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and an optional pre-trip to Krakow, Poland

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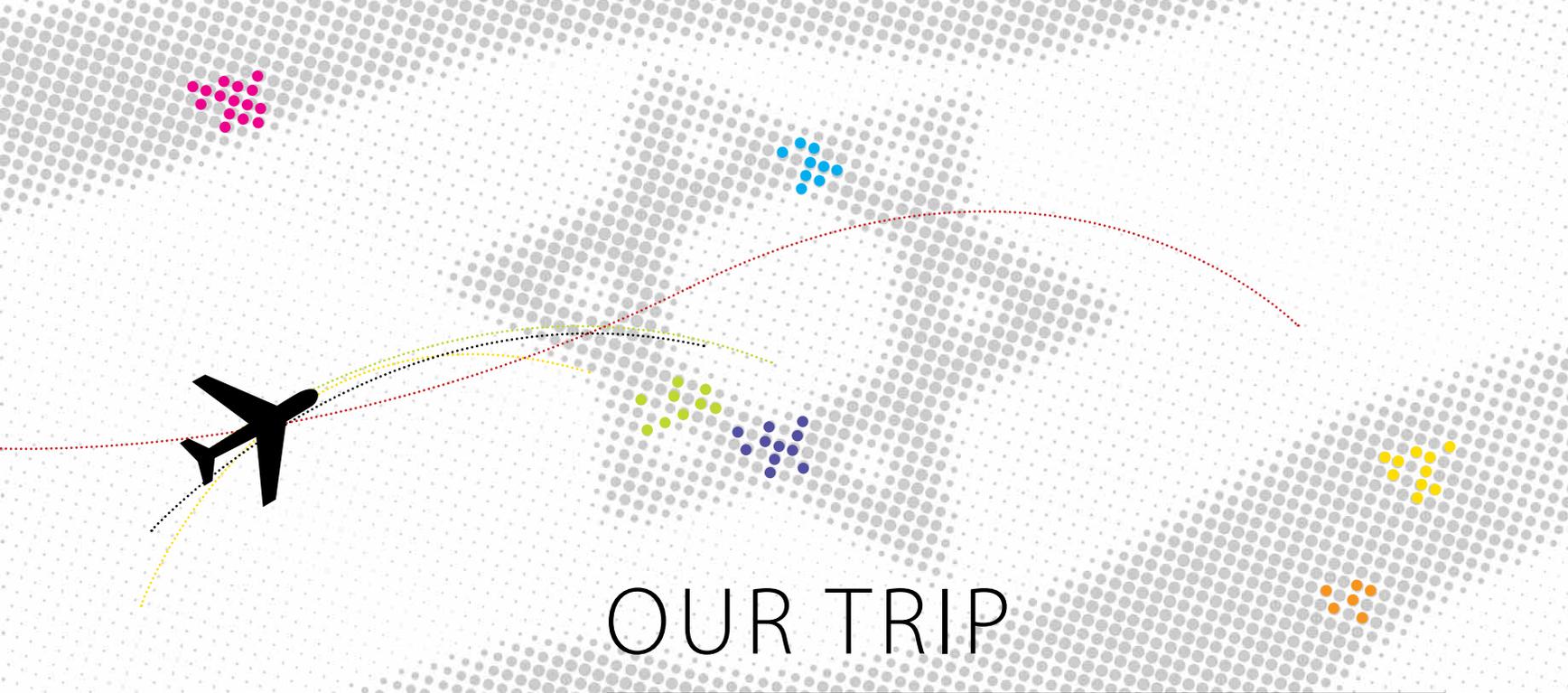


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Every journey we offer is accompanied by a Tour Educator (TE) who brings your itinerary to life. Some of our TE's have decades of firsthand experience leading people to particular places.

Your TE will provide you with an authentic understanding of the locations you will visit, will introduce you to the locals, and will share his/her enthusiasm and passion for the local culture. The result is a journey that transforms your understanding of a place, connecting you to the people and places you encounter in a way that is palpable and unforgettable.

Our TE's are like no other: intelligent, knowledgeable, engaging and fun. They will become an indispensable part of your experience and some might just become lifetime friends.



OUR TRIP

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 6, 2019

FROM **\$3,999** LAND ONLY

Pre Trip

- 4 nights' accommodation at select hotels
- 3 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus with licensed, English speaking local tour guide
- All site entrance fees and program fees as per itinerary
- Meals: daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 3 dinners
- Portage at the hotel

INCLUDES

- 8 nights' accommodation at select hotels + late check-out on last day
- 8 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus with licensed, English speaking tour educator (including an extra guide on Shabbat)
- 1 group transfer and assistance from/to the airport
- All site entrance fees and program fees as per itinerary
- Meals: daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 6 dinners
- Portage at the airport and hotels



***This trip has an optional Pre-trip to Krakow**

This trip is geared for adults who would like to experience Israel through art, culture, culinary and current events, and face-to-face conversations with Israelis. While first-timers are welcome, this trip will not hit first-time highlights.

MAIN TRIP

October 27 - November 6, 2019

DAY ONE ↘ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019** **DEPARTURE**

- Depart the USA

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO ↘ **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019** **ARRIVAL**

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative, assistance with arrival formalities.
- Enter the city of Tel Aviv, known as the “city that never sleeps,” with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Check into the hotel and time to freshen up.
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant and orientation with the Rabbi and tour educator.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY THREE ↘ **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019** **TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Urban Culture Tours of Tel Aviv, Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti: Join a local resident to explore the urban culture of the city.
- LaDa'at Ethnic Tasting Tour: walk through Tel Aviv's famous Levinsky Market, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Visit the Nachalat Binyamin pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly arts and crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin Street, with its hip cafés and funky chic shops; chance for lunch on own.
- Visit Independence Hall, where David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel on May 14th, 1948.
- Dinner at your own expense and free evening in Tel Aviv for an opportunity to:
 - Meander through the Old City of Jaffa.
 - Stroll down Rothschild Boulevard, with its many cafés and bars.
 - Experience Tel Aviv Port, with its restaurants and clubs.
 - Explore the gentrified Neve Zedek
 - Saunter down the Tel Aviv Beach Promenade.
 - Wander through the Tachana, Tel Aviv's renovated old train station, now a center of boutiques and good food, and one of Tel Aviv's blooming hot spots.

Overnight: Tel Aviv



DAY FOUR ▾ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 THE MAGIC OF THE CARMEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and drive north along the coast to Caesarea, one of the most important landmarks of the Land of Israel, built during the Roman Period. Visit the Herodian Theater and the excavations along the Mediterranean shore, concluding with a visit to the ruined 900-year-old Crusader town.
- Lunch and wine tasting at a local winery in the area of Zichron Ya'akov, one of the first communities established by the early Zionist pioneers.
- Check into the hotel in Zichron Ya'akov.
- Take a cultural tour of the hotel, exposing its unique art and history.
- Free afternoon in the hotel, with time to enjoy the hotel's spa.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov

DAY FIVE ▾ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 BETWEEN MYSTICISM AND SECURITY - TSFAT AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel and drive through the Galilee to Tsfat, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
 - Guided visit to the Ari, Caro or Abuhav Synagogues, each with its great stories and mystical messages.
 - A stroll through the quaint Artists' Colony, shop in the galleries and crafts shops and engage in dialogues with local artisans inspired by the messages of Kabbalah.
 - A dialogue with an Artist inspired by the messages of Kabbalah.
- Lunch on own en route.
- The Balance of Power on Israel's Northern Border: Field seminar at Bental (overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra) with Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, a former senior intelligence officer.
- Regional Flavors, the Arab Kitchens: Participate in a cooking workshop with locals in their own homes in a Galilee Arab village, arranged by Galileat.
- Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov



“Sabra, the Hebrew name for prickly pear cactus fruit, fruit of the nopale cactus, native to Mexico, now endemic in the Middle East.”

From Wikipedia



DAY SIX ↘ **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

ASCENDING TO JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel and drive to the Givat Haviva Seminar Center to participate in a seminar on Arab-Jewish coexistence.
- Drive to Jerusalem along the Trans-Israel Highway for a close-up view of the "Security Barrier" along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Upon entering Jerusalem enter the Old City to recite the traditional "shehechyanu" blessing at the Kotel (Western Wall).
- Check into the hotel and time to prepare for Shabbat.
- Depart for Mevasseret Zion to join in Kabbalat Shabbat services at Kehillat Mevasseret, led by Rabbi Alona Nir-Keren, followed by home hospitality Shabbat dinner with local congregants.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY SEVEN ↘ **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

THE LAYERS OF THE LAND

- Breakfast at the hotel.

Option 1 - Multi faith in Jerusalem

- Enter Jerusalem's Old City through Stephen's Gate (aka Lions' Gate); explore St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus cured the lame man. Then continue along the Via Dolorosa.
- Lunch on own in the Old City.
- One Mountain, Three Religions: An inter-denominational exploration of Zion, the traditional burial site of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and a mosque - all sharing a single building.

Option 2 - Masada & the Dead Sea

- Descend to the Dead Sea Basin and ascend by cable-car or walk up the Snake Path to Masada, Herod's mountain palace and the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Lunch on own at the base of Masada.
- Experience an astonishing sense of weightlessness as you float in the super-saline Dead Sea.
- Return to Jerusalem.

All

- Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah overlooking the Old City.
- The Iconic Buildings of Jerusalem: Special night tour in the streets of Jerusalem, exploring some of the architectural gems of the city, most of them built in the 19th century, including:
 - Mishkenot Sha'ananim and the Montefiore Windmill, the first Jewish neighborhood built outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.
 - Mamilla Mall, also known as Alrov Mamilla Avenue, an upscale shopping street and the only open-air mall in Jerusalem.
 - Notre Dame, a historic Vatican-owned guesthouse and pilgrim center.
 - The Italian Hospital, one of the most beautiful buildings in Jerusalem.
 - The Russian Compound which comprised men's and women's hostels, a Russian consulate, and an impressive Orthodox cathedral.
- Free time to explore Downtown Jerusalem, including the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall and the Nachalat Shiva neighborhood, with dinner on own.

Overnight: Jerusalem



DAY EIGHT ▾ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 MEMORY NEAR AND FAR

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Yad Vashem, the Jewish National Memorial of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:

First timers:

- The Avenue of the Righteous
- The Historical Museum
- The Children's Memorial

Returns:

- Visit Yad Vashem, the Jewish National Memorial of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
- The Art Museum
- The Sculpture Garden
- The Valley of the Communities

All

- Return to the Old City.
- Hummus, Markets and Crafts in the Old City: Tour and taste at hummus places in and around the Old City; drink Arabic coffee or mint tea with Abu Mussa in the cotton market; visit the textiles trader specializing in original Syrian damasks, take in the scent of sesame in a one hundred and 30-year-old Tahina factory and taste unique cheese pastries at Zalatimo's.
- Optional: Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Western Wall alongside the Temple Mount.
- Free evening and dinner on own.

Overnight: Jerusalem



DAY NINE ▾ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Ramallah.
- Road Signs of Understanding the Middle East: Visit to Ramallah led by Rami Nazzal, a Jerusalem-based Palestinian reporter who writes for the New York Times, MSNBC and Time. The visit will include meetings and dialogues with key Palestinian personalities.
- Settlements & Settlers: Visit a Jewish settlement located in the heart of Samarian Mountains and meet with a local resident in order to gain his or her insights into the daily life in the area.
- Lunch at your own expense.
- LaDa'at The Geopolitics of Jerusalem: Return to Jerusalem, while discussing some of its political and diplomatic complexities - including the "Security Barrier" - to gain a behind-the-headlines insight into current developments.
- Using the Bitemojo app, take a tasting journey through the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem's Machaneh Yehudah open-air market.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY TEN ↘ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
THE STATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Challenges and Triumphs of Religious Pluralism and Social Justice in Israel: Dialogue with Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).
- Drive through the Israeli "Capitol Hill" - along the Knesset - Israel's Parliament; the famous Menorah; the Supreme Court building; the Prime Minister's Office; the Israeli National Bank and the future site of the Israel National Library.
- Visit the National Military Cemetery on Herzl to recall landmark events in modern Israeli history in which these soldiers gave their lives. Follow with a visit to the graves of Theodor Herzl, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres in the adjacent section for Leaders of the Nation.
- Lunch on own and rest of the afternoon at leisure.
- Late check out from the hotel.
- Farewell dinner and wrap up of the program.
- Transfer to the Ben Gurion International Airport and check in for the departure flight to the USA.

DAY ELEVEN ↘ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
ARRIVAL HOME

- Arrive in Seattle

PRE-TRIP TO KRAKOW - OCTOBER 23 - 28, 2019

DAY ONE ↘ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019
DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO ↘ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
ARRIVAL IN KRAKOW

- Arrive at Krakow International Airport.
- Transfer on own from the airport.
- Welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Krakow

DAY THREE ↘ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019
JEWISH LIFE IN KRAKOW - PAST & PRESENT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Connect to the story of Jewish life in Krakow with an interactive program in the Kazimierz Jewish Quarter, including:
 - The Altshul, the oldest synagogue in Poland, transformed into the local Jewish life cycle museum.
 - The Rema Synagogue, the synagogue of Rabbi Moses Isserles (the "Rema"), the great codifier of Jewish law.
 - The Rema Cemetery, where many great rabbinical leaders of Polish Jewry are buried.
 - The Temple, once the first "Modern" orthodox synagogue.
 - The Galicia Jewish Museum, which exists to commemorate the



victims of the Holocaust and celebrate the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia, presenting Jewish history from a new perspective. Learn and explore the past, present and future through the unique photo exhibit which captures life through the still media.

- Lunch on own, en route.
- Take a guided journey following the Jewish community on their descent from Kazimierz, crossing over the bridge into the Jewish Ghetto of Podgorze, including:
 - The Krakow Umchlagplatz memorial, now called Ghetto Heroes Square.
 - View the Pharmacy gateway to the Ghetto. Learn the story about the Polish "Righteous among the Nations" Pharmacist Tadeusz Pankiewicz, and his role in saving the Jews of Krakow.
 - The Oscar Schindler Factory Museum. The museum tells the story of the city of Krakow and its residents under Nazi occupation from 1939 to 1945. The museum is housed in the administrative building of Oskar Schindler's enamel factory. Schindler, a successful businessman, and his wife Emilie, managed to provide a safe environment for over 1,000 Jews, and saved them from being sent to Auschwitz. They were later honored with the title of "Righteous among the Nations".
- Return to the hotel with free time to prepare for Shabbat.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at a local synagogue.
- Shabbat dinner at a restaurant.

Overnight: Krakow

DAY FOUR ↘ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 **SHABBAT IN KRAKOW**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided walk to Krakow's Historical Market Square, with its medieval architecture, basilicas and sculptures. This UNESCO World Heritage site, once the capital of Poland, was not destroyed during WWII and bears witness to the rich history of the country.
- Guided visit to one of Kraków's most famous landmarks, the Wawel Royal Castle. This Gothic style Castle, built by Prince Casimir the 3rd, holds beautiful grounds, a cathedral, the Crown treasury and armory.
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Explore magnificent chambers chiseled out of rock salt, underground saline lakes and unique statues sculpted in salt.
- Return to the hotel.
- Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah.
- Enjoy dinner on your own and an evening at leisure in the vibrant university city.

Overnight: Krakow



DAY FIVE ▾ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 DESTRUCTION & RENEWAL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- In This Place - Guided visit through the Auschwitz-Birkenau Complex, reflecting on personal stories and texts. Walk through the Auschwitz Museum exhibits, built in the original blocks of the camp, see the original artifacts and footage, and witness the life and death of the prisoners of this work camp. A short drive will take you to the Auschwitz II death camp, better known as Birkenau. This camp was barely touched or renovated, allowing you a first-hand experience to understand the last moments of the prisoners of this camp.
- Boxed lunch.
- Group reflection at the Oswiecim Synagogue, on the site of one of Oswiecim's many pre-Holocaust synagogues - a silent witness to what was once an ordinary Polish town known as Oswiecim with a Jewish majority, later to become the ultimate symbol of the Holocaust.
- Return to Krakow with free time for last-minute shopping, packing or to relax.
- The Krakow Jewish Community Today and a Vision for the Future: Enjoy dinner at the Krakow Jewish Community Center with Jonathan Ornstein, the JCC Director. Meet members of the local Jewish community, and learn more about the cultural and religious revival happening at the JCC.

Overnight: Krakow

DAY SIX ▾ MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 FROM POLAND TO ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Transfer on own to Krakow International airport.
- Departure flight to Israel, arriving the same day. (Flight cost is not included)
- Transfer on own to the hotel.





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Meir Shalev

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