

Returning Visitors - October 27 – November 7, 2014

Monday, 27 October – USA Departure

- overnight flight to Israel

Tuesday, 28 October – Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

- **Morning arrival in Israel met and assisted by our ITC representative.** Travel to the **Dead Sea Region to join the “first-timers” group.** Continue south to **Kibbutz Yahel**, to meet with members of the Reform Movement’s first Kibbutz.
- Overnight: Kibbutz Yahel

Wednesday, 29 October – Our Peers in Israel

- See First Timers’ schedule.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Eilat

Thursday, 30 October – Sun and Fun

- See First Timers’ schedule.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Eilat

Optional Excursion

Thursday, 30 October – Petra

- See First Timers’ schedule.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Eilat

Friday, 31 October - Foundations of the Modern State

- Morning departure on domestic flight to Tel Aviv. Visit the **Rubin Museum**, the **Tel Aviv Museum of Art**, and **Beit Bialik**. Browse through the open-air market at **Nahalat Binyamin**. **Shabbat Services at Kehillat Yozma in Modi’in** followed by **home hospitality Shabbat dinner** with synagogue families.
- Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Shabbat, 1 November – Shabbat in Tel Aviv

- **Shabbat services at Beit Daniel**, followed by a walking tour of Old Jaffa. Visit the **Ilana Goor Museum** and enjoy free **Israeli dancing** on the boardwalk. **Havdalah with Gilad Kariv** and free evening in Tel Aviv.
- Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Sunday, 2 November – The Mediterranean Coast

- Travel north along the **Mediterranean Coast** to see the excavations at **Caesaria**. Visit the Reform Movement’s **Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa**. Then on to **Acco**, to see the new exhibit about Muslim history in the city at the **Turkish Baths**, the beautiful **Mosque of Jazzar**, the **British prison** and the **Tunisian Synagogue**. Hotel check-in and dinner.
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar

Monday, 3 November – The Golan Heights

Walk through the **Hula Valley Nature Reserve**, experience the **Ophoria Multi-Media Experience**, connecting birds, water, and the Israeli landscape

- Ascend the Golan and gaze down over the Galilee. Enjoy a tour, tasting and chocolate-making workshop at the **De Karina Chocolate Factory** or a tour and wine and cheese tasting at the **Bahat Winery**. At dinner we will be **joined by Israeli soldiers** who will share with us their view of army life.
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar

Tuesday, 4 November – Ascent to Jerusalem

- Early departure to travel south along Israel’s border with Jordan for the ascent to **Jerusalem**. Take in a breathtaking view of the Temple Mount from the **Mount of Olives**. Enter the **Old City** and enjoy a **rooftop view** over its four colorful quarters. Free time for shopping and lunch on your own in the **Jewish Quarter** and **Arab Market**, and a tour of the recently rebuilt **Hurva Synagogue**. Visit the **Israel Museum** including the new **Shrine of the Book** and **Model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period**. Free evening in Jerusalem. **Evening option:** Remain at the **Israel Museum** to tour your choice of the children’s wing, art and archeology or new Judaica exhibit, or the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden; and dinner on your own at one of the museum’s eateries.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, 5 November – The Hills of Jerusalem

- Take part in a **hands-on archeological dig** of materials from under the Temple Mount. Visit the **Menahem Begin Heritage Center**, the ancient fortress of **Herodian**, and **King Herod’s tomb**. Enjoy a tour and home hospitality in the special community of **Tekoa**. Dinner on your own.
- **Evening options:** Attend **The Night Spectacular**, the new sound and light show about Jerusalem history at the **Tower of David Museum** or tour the **Kotel Tunnels**.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, 6 November – Israeli Communities

- Torah study at **Hebrew Union College**. Meet with Jerusalem community activists. Depart Jerusalem and visit a colorful center for **Ethiopian Jewry** in Ramla to hear their immigration stories and learn about their challenges. Yemenite dinner Banquet at **Maganda**.
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport for overnight flight to USA

Friday, 7 November – A Temporary Departure

- Arrival in USA