

## **2023 SCHWARTZ REISMAN CANADA ISRAEL EXCHANGE**

### **SHALOM & WELCOME TO ISRAEL!!**

**AUGUST 17 – 27, 2023**

#### **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

##### **DAY 1, THURSDAY, AUGUST 17: *ARRIVE ISRAEL / TIBERIAS***

After collecting your luggage, you will be escorted to a bus for transfer to the hotel in Tiberias. Drive north towards Caesarea, once the region's Roman capital. See the excavations of the Crusader City, the aqueduct and the amphitheatre, which has been restored as a concert venue. Drive to Haifa for a panoramic view from Mt. Carmel, then to the hotel in Tiberias.

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Hotel: [Ron Beach Hotel](#), Gdud Barak St, Tiberias, Israel

##### **DAY 2, FRIDAY, AUGUST 18: *TIBERIAS***

Drive to Acre (Acco) and explore the excavated Crusader Castle, walk along the Old Harbour and local market; drive to Rosh Hanikra, the northernmost point of Israel. Drive along the Golan Heights, visit Golan Winery for a wine tasting (11:30 a.m.) then Tel Facher a former Syrian army camp, then to the Sea of Galilee for a boat ride at 6:00 p.m.

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##### **DAY 3, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19: *TIBERIAS / TEL AVIV***

Drive to Bet Shean, "Scythopolis", and the biggest archaeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Stop for *pizur* lunch and tour of Jaffa. The rest of the day and evening is at leisure in Tel Aviv for you to explore the city.

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Hotel: [Metropolitan Hotel Tel Aviv](#), Trumpeldor St 11, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

##### **DAY 4, SUNDAY, AUGUST 20: *TEL AVIV***

Transfer students to companies for visits and back to the hotel.

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##### **DAY 5, MONDAY, AUGUST 21: *TEL AVIV***

Transfer students to companies for visits and back to the hotel.

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##### **DAY 6, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22: *TEL AVIV***

Transfer students to Tel Aviv University for classes and back to the hotel.

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**DAY 7, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23: [TEL AVIV / DEAD SEA](#)**

Transfer students to Tel Aviv University. After classes are finished, drive via the Jordan Valley to Kfar Hanokdim, camel ride, Bedouin hospitality, dinner and overnight in tents.

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Bedouin Camp: [Kfar Hanokdim](#), P.O.B 1568, Arad, 8911501, Israel

**DAY 8, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24: [DEAD SEA / JERUSALEM](#)**

Very early morning wakeup call to drive to the base of Masada, ascend the back of the mountain to reach the summit to see the sunrise. Tour Masada, one of Herod's fortress castles and view the mountains of Moab in Jordan across the Dead Sea. *Masada was the scene of the last hold-out of Jewish resistance to the Romans in 72AD before the entire band of 900 zealots committed suicide to avoid capture, rape, torture or slavery.* Drive to the region of the Dead Sea stopping at a spa-beach where you'll have the opportunity to float in the mineral rich water, smear beautifying mud on your face and limbs, have a spa treatment (on your own account) or just relax. Travel to Jerusalem in the afternoon. After checking into hotel, walk to the Mahane Yehuda market for *pizur* lunch. Rest of the day at leisure until 5:00 p.m. pick up at the hotel for a tour of the Western Tunnel in the Old City of Jerusalem.

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Hotel: [ibis Jerusalem City Center](#), Yitskhak Elisar St 4, Jerusalem, 9423404, Israel

**DAY 9, FRIDAY, AUGUST 25: [JERUSALEM](#)**

We begin the day with a guided visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. Drive to the Old City of Jerusalem and visit the Tomb of King David on Mt. Zion; entering the Old City Walls, walk through the Jewish Quarter along the Cardo, the ancient Roman Rd., view the remains of the Wall of Jerusalem from the First Temple Period. Spend time at the Western Wall and Davidson Center; tour the southern wall excavations. Return to the Hotel and then end the day with an outing for a traditional Shabbat dinner (Shabbat of a Lifetime) with Rabbi Josh, originally from Canada and whose brother studied at Dalhousie University.

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**DAY 10, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26: [JERUSALEM](#)**

Meet your guide and begin the day at Mt. Scopus for a spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem. *The Holy City important to each of the world's three great religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam, for this, Jerusalem occupies a unique place in the world.* Your tour includes the Mt. of Olives, a stop at the site where Jesus first gave the Lord's Prayer and the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas betrayed Jesus. In the Old City you'll see the Western Wall and the actual site of the second Temple at the Temple Mount. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, housing both the traditional site of Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection.

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**DAY 11, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27: [TEL AVIV / TORONTO](#)**

Assisted transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for departure flight

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