

The ESOL & Foreign Languages Department invites you to enjoy a 12-day visit to



# ISRAEL



## DATES

May 30 to June 11, 2006

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS



Tel Aviv  
Cesarea  
Accre  
Ramat Hagolan  
Jerusalem  
Qumran  
The Dead Sea and Massada  
Eilat and the Red Sea



Tel Aviv

## COST

\$ 2,599 plus applicable taxes and fees

## PRICE INCLUDES



Round-trip Airfare from *New York City (JFK)*  
First Class Hotel with private facilities  
Breakfast and dinner daily (Israeli Buffet)  
Many cultural experiences  
All excursions with bilingual guide  
Entrance to religious and historical sites  
Airport transfer and baggage handling

Participants in this tour must register in HBR 221 (3 hrs., credit or audit, no prerequisites) in the Summer I term 2006. Price is based on double occupancy and a minimum of 15 participants. Single supplement: \$480. **A passport with a validity of at least six months beyond the date of departure is required for travel. No visa is required for U.S. citizens.** A \$250 deposit is required at the time of registration. An additional \$500 is due on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Final payment is due no later than 45 days prior to departure. A late payment fee is applicable after that date. A cancellation policy applies. Travel insurance is required.

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Or attend a 1-hour informational meeting on one of the following dates: Feb. 9 or Feb. 16 at 4 PM in room 6-335; Feb. 15 at Noon in room 6-333; March 2 at 6 PM in room 6-335; or March 8 at 12 Noon in room 6-333.



## ITINERARY

**Day 1. Tuesday, 30 May** – Depart from **JFK** with **ELAL** Israel Airlines. Dinner and breakfast on board.



**Day 2. Wednesday, 31 May TEL AVIV – Arrival.** Transfer to our **Tel Aviv hotel**. The guide will brief the group about the whole program as they drive. Check-in and rest. Dinner and night tour of **Old Jaffa** followed by watching Israeli folk dances. Overnight in our Tel Aviv hotel.

**Day 3. TEL AVIV. A panoramic tour of Tel Aviv**, walk and enjoy the aroma and sounds of **Shuk Hacarmel**. **Taste a Falafel**. Visit the **Palmach Museum and the Diaspora Museum**. Return to the hotel for dinner. Visit **Rabin's Square** and the spot where Isaac Rabin was assassinated. Participation in a Shavuoth evening ceremony (subject to availability). Overnight in Tel Aviv.

**Day 4. Friday, 2 June, SHAVUOTH HOLIDAY.** Visit **Casearea**, the city built by King Herod. Visit a **Kibbutz** and watch the traditional Shavuoth ceremony. Continue to **Haifa** to visit the **Bahai Gardens** and the **Carmelites Monastery**. Dinner at our hotel. Evening tour of the **German Colony** overlooking the lighted Bahai Gardens. Dinner and overnight in Haifa.

**Day 5. Saturday, 3 June – GALILEE.** After breakfast we head north towards **Accre**. The city has a unique **Byzantine excavation site** that we will visit. We continue north to the grottos of **Rosh Hanikra**. Here the Mediterranean waves hit the white cliffs and create unique grottos, which we will reach by a cable car. In the afternoon we visit **Zafed** – the center of Kabbalah. Dinner and overnight in our Kibbutz hotel near the Sea of Galilee.



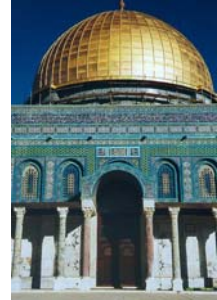
**Day 6. THE GOLAN.** We go around the Sea of Galilee to visit **the ancient synagogue of Capernaum**, where Jesus preached in his early ministry. Ascend to **Ramat Hagolan**. Visit **Katzrin Museum** about **Gamla**, visit **Mt. Bental** (Israel Defense Forces' bunkers overlooking Syria), see the Eagles Nest, **Ramat Hagolan Winery** and the **Peace Observation** to understand why Israel had to take over the Golan. Back to Ein Gev. Dinner. **Evening meeting with kibbutz members.**

**Day 7. HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY.** Many stories have been told about the Jordan River. In **Gesher** we will see and hear the untold story of courage and defense during the Independence War and prior to it. In **Beit Shean** we will visit the best preserved Roman City in Israel. South to **Qumran**, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found. They contain parts of the book of Isaiah. We reach our Jerusalem hotel. Dinner and overnight.



**Day 8. JERUSALEM.** We will start the day at **Yad Vashem**, the new Holocaust Museum. We will plant a tree in the forest of Jerusalem to commemorate our visit, or a family member. We pay tribute to past leaders of Israel in **Mt. Herzl Cemetery**. Afternoon visit to the **Shrine of the Book** where we can see the Dead Sea Scrolls found in Qumram.

**Day 9. JERUSALEM.** We will start with a magnificent view of the city from **Mt. of Olives**. We drive down, passing by the tombs of the prophets Absalom and Zaccariah until we reach **Mt. Zion**. Here we will visit King David's tomb and next to it is the Cenaculum – the room of the famous Last Supper. Next, we will visit the newly discovered **City of David** and the Southern Steps excavations. We will visit the new **Davidson Center** with its unique presentation of life during the Second Temple times. We will reach the **Wailing Wall and enter the Wall Tunnel**. Dinner at our hotel. Optional: Israel Folklore Show.



**Day 10. THE DEAD SEA AND MASADA.** After breakfast we will visit **Massada**, where 700 Jews committed suicide rather than fall into Roman hands. We will then spend time to enjoy the minerals of the **Dead Sea** – God's gift to your skin. Some of the best cosmetic products come from these minerals. We will reach Eilat for dinner.

**Day 11. EILAT AND THE RED SEA.** Visit the **underwater observatory** where fish stare at you from their natural habitat. Free afternoon for beach or pool activities. Bedouin dinner in a Bedouin camp.

**Day 12. EILAT.** Enjoy an **adventurous Jeep ride**. In the afternoon we will head north towards Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back home. We will sum up our Israel experience with a visit to **Mini Israel** – a park of models of prominent sites and landscapes of Israel. Dinner and transfer to the airport.

**Day 13. Sunday, 11 June** Flight back home. Arrival on the same day.



*Israel – Satellite View*

## General Information

**The price includes:** Round trip flights from New York City (JFK); **First Class hotels** based on double occupancy (Single supplement \$480, last person to join with no roommate must pay single supplement); **Meals** - Daily Israeli buffet breakfast and dinner; **All Excursions** detailed in the itinerary, with licensed guide and deluxe air-conditioned buses; **Entrance fees** to all religious and historical sites visited as per program; **Baggage handling** at hotels and Israel airport; and **Transfers** to/from airport in Israel. The price is based on minimum groups of 15 participants. Participants are responsible for their own round-trip transportation from Rochester to New York City (JFK). **Passports and Visas:** A valid passport with a validity of at least 6 months beyond the departure date is required. American citizens do not need a visa to travel to Israel (please check with travel agency for other nationalities). **Reservations and payment:** A \$250 deposit is required at time of registration. An additional \$500 is required on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The **final payment is due no later than 45 days prior to departure, to avoid a \$49 late payment fee.** Payments can be done by checks or money order. Please make your check payable to AVIATOURS. **Cancellations and insurance:** This is a group promotional fare. Your cancellation can affect the size of the group and costs. For this reason we must charge cancellations fees: Up to 4 months before departure date incur a \$25 fee; between 4 to 3 months - a \$60 fee; between 88-45 days prior to departure - a \$150 fee; between 44-30 days, the fee is \$200; between 29-15 days, the fee is \$250; between 14 days up to 4 days to departure 25% of the total cost, plus the value of nonrefundable airline tickets. Between 3 days to day of departure — 100 % total cost of package, plus nonrefundable airline tickets. **Travel insurance to cover the cancellation fees, as well as medical costs, accidents, loss or damage of luggage, etc. is required.** More information is available from Aviatours or your group leader. **Responsibility:** AVIATOURS of Freeport, NY, and/or its agents only represent the passenger concerning the hotels, transportation (air, sea, or motorized) trips and other services, and it declares free of liability for any loss, damages or delays incurred by sickness, strikes, war, quarantine or any other cause out of control. We reserve the right to change/alter the itinerary when it is in the interest of the tour. We reserve the right to accept/decline any participant at any moment. In addition, the airlines utilized with connection to this tour are not liable/responsible of any act, omission or event during the time that the passengers are not on board the airline equipment. AVIATOURS does not assume responsibility for errors or omissions contained in the brochure. Taxes are subject to change due to fuel surcharge.

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