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JEWISH HERITAGE IN DEPTH WITH EILAT– Wednesday arrival (14 nights)

<i>HOTEL PLAN:</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>
Tel Aviv	Dan Deluxe Room	Dan Standard Room	Carlton	Sheraton Moriah	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



Wednesday - Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv

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

Thursday - Independence Hall / Mini Israel / Latrun / Y. Mordechai

Start the day with a visit to the Independence Hall where the establishment of the State of Israel was declared; Next, drive to to visit the new “Mini Israel” park including miniature models of tl important sites and buildings in the country. Continue to visit the Ayalon Institute, once an ammunition factory for the Hagana, the underground movement before May 1948.

Proceed to Yad Mordechai, named after Mordechai Anilevitz, lea the Warsaw Ghetto; Visit the restored battle fields of the war of liberation and learn about their heroic story. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.



Friday – Tel Aviv

Visit the Diaspora museum. Drive around the main streets of Te center of business and entertainment of Israel. Stop at Rabin's place of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin.

Continue to Old Jaffa, an 8000 year old port city; Visit the ancier and walk around the restored artist's quarter.

Visit Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 19 Nahalat Benyamin, the pedestrian street of the city with its music hand made jewellery and artifacts.

Next, stop at Sheinkin, the lively and colorful street especially kn its unique shops, café life and youthful ambiance. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Saturday - At leisure

Overnight in Tel Aviv.



Sunday - Caesarea / Beit Shearim / Haifa / Acre

Drive north to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region. Visit the Roman theatre, the Crusaders' city, the Roman aqueduct and the multi media museum recently opened. Proceed to Haifa to visit "PI CHEN", the Naval museum of the illegal immigration to Israel time of the British mandate.

Drive to Acre; walk along the old harbour and visit the underground Knight's Halls. Continue to the northernmost point of Israel at Rosh Hanikra and descend by cable car into the limestone Grottos. Overnight in a Kibbutz guesthouse.



Monday - Safed / Tel Facher / Banias / Tel Dan / Tel Hai

Drive to Safed, center of the Kabbala movement; Visit the JOSEPH (KATZ) and the HA'ARI synagogues, the most important synagogues in the city; stroll around the Artist's quarter. Enjoy a Jeep tour to the foot of the Golan Heights.

Continue to the Golan Heights, visiting an observation point overlooking the city of Kuneitra, and the Syrian territory.

Stop at Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp; Visit the Banias springs.

Next, a visit to Tel-Hai; See the "Roaring Lion" monument and learn about the heroic battle of Josef Trumpeldor and his comrades in 1920. Overnight in a kibbutz guesthouse.



Tuesday - Beit Shean / Beit Alpha / Gan Hashlosha / Jerusalem

Drive to Tiberias to visit Rambam's grave. Proceed to Beit Shean called "Scythopolis", the biggest archaeological park in Israel with beautiful excavations from Roman and Byzantine periods. Stop at Beit Alpha to see the beautiful mosaic floor of a Byzantine synagogue. On to Gan Hashlosha, (Sachne) where you will have an opportunity to enjoy the water springs located at the foot of the Gilboa mountain, a famous mountain where King Saul was killed in the battle against the Philistines.

Continue via the Jordan valley to Jerusalem. Stop at Mount Scopus for a blessing as you enter the city.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday - Jerusalem: The Old City

Start with a visit to the tomb of King David on Mount Zion. Walk through the Cardo, the ancient Roman road; Visit the four Sephardic synagogues in the Jewish quarter, all beautifully restored after 1948.

Tour the Kotel Tunnels; Visit the Davidson Center and walk through the Cardo, to the local Arab bazaar. Walk through Jaffa gate to the David's Tower museum to see the ancient remains of the city built with the first Temple period.

Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday - Jerusalem: The New City

Celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies at the Kotel (Wailing Wall). Continue to Mea Shearim and learn about the unique lifestyle of Ultra orthodox communities.

Drive by the Knesset, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with biblical emblems. Next, visit the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book where the Dead sea scrolls are housed and the new Holyland Model of Jerusalem, a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period.

Drive to Mount Herzl, the military cemetery and Yad Vashem, the national memorial to the Holocaust. Visit Ammunition Hill, a former Jordanian army stronghold that was conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Day War and converted into a national memorial site and museum.



Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday - Qumeran / Massada / Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea. Stop at Qumeran the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Continue to Massada ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress, visiting the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, the bathhouses etc. Descend by cable car.

Next stop is for lunch and Spa facilities at one of the leading hotels in the area.

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 in 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 Zircus. 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 or optional tour to Petra (additional charge)

After assistance with visa to the Jordanian Border, drive straight to Petra through desert highways, your ultimate destination is the astonishing rose-red city of Petra which was built by the Nabateans (early Arab Tribe). Petra was renowned for its massive architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the South of Jordan more than two-thousand years ago. The visit begins with the possibility of a short horseback-riding for up to 700 m. until the entrance of the Siq, which is about 1.2 km long (walking distance). There is a possibility to rent a chariot (extra) inside Petra and back to the gate outside.



Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The Treasury, the Royal Tombs, The Court, Roman Theatre, Roman Street, Qasr El-Faraj (Palace of Pharaoh's daughter) and many other smaller monuments which fascinates visitors. The city itself is almost 45 square km and is considered to be the second wonder of the world. After the visit, stop for lunch in a nice Restaurant. After lunch drive back to the Jordanian Border. On the way, a short visit to Aqaba with the possibility to stop and take a short walk. Then transfer to border around 18:00 PM, and then cross to 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.