

My Chance Israel - 2020

Monday, February 17, 2020

Arrival in Israel

Depart for the North

L'Chaim in Caesarea

Caesarea is an ancient port city with a long history. It was the capital of Roman Palestine named by King Herod in honor of Caesar. It is one of the most well preserved ancient cities in Israel with fascinating archaeological sites and the restored Caesarea amphitheater.

Continue North

Tour of Tzfat

Tzfat, perched on a mountaintop in the Upper Galilee is known as the mystical city of Israel and was home to many famous kabbalists and scholars. It still retains those mystical and magical qualities, and it is now home to many artists and artisans.

Mikva Tour

Meet Tzfat Artist

Prayer, Jewish Mysticism, and contemporary art are combined in the unique work of this Kabbalah artist.

Travel to Tiberias

The holy city of Tiberias was considered the hub of Jewish life for the 2nd -10th Century. The largest city in the Galil, Tiberias sits on the Western shore of the Lake Kinneret.

Check into Hotel

Dinner at Decks Restaurant

Decks Restaurant is a magical place. It is famous in Israel and abroad for its tender meat dishes, and its organically grown vegetables, spices, and fresh fruits. Decks is situated on one of the Holy Land's most breathtaking sites, extending over the Sea of Galilee and surrounded by water on three sides.

Overnight: North Hotel



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Breakfast

Depart for the Golan

Tour Kibbutz El Rom

El Rom is a kibbutz, in the northern Golan Heights located about ten kilometres south of Mount Hermon. It is one of the two Jewish settlements in Israel with the highest elevation. It was founded in 1971 by a core group of settlers from the Zionist youth movement. The original settlement was shelled during the Yom Kippur war, yet most buildings were repaired.

Lookout into Syria from Har BenTal

Mount Bental is one of Israel's favorite mountain peaks to visit, partly due to the great panoramic views of the Golan and because Mount Bental was the site of a courageous battle fought during Israel's war for the Golan. A short drive up, the mountain-top provides both scenic beauty and a glimpse back at the past.

Lunch in Ramat Magshimim at the Golan Family

Hear the Story of a Brave Mother

Enjoy Tour and Wine Tasting at the Golan Winery

Tour the Golan Heights winery with its inspiring vineyards among breathtaking views. The Visitors Center of Golan Heights Winery highlights the never-ending winegrowing and winemaking activities and the unique creations formed by the interplay of nature and people. Enjoy a tour as well as a tasting of a variety of wines to experience the best of the Golan Heights.

Visit the Talmudic Village of Katzrin

This ancient Talmudic Village features a reconstructed synagogue and a house furnished with domestic artifacts of the period.

Travel to Jerusalem

Check into Hotel

Free Time for Dinner

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Breakfast

Depart for the Old City

Living on Purpose

Rabbi David Aaron

Tour of the Old City

Walk in the footsteps of our ancestors through the ancient holy city surrounded by almost 4000 years of history. Visit the Cardo, Herodian Street, the rebuilt Hurva Synagogue and hear about the excavations for remnants from the Second Temple Period.

Lunch in the Old City

Western Wall Experience in Aish Hatorah World Center

This innovative, interactive and inspiring Western Wall Experience will give you a powerful and personal introduction to this holy site, with an expert guided tour, multimedia presentations, and the unique opportunity to visit the Aish World Center Rooftop observatory for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Western Wall.

Kotel Tunnel Tour

Go back over 2,000 years of Jewish History. Walk beneath the Western Wall and see the hidden layers come alive to tell the story of ancient Jerusalem.

Return to Hotel

Time to Freshen Up

Dinner at a Jerusalem Restaurant

Tower of David Sound & Light Show

The walls of the Tower of David serve as a stage for a night-time show which is a celebration of sight and sound. Amidst archeological remains in the Citadel's courtyard, and to the sound of original music, the story of Jerusalem unfolds through giant, breathtaking, virtual reality images.

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Breakfast

Depart for the Judean Desert

Take the Cable Car up to Masada

Tour of Masada

The incredible fortress of Masada is located in the astonishing Judean Desert. When you reach the top, explore Herod's palace fortress with its amazing ancient bath houses and mosaics as well as remnants of Roman encampments, synagogues and homes.

Lunch

Float in the Dead Sea

Take a dip in the Dead Sea a salt lake with natural healing properties. Don't worry if you don't know how to swim – nothing can sink in this salty water! At this beach, you're standing at the lowest elevation of the earth's surface on dry land—1,385 ft below sea level.

Ein Gedi Hike

Nachal David has several waterfalls that cascade out from the desert hills with scenic paths. You will hike to the beautiful waterfalls and explore the fascinating Dudim cave at the top. It is a great way to experience first hand the nature and spectacular scenery of the area!

Return towards Jerusalem

Dinner at Cnaan Restaurant

Drum Circle

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Friday, February 21, 2020

Breakfast

Why the Jews?

*The shocking explanation for the world's longest hatred.
Ken Spiro, Historian and Author of World Perfect*



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Depart for Yad Vashem

Tour of Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem is the Official Israeli Memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Visit the museum and see the history of the European Communities destroyed by the Nazis, then learn of the Rebuilding of the Jewish Nation after the horrors of World War II.

Free Time to Shop in Machane Yehuda Shuk

Machane Yehuda Market integrates, in a unique way, the old and the new. Both a bustling marketplace and a neighborhood, it incorporates food, shopping, and restaurants. The shuk still retains its most important characteristics: it remains authentic, with all the flavors and aromas, the colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds.

Prepare for Shabbat

Depart for Old City

Pre Shabbat Program with Rabbi Rothchild

Candle Lighting At Clayman's Home

The Shabbat candles have ushered the holiness of Shabbat into the Jewish homes for thousands of years. The primary function of the Shabbat candles is to bring peace and tranquility into the home and enhance our enjoyment of the Shabbat meal.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Combine the holiness of space and time for a magical Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall. Witness throngs of Jews from around the world joining at the epicenter to welcome the Shabbat Queen in joyous song and dance.

Shabbat Dinner

Oneg at the Cohen Family

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Breakfast



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Optional: Great Synagogue for Shabbat Prayers

The services at the Great Synagogue are enhanced by a cantor who is an expert in his field, accompanied by a large choir in the beautiful surroundings of the synagogue.

Kiddush and Class with Etiel Goldvicht

Shabbat Lunch Home Hospitality

Shabbat Afternoon Rest

Cake and Coffee

Lecture

Rabbi Berel Wein

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Sunday, February 23, 2020

Breakfast

Class

Depart for Gush Etzion

Gush Etzion is a cluster of Israeli communities located directly south of Jerusalem in the West Bank. The core group includes four Jewish agricultural villages that were founded in 1940-1947 and destroyed before the outbreak of the 1948 War. These settlements were rebuilt after the 1967 War, along with new communities.

Mr. Steve Gar, Counter Terrorism Expert

Gush Etzion Sound and Light Show

Watch a gripping sound-and-light show about the the story of the establishment of Gush Etzion, from its early beginnings to the fall of the Gush during the War of Independence and its rebirth.

Path of Our Patriarchs

An informative walking tour tour of the area where the Jews first lived when they returned to Chevron after the 1967 War.

Lunch at Chummus Haaretz

Continue to Chevron



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Beit Hadassa Chevron Visitors Center

The Beit Hadassa complex in the Old City of Chevron dates back to 1893. Visit this Historic Hospital that is a Symbol of Rebirth, and the Beit Hadassa neighbourhood to get a glimpse of the rich past.

Tour of Chevron

Chevron is the home to the Ma'aras ha'Machpela – the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, one of the holiest site in Judaism. Today it is the largest city in the West Bank, with approximately 250,000 Arab residents and less than 1,000 Jewish residents.

Visit the Cave of Our Patriarchs

Mearat Ha'Machpeilah is the burial site of our three Forefathers, and their wives, our Mothers. Cherish the opportunity to pray in this holy site.

Final Banquet at Gush Etzion Winery

The Gush Etzion Dairy and Fish restaurant is located in the heart of the winery with a breathtaking view of the surrounding vineyards. The restaurant offers a unique and memorable visit with a rich and diverse menu that also offers a large variety of wines to accompany your meal.

Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Farewell and L'Hitraot!



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