike in Nachal David with its waterfalls and wildlife. Stop at Ein Gedi beach to "float" in the **Dead Sea**.

Prima Kings includes dinner at the hotel

Inbal Hotel: dinner on your own

Monday August 16th

Check-out of the Hotel and travel via the Jordan Valley to **Bet Alpha Synagogue**. This first century synagogue is well known for its spectacular mosaic floor.

Continue to **Gan Guru**, the one place in the world, outside of Australia, where you can walk among kangaroos, pet and feed them and be photographed with them as well as koala bears, emus, flying foxes and other uniquely Australian animals. Enjoy a refreshing **water hike** before checking in to Kibbutz Lavi for a delicious dinner and overnight stay.

Tuesday, August 17th

Drive up to the **Golan** to see former Syrian bunkers overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Galil. Visit **Katzrin**, the main town that includes an archaeological museum and a reconstructed Talmudic village and excavated synagogue. Tour the **Golan winery** and taste the world-class *mehadrin* wines produced by the residents of the Golan using ultra hi-tech methods. Travel to **Har Bental** to view the former IDF fortifications from 1967-73 and the view into Syria. Continue to the Jordan River for **kayaking and rafting!**

Dinner and overnight at Kibbutz Lavi

Wednesday, August 18th

Meet for an optional short tour of the kibbutz and their famous synagogue furniture factory. Travel to **Safed** and tour the "city of mystics" - including the ancient synagogues, the artists' quarter and the candle factory. Travel north to **Tel Dan**, an ancient Biblical city at the headwaters of the Jordan River. Walk the lush nature trails and visit the excavations of the city of Dan. Continue to the waterfalls of the **Banias** which gush from a cave at the foot of Mt. Hermon. Stop to shop for sandals at the **Naot factory** (time permitting.)

Dinner and overnight at Kibbutz Lavi

Thursday, August 19th

Check out of Kibbutz Lavi and travel to **Rosh Hanikra**. Descend by cable car to explore the beautiful grottoes and caverns and the historic railroad tunnel that once connected Israel to Lebanon. Travel south to **Lochamei Hagetaot** for a tour of the museum commemorating the ghetto fighters and **Yad LaYeled Children's Museum**. Continue to **Acco** and view the most recent excavations which unearthed the largest crusader fortress in the country. Travel via the coastal road and check back in to your hotel.

Prima Kings includes dinner at the hotel

Inbal Hotel: dinner on your own

Friday, August 20th

Day at leisure

Shabbat dinner at your hotel

Shabbat, August 21st

Day at leisure

Shabbat lunch at your hotel

(At the Prima Kings, lunch replaces dinner)

Motzei Shabbat: Check out of your hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport

Sunday, August 22nd

Depart Tel Aviv on EL AL #001 at 1am and arrive JFK at 5:40am.

*Itinerary is subject to change.