
ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Join the New Israel Fund for our first Family Israel Experience trip. The tour is open to all, but geared to families with children. Israel is an ever-changing mosaic of peoples, cultures, and identities. Explore the key points of interest that bring us face to face with our historic past, and meet with key players who are shaping the social change movement in Israel for a hopeful, sustainable future. Experience a profound personal connection with the people, the landscape and sights. Go behind the newspaper headlines and television sound bites to examine the social and ideological realities of contemporary Israeli life.

ISRAEL: TOWARDS A PROGRESSIVE VISION

Explore the country. Visit the streets and sights of Jerusalem. Wander off the beaten track, touring little known neighborhoods and villages in the north and south. Discover the richness of Jewish heritage in a dynamic *Diaspora Museum* workshop. Participate in a hands-on Tikkun Olam Social Action project with an Israeli community. Experience Israel beyond the myth, in a pluralistic, experiential environment meant for all generations.

Meet the players and stretch your mind. Meet with leaders and grassroots activists, civil rights lawyers, academics, writers, and artists who are shaping the social change movement in Israel. Speak with people of diverse political and ideological views, Orthodox and secular, Jewish and Palestinian, liberal and conservative, Sephardi and Ashkenazi, recent immigrants and veteran Israelis. Through personal encounters, learn about key challenges facing Israel and the steps Israelis are taking to meet them.

Who is this trip for? This trip is designed for individuals, couples and families. First-timers and veteran visitors to Israel will be able to learn and enjoy. (*Recommended for families with children nearing or having celebrated Bar/Bat Mitzvah*).

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The New Israel Fund is the leading human, civil, and social rights organization in Israel. Since 1979, NIF has invested in cutting-edge programs that advance equality and justice for all Israel's citizens. NIF has granted over \$200 million to more than 750 non-profit organizations fighting for economic and social rights, full equality for Arab citizens of Israel, religious pluralism, women's rights, and environmental justice, among other issues.



Authentic Israel is a Tel Aviv-based Israel tour operator with three decades of experience providing meaningful educational touring programs in Israel. Authentic Israel's roots are in working with Israeli schools and today it serves Jewish groups of all ages and all dominations from Europe, North America, South America, and the former Soviet Union.



SPECIAL SITES

The following organizations are grantees of the New Israel Fund and are components of the Family Israel Experience – subject to availability and change.

Mimizrach Shemesh was founded by Mizrahi educators who believe that the educational disparities between Mizrahi and Ashkenazi students can be reduced by advancing scholarship while enhancing

Jewish/Mizrahi cultural identity and its connection to social values. The basic assumption behind Mimizrach Shemesh is that promoting the study of Mizrahi Jewish sources will contribute to the development of a moderate, traditional Jewish Mizrahi identity and the promotion of social justice.

Sidreh focuses on strengthening and empowering the population of Bedouin women for whom the transition from a traditional Bedouin lifestyle has resulted in their loss of a defined role and status in their community, and in the highest unemployment rate in the country. Sidreh comprises 2 branches: the educational branch organizes courses and the economic branch runs a traditional Bedouin weaving project.

Ir Amim ("City of Nations" or "Peoples") was founded in order to actively engage in those issues impacting on Israeli-Palestinian relations in Jerusalem and on the political future of the city. Ir Amim aspires to a stable city, equitably shared by both Israeli and Palestinian peoples, which ensures the dignity and welfare of all its residents, and safeguards holy places and historical and cultural heritage of all groups.

Mahapach is a movement working to close social gaps, advance social rights and create local leadership in disadvantaged areas in Israel. Through its innovative community projects, Mahapach aims to create educational opportunities for children and youth in disempowered neighborhoods while nurturing independent local leadership for social change.

Eretz Carmel was established to promote grassroots models of sustainable growth and revival of the environment, while at the same time preserving quality of life and building for a better future. Eretz Carmel believes in the ability and willingness of communities to participate in bringing about positive change. They believe in leadership through example, and encourage local entrepreneurs to initiate projects for the preservation of the environment now and for future generations.

PACKAGE DETAILS

Services Included

- Optional group flight from New York
- Hotel accommodations according to itinerary
- Group meals as noted in itinerary
- Licensed guide & deluxe motorcoach daily
- All activity costs & entrance/program fees

Services Not Included

- Medical insurance (available upon request)
- Cancellation insurance (available upon request)
- Meals not listed in itinerary
- Guide/driver gratuities

PROGRAM ITINERARY

The following is a draft itinerary and is subject to change. A final itinerary will be distributed along with a detailed pre-trip preparation material. L = Lunch Included / D = Dinner included / B = Breakfast Included

Sunday, December 20th

Depart USA from Newark Airport
Optional group flight on Continental Airlines departing at 3:50pm from Newark Airport

Monday, December 21st

- Arrival in Israel
- VIP pick-up & transfer to Tel Aviv hotel
- Opening session & introductions
- Dinner at Maganda Yemeni restaurant
- Overnight: SeaNet Hotel, Tel Aviv [D]

Tuesday, December 22nd

- Breakfast & discussion: Etta Prince Gibson of the Jerusalem Report
- Explore the Diaspora Museum
- Explore Tel Aviv's Nahalat Benyamin street fair
- Visit Mahapach: Education, Housing, and Livelihood in the Florentine neighborhood
- Dinner on own & free evening
- Overnight: SeaNet Hotel, Tel Aviv [B]

Wednesday, December 23rd

- Breakfast at hotel
- Travel southwards to the Negev Desert
- Archeological cave tour at Beit Guvrin
- Traditional Bedouin lunch with Sidreh
- Sunset camel ride & traditional hafla dinner feast
- Overnight: Chan HaShayarot Bedouin Tent [B/L/D]

Thursday, December 24th

- Early hike up Masada via the Roman Ramp
- Tour of the Masada complex
- Hike down Snake Path or ride down cable car
- Floating & relaxation time at the Dead Sea
- Dinner at hotel
- Overnight: Prima Spa, Dead Sea [B/D]

Friday, December 25th

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning hike to Ein Gedi nature reserve
- Environmental tour of the Dead Sea
- Arrival in Jerusalem – Shehecheyanu at Mount Scopus promenade
- Prepare for Shabbat at Mahane Yehuda market
- Optional Shabbat services at local synagogues
- Shabbat dinner at hotel
- Overnight: Harmony Hotel, Jerusalem [B/D]

Saturday, December 26th

- Breakfast at hotel
- Walking tour of the Old City
- Shabbat lunch at hotel
- Guided walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods
- Visit to the Israel Museum on own (optional)
- Text study with Mimizrach Shemesh
- Evening & dinner on own

- Overnight: Harmony Hotel, Jerusalem [B/L]

Sunday, December 27th

- Breakfast at hotel
- Walk along the Ramparts Walk of the Old City
- City of David archeological exhibition
- Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial
- Guided tour of the Israel's Supreme Court
- Tour of Separation Barrier with Ir Amim
- Overnight: Harmony Hotel, Jerusalem [B]

Monday, December 28th

- Breakfast at hotel
- Travel northwards to the Galilee
- Lunch at Eretz Carmel, a grassroots organization working to promote models of sustainable growth and revival of the environment
- Horse back riding at Bat Yaar Ranch
- Guided tour of Kibbutz Gonen
- Check-in & dinner at hotel
- Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House [B/L/D]

Tuesday, December 29th

- Walking tour of the Hula Nature Reserve
- Walking tour of mystical Tzfat
- Meeting with young Arab and Jewish activists working towards equality in the Galilee
- Group concluding dinner at the Binyamina Winery
- Return to airport for return flight or continue on to Eilat for optional extension package [B/D]

Wednesday, December 30th

- Optional group flight arrives in Newark Airport on December 30th at 5:50am

EILAT EXTENSION PACKAGE

Participants wishing to extend their stay are welcome to join the Eilat Extension Package which includes round trip flights, hotel-airport transfers, and meals listed in itinerary. The Eilat Extension Package is not guided and subject to availability. Private arrangements can be made by contacting Authentic Israel staff at 1-800-600-5194.

Tuesday, December 29th

- Board domestic flight to Eilat following dinner
- Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Eilat

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Wednesday, December 30th

- Full day tour of Petra in Jordan
- Shabbat dinner at hotel

Thursday, December 31st

- Relaxed day at beaches & resort pools
- Return flight from Eilat to Ben Gurion [B]

Friday, January 1st

- Arrive back to Newark at 5:50am

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT #1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp Date: _____ Email: _____

Tel (Cell): _____ Tel (Other): _____

PARTICIPANT #2

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp Date: _____ Email: _____

Tel (Cell): _____ Tel (Other): _____

PARTICIPANT #3

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp Date: _____

PARTICIPANT #4

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp Date: _____

PARTICIPANT #5

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp Date: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Passport number and expiration date are required. If passport information is not currently available, it can be submitted at a later date. Please make sure that all names are entered as they appear in the passport.

ROOMING NOTES: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Relation: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

PROGRAM SELECTION

MAIN PROGRAM

Land only costs (based on double room occupancy): \$1300/person _____ People
Group flight costs: \$1295/person (taxes & fees subject to change) _____ People
Single room supplement: \$545/person _____ People
Discount for 1 child (in triple room): \$200/child _____ People
Discount for 2 or 3 children (two adjoining rooms or one family room): \$200/child _____ People

EILAT EXTENSION PACKAGE

NOTE: Participants booked on group flight may be subject to a difference in fare subject to availability when opting for extension.

Program cost (based on double room occupancy): \$675/person _____ People
Single room supplement: \$175/person _____ People
Discount for 1 child (in triple room): \$75/child _____ People
Discount for 2 or 3 children (two adjoining rooms or one family room): \$75/child _____ People
Guided Petra day trip from Eilat: \$150/person _____ People
Petra trip includes round trip transfers, private guide, entrance fees, and lunch. Excludes border fees (~\$35/person)

TRIP SELECTION NOTES: _____

Payment & Cancellation Terms. To reserve your place on the program, kindly submit a \$200/person deposit with completed registration. Full payment is due no later than September 13, 2009. Trip costs are fully refundable through September 13, 2009. Participants who cancel after September 13, 2009 receive a refund, minus a \$250/person fee. Participants cancelling within 14 days of program start date will receive a refund minus a \$500/person fee. No trip costs are refundable within 48 hours of arrival. **Program is subject to minimum participation requirement and will be officially confirmed by no later than September 13, 2009.**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Amount: \$ _____ **Payment Method:** Visa/Mastercard _____ Check: _____
Unless noted, credit card will be charged deposit only upon receipt and balance due on Aug. 31, 2009.

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

TRIP PAYMENT NOTES: _____

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