

## Explore the World with Bet Aviv

### ISRAEL

**April 21 – May 02, 2018**

(Itinerary as of 2/2/17)



#### DAY 1, Saturday, April 21, 2018: DEPART

- We depart the United States on our overnight flight to Israel

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#### DAY 2, Sunday, April 22, 2018: ARRIVE

- Afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, with assistance by an Ayelet representative
- Check into our hotel
- **Welcome dinner** and orientation session together with our guide this evening

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#### DAY 3, Monday, April 23, 2018: TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel
- We start our visit in Israel by participating in a **tree planting in a JNF Forest** with a special connection to the land of Israel
- Start the day with a visit to **Independence Hall** where the establishment of the state of Israel was declared
- Continue to **Kiryat Atidim**, Israel's largest hi-tech center, for a visit to one of the startup companies that have come to represent Israel's hi-tech success
- "Join up" with the paramilitary forces at the **Palmach Museum**
- Free time for shopping or exploration in Tel Aviv - see all this metropolitan Mediterranean city has to offer
- **Dinner** together this evening.

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#### DAY 4, Tuesday, April 24, 2018:

- Breakfast at our hotel
- We begin our day with a walking tour in **Old Jaffa**, an 8000-year-old port city. Visit the ancient ruins and take in the views of the sea.
- Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure – options abound, from strolling along the beachfront promenade, taking in a museum, or time for shopping in the wonderful markets, it's a wonderful chance to experience all this metropolitan Mediterranean city has to offer!
- Early dinner (on own) this evening

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#### DAY 5, Wednesday, April 25, 2018: THE COASTAL VIEWS



- Breakfast at our hotel
- This morning we travel to **Haifa**, where we visit the Progressive/Reform **Leo Baeck School**. We'll meet with teachers and students, and learn about how this campus continues to impact countless young Israelis
  - Tour **Rambam Hospital** in Haifa. Rambam is the only tertiary hospital in the north of Israel, serving a population of 2 million. At the core of their recent renovation is the construction of the world's largest fortified, subterranean, emergency hospital. A 1,500 car parking lot in peacetime, in the event of war it will convert into a 2000-bed emergency hospital within 72 hours. We'll meet hospital leadership and learn firsthand their challenges & accomplishments
- We visit the **Akko Theater Center** - run by Haled and Moti. We hear about how they manage the theater and work together as an Arab and a Jew, and as friends. The scenes they will show are about history and modern life—and the joys and problems of two peoples in one land. We enjoy a dialog/discussion with both Haled and Moti afterward
- Continue to **the Galilee**
- Dinner at our kibbutz

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## DAY 6, Thursday, April 26, 2018: TOUCHING THE GALILEE & THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at our kibbutz
- Morning **tour of the Golan Heights**, passing by old Syrian bunkers along the way.
- Take in the views stretching far into Syria from atop **Har Bental**.
- Continue to the **Golan Winery** for a tour and select wine tasting.
- Visit **Moshav Nahalal**, the first Moshav established in Israel, and home (and final resting place) of Moshe Dayan and astronaut Ilan Ramon. We are hosted by the Aviran family for a **home hospitality lunch** and discussion on the origins of the communal dream and how their core ideals have shifted by necessity over time
- Visit the mystical city of **Safed**, where we view the beautiful ancient synagogues and walk through the Artists Quarter
- Dinner at **Pagoda Restaurant**

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## DAY 7, Friday, April 27, 2018: NORTHERN ADVENTURES

- Breakfast at our Kibbutz
- Check out of our kibbutz and drive south on our way to Jerusalem, stopping in **Beit Shean** and **Beit Alpha** to view the ancient ruins and intricate mosaics.
- As we enter **Jerusalem**, we stop for a special "Shehecheyanu!" ceremony atop the **Haas Promenade**, overlooking the City of Gold
- Check into our hotel with time to refresh.
- Shabbat services at **Kehilat Kol Haneshama** this evening, followed by **home hospitality Shabbat dinner with members of the community..**



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## DAY 8, Saturday, April 28, 2018: SHABBAT SHALOM!



- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Optional morning Shabbat services (on own).
- We enjoy a **walking tour** through history into the **Old City**, exploring the **Jewish Quarter**, **Arab market**, the **Christian Quarter**, the **Via Dolorosa**, and the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.
- Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure, with time for exploration on own.
- Tonight, we enjoy **dinner** together.
- Later this evening we walk to the **Tower of David**, where we enjoy the new **Sound & Light show spectacular!**

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## Day 9, Sunday, April 29, 2018: REACHING OUT/DIGGING IN

- Breakfast at our hotel
- This morning, we meet **Gil Hoffman**, chief political correspondent for the Jerusalem Post for an update on the current state of affairs in Israeli politics at the Knesset.
- Visit the moving **9/11 Memorial**, the only memorial to 9/11 outside of the U.S., and pay tribute to those who perished on that fateful day.
- Visit **Machane Yehuda**, Jerusalem's outdoor marketplace, filled with foods of every variety.
- Visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, where we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations
- At **Mt. Herzl**, we visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin & Shimon Peres
- Continue to the **Herzl Museum**, where we learn about the life and work of the great Zionist visionary
- **Dinner** together this evening.
- Gather together later tonight for a tour of the famous **Western Wall tunnels by night!**

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## **DAY 10, Monday, April 30, 2018: MASADA & THE DEAD SEA**

- Breakfast at our hotel
- Early morning departure to King Herod's fortresses and castle atop **Masada**, ascending by cable car or snake path. Visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, and the bathhouses, learning about the Jewish Zealots last stand against the Roman forces.
- Enjoy **lunch** and an unsinkable swim in the healing salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- Return to Jerusalem passing the **Qumran Caves**, site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- **Dinner** together this evening.

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## **DAY 11, Tuesday, May 1, 2018: JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at our hotel
- Meet with **Anat Hoffman of the Israel Religious Action Center and Women of the Wall** to learn firsthand about Progressive political advocacy in Israel.
- “Culinary Explorations”: Participate in **Project Leket**, where we will collect leftover fruits or vegetables for those in need, fulfilling the Mitzvah of gleaning the fields. Continue with David Leichman for **Tasting Diversity**- This is a culinary tasting tour through the market place (*shuk*) of **Ramle**, a mixed Arab/Jewish city. We will examine the ethnic foods of the many different immigrant populations that make this city among Israel's most colorful.
- Free time to do some last minute shopping or enjoy a stroll along Ben Yehuda Street or Emek Refaim.
- **Farewell dinner** at a local restaurant this evening, as we take in all we have experienced together.

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## **DAY 12, Wednesday, May 2, 2018: DEPARTURE**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back to the United States

**The Memories Last Forever!**

*\*Itinerary subject to change*

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