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JEWISH HERITAGE IN DEPTH – Wednesday arrival (11 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



Wednesday - Ben Gurion Airport / Tel Aviv

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, where you will be met by a Diesenhau Unitours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Thursday - Independence Hall / Mini Israel / Latrun / Yad Mordechai

Start the day with a visit to the Independence Hall where the establishment of the State of Israel was declared; Next, drive to Latrun to visit the new "Mini Israel" park including miniature models of the most 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, leader of 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 Tel Aviv, center of business and entertainment of Israel. Stop at Rabin's Square, place of assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin.

Continue to Old Jaffa, an 8000 year old port city; Visit the ancient ruins and walk around the restored artist's quarter. Visit Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1909 and

Nahalat Benyamin, the pedestrian street of the city with its musicians, hand made jewellery and artifacts.

Next, stop at Sheinkin, the lively and colorful street especially known for 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 new multi media museum recently opened.

Proceed to Haifa to visit "AF AL PI CHEN", the Naval museum of the illegal immigration to Israel at the 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 Kaballa movement; Visit the JOSEPH CARO 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 over 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, also called "Scythopolis", the biggest archeological 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, the 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

Tour the old city of Jerusalem.

Start with a visit to the tomb of King David on Mount Zion.

Walk along the Cardo, the ancient Roman road; Visit the four Sepharadic synagogues in the Jewish quarter, all beautifully restored after 1967 war.

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 beginning 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 the Ultra orthodox communities.

Drive by the Knesset, Israel's parliament and see the Menorah with the biblical emblems. Next, visit the Israel Museum, the



Shrine of the Book where the Dead sea scrolls are housed and the new Holyland Model – a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple period.

Drive to mount Herzl, the military cemetery and Yad Vashem, the 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 - Jerusalem / Ben Gurion Airport.

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

