

Emanah of America
The Great Israel Experience
May 31 - June 14, 2010
Itinerary*

Monday, May 31st

Depart from JFK on EL AL #002 at 7pm

Tuesday, June 1st

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport at 12:25pm. At the baggage claim area you will be met by an Emanah 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. Continue to Zichron Ya'akov, a picturesque town overlooking the Mediterranean, one of the settlements established by the pioneers of the first Aliyah. Stroll along the main street of the town that is preserved as it looked in the early 1900s.

Check-in for overnight and dinner at Kibbutz Lavi

Wednesday, June 2nd

Travel around the beautiful Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) into the Golan. Travel to Har Bental to visit a well preserved outpost utilized by the IDF between 1967-1973 that overlooks the Syrian border. Continue to "Oz 77" a film describing the harrowing 3-day tank battle for the Golan Height 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 in Kibbutz Lavi

Thursday, June 3rd

If you wish, take an early morning tour of Kibbutz Lavi, including the famous factory that produces furniture for synagogues around the world.

Check-out and begin traveling south through the Jordan Valley. Travel to Sachne, the natural fresh water pools at the base of Mt. Gilboa. Continue to Bet Shean to view the well-preserved ruins of this ancient city and then on to Bet Alpha, a 1st century synagogue with a beautifully preserved mosaic floor.

Continue to Jerusalem and check in for dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Friday, June 4th

Begin the day with a gorgeous panoramic view of Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Tour 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 and a visit to the "Burnt House".

Kabbalat Shabbat at the synagogue of your choice

Shabbat dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Shabbat, June 5th

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 at the Prima Kings Hotel or the Jerusalem Plaza

Sunday, June 6th

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.

Dinner and overnight Prima Music Hotel, Eilat

Monday, June 7th

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

Tuesday, June 8th

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

Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Wednesday, June 9th

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. Before returning to Jerusalem, stop at Kever Rachel.

Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Thursday, June 10th

Begin the day at Ir David, the City of David, to explore the latest excavations dated from the 1st Temple period. Continue to Yad Vashem for a tour of the new museum.

Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Friday, June 11th

Day at Leisure

Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel or synagogue of your choice

Shabbat Dinner and overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Shabbat, June 12th

Shabbat services at the synagogue of your choice

Shabbat lunch at your hotel

Remainder of the day at leisure

Overnight at the Prima Kings or the Jerusalem Plaza

Sunday, June 13th

Check-out of your hotel and depart Jerusalem. Stop 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. Enjoy a short tour of the ancient port city of Jaffa. Enjoy dinner at an Emunah Children's Home before proceeding to the airport to check-in for your flight back to the States.

Monday, June 14th

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.