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GRAND TOUR OF ISRAEL – THURSDAY ARRIVAL 13 nights

HOTEL PLAN:	A	B	C	D	E
Tel Aviv	Dan Deluxe Room	Dan Standard Room	Carlton	Sheraton Moriah	Dan Panorama
Haifa	Dan Carmel Deluxe Room	Dan Carmel Standard Room	Dan Carmel Standard Room	Dan Carmel Standard Room	Dan Panorama
North	Kibbutz Lavi – Hadar Wing	Kibbutz Lavi – Hod Wing	Kibbutz Lavi - Hod Wing	Kibbutz Lavi – Hod Wing	Kibbutz Lavi – Lev Wing
Jerusalem	King David Deluxe New City	King David Standard Room	Inbal	Sheraton Plaza	Dan Panorama
Eilat	Dan Eilat Deluxe Room	Dan Eilat Standard Room	Dan Eilat Standard Room	Sheraton Eilat	Dan Panorama



Thursday - Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by a Diesenhaus Unitours representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Friday - At leisure

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Saturday - At leisure

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Sunday - Diaspora Museum / Caesarea / Druze villages

Depart Tel Aviv and drive to the Diaspora Museum for a visit. Proceed along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. See the excavations of the Crusader city and the Roman port, aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Continue via the Druze villages to Haifa. Overnight in Haifa.



Monday - Haifa / Safed / Golan Heights

The tour of Haifa will begin at the summit of Mount Carmel where you will take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the Haifa Bay and Western Galilee. Continue on to the golden domed Bahai Shrine to visit the exotic Persian Gardens. Proceed to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism, where you will visit the ancient synagogues and the artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Overnight in Kibbutz.



Tuesday - Sea of Galilee / Nazareth

Start the day with a visit of Tiberias. Drive to Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and octagonal church of St. Peter and then proceed to Nazareth. Here you will visit the church of the Annunciation. Drive via Beit Shean to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of an ancient synagogue depicting the zodiac.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday - Jerusalem: The Old City

Visit the tomb of King David and the room of the Last Supper on Mt. Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish Quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian Quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the church of the Holy Sepulchre, proceed to Mount Scopus and then to the Mount of Olives for a magnificent panoramic view of the Old City. Continue to Bethlehem*, stopping at Rachel's Tomb and to visit the Church of the Nativity.

Overnight in Jerusalem.



Thursday - Jerusalem: The New City

Drive to the Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem to see the Chagall stained glass windows. Proceed to Bayit Vegan to visit the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period. Continue to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust and then to the Israel Museum. Visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and see the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and the Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University.

Overnight in Jerusalem.



Friday - Qumeran / Massada / Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300 feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumeran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Massada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in 73 AD. Descend by cable car, time and weather permitting, an opportunity will be provided to float on the Dead Sea.

Overnight in Jerusalem.



Saturday - At leisure

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday - The Negev Desert / Timna / Eilat

Travel south to the Negev desert; visit Israel's Air Force Museum near Beer Sheva to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force. Continue south, visiting kibbutz Sde Boker, to see Ben Gurion's hut and grave, overlooking the magnificent Zin valley.

Stop at Mitzpeh Ramon to gaze into the Ramon Crater, a geological wonder. Drive to Timna to see the copper mines and King Solomon's pillars and marvel at the huge multi-colored rock formations

Proceed to Eilat for overnight.



Monday - At leisure

Overnight in Eilat.



Tuesday - Eilat / Mamshit / Tel Aviv

Visit the Underwater Observatory, one of the largest seaquariums in the world, built into coral reef.

Drive to Mamshit for a Camel riding experience and visit to an authentic Bedouin tent. Learn about the Bedouin hospitality and enjoy a light lunch.

Drive back to Tel-Aviv .Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Wednesday - Tel Aviv / Ben Gurion Airport.

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

* visit subject to availability



The above program can be extended and tailor-made for groups.