



Honeymoon Israel - Atlanta

Day to Day itinerary

07 Jan Fri - DAY 1

Drive to Jerusalem.

Welcome to Jerusalem: Upon entering the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, experience the convergence of the old and the new and stop for an overlook of the city and to recite the traditional *“shehechianu”* blessing.

Sandwich lunch.

Check into the hotel, relax, and prepare for Shabbat. *—*Shabbat candle lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath).

Private Shabbat dinner at the hotel with the

- Breakfast
- Dinner

08 Jan Sat - DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 a.m. The Jewish Family *“*Thoughts and Reflections on Its Identity*”*: Meet with Avraham Infeld, a leading Jewish educator, President Emeritus of Hillel International, and member of the Honeymoon Israel Board of Directors, at the hotel.

The Hearts Behind the Jerusalem Stone: Experience the unique Jerusalem Shabbat atmosphere by taking a classic Shabbat walk through the streets and neighborhoods of Jerusalem: Talbiya, Rehavia, and Nahlaot.

Cross the Gan Sacher Park into Jerusalem's *“*Capitol Hill*”*.

Shabbat picnic lunch near the Israel Museum.

Explore the renewed and wonderfully creative Israel Museum, with its eclectic collection, ranging from archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls to Jewish life and art, European art, contemporary Israeli art, and the open-air model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period.

Plan: B for those who did not receive their PCR result: Orientation with your tour educator.

Return to the hotel on foot or by bus.

4:30 p.m. Together with the SHLOFTA improvisation ensemble, get to know one another through a fun, interactive workshop. *—*Honeymoon Israel Conversation, followed by a memorable Havdallah service (end of Shabbat) overlooking the Old City or at the hotel.

Dinner (on own) and evening at leisure.

- Breakfast
- Lunch

09 Jan Sun - DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel.

Head toward the Old City.

Discover the archaeological treasures and other highlights of the Jewish Quarter:

Ascend to the rooftops of the Old City for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live alongside each other.

Walk through the Cardo – the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century, see King Hezekiah’s First Temple-period Broad Wall, and Hurva Square – the central square of the Jewish Quarter.

Stop at the Kotel (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this holy site.

Free time to explore the Old City with lunch (on own), en route. –Continue to the fascinating medieval Church of the Holy Sepulchre, venerated by many as the site of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Return to the hotel.

3:30 p.m. Conflict and Peacebuilding: Meet with Combatants for Peace Board Member Osama Elawat and with Leah Solomon, of Encounter an educational organization working toward informed, courageous and resilient American & Israeli Jewish communal leadership on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Enjoy dinner (on own) and evening at leisure.

- Breakfast
- Lunch

10 Jan Mon - DAY 4

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out.

8:15 a.m. Depart hotel.

Visit Yad Vashem, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including: The Avenue of the Righteous.

The Historical Museum.

The Children’s Memorial.

Lunch (on own), en route.

Beyond Beautiful Braids: In this challah-baking workshop, you’ll learn some secrets to making challah that’s crusty on the outside, and light and fluffy on the inside. Guided by a world-class chef at the Teamim Cooking School in the Mahane Yehuda Shuk (market), you can mix, knead, braid, and bake a stunning challah to eat fresh out of the oven, if you like.

Honeymoon Israel Conversation.

High Times in the Holy City: Jerusalem at night provides a very different vision of the Holy City. Check out how the locals let their hair down during a free evening and explore Jerusalem’s nightlife, including dinner (on own).

- Breakfast

11 Jan Tue - DAY 5

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before setting off to explore the Dead Sea region.

As Low as It Goes: We’ll drive to the Dead Sea Basin, 1412 feet below sea level and the lowest place on earth. The desert, the landscape, and the views are breathtaking.

The Last Stand: Climb via the Snake Path or take the cable car to the top of Masada with its extraordinary views and fascinating archaeological remains. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is where Jewish rebels are believed to have made their final attempt to resist Roman invaders (c 74 CE) before committing mass suicide. We’ll descend the mountain via cable car.

Lunch and swim at Kalia, Dead Sea. Go floating, rather than swimming, in the Dead Sea. Not much can live in what is the saltiest piece of water in the world, nine times saltier than the ocean, but the weightless feeling of floating is great fun.

Head north toward the Upper Galilee and check into the hotel. –Dinner at the hotel.

Ask the Rabbi Session with your Honeymoon Israel rabbis and educators

- Breakfast
- Dinner

12 Jan Wed - DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the remains of the Second Temple-period town of Gamla on the Golan Heights, site of one of the fiercest battles fought against the Romans during the Great Revolt. Walk to the Bird Observatory and enjoy the sight of the vultures for which Gamla is famous, as they effortlessly catch the updrafts where they nest. Conclude your visit to the 150-foot high Gamla Waterfall.

The Syrians, the Soviets, and the Golan today: Our exploration of the role of the Golan Heights in Israel's history and security will include a visit to the former Syrian military headquarters in the area. Learn how this building, located near the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra, survived the brutal fighting that took place here in 1967 and 1973. We'll also find out what this structure has to do with the Soviet Union and the Israeli spy Eli Cohen, and hear about the impact of Syria's ongoing civil war in this area.

Lunch (on own), en route.

Drive to Tsfat, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony.

Here, we'll:

Explore the Ari, Caro, or Abuhav Synagogue, each with its great story and mystical messages.

Walk through the quaint Artists' Colony, its galleries, and craft shops.

Meet with David Friedman, a Tsfat artist inspired by Kabbalah. —^aReturn to the hotel and freshen up.

Depart the hotel for a dinner event and party.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

13 Jan Thu - DAY 7

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out.

Working Hard, Moving Down: The hike from the Arbel Cliffs is one of Israel's most beautiful.

The views from the top of the cliffs are spectacular and there will be many more magical sights as we make our way down this challenging trail.

Lunch (on own), en route.

Visit the Zippori National Park, known for its extraordinary ancient mosaics and its central role in Jewish life after the destruction of the Temple. We'll see remnants of a Roman theater and a Jewish residential quarter from the times of the Mishna and Talmud, as well as a Crusader castle and a Byzantine-period synagogue. Perhaps the highlight of the park is the Dionysus House, a Roman villa with a mosaic floor that includes the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee."

OR

Continue to Caesarea, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Period. Explore life 2,000 years ago with its ancient amphitheaters, palaces, and bathhouses.

Continue to Tel Aviv and check into the hotel.

Honeymoon Israel Conversation.

- Breakfast

14 Jan Fri - DAY 8

Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 a.m. Navigate Your Way Through the Labyrinth of Israel Politics: Join journalist Tal Shalev, chief political correspondent for Walla! News, one of Israel's largest news websites, for an introduction into the country's turbulent political scene where coalition governments and powerful ideological divisions are a fact of life.

What's Going on in Bohemian Tel Aviv? Join an expert on Tel Aviv's alternative scene for an urban adventure. Explore the latest street art, slang, and graffiti and find out what they reveal about life, ideas, and ideology in Israel's cultural capital.

Take a tasting tour through the trendy area where the colorful Carmel Market, Nahalat Binyamin pedestrian mall, and Sheinkin Street meet in central Tel Aviv.

Lunch (on own) and the rest of the afternoon at leisure. —^aReturn to the hotel to freshen up before Shabbat.

5:30 p.m. Shabbat candle lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath).

7:00 p.m. Private Shabbat dinner at the hotel with other Honeymoon Israel groups.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

15 Jan Sat - DAY 9

Breakfast at the hotel.

Pre-flight PCR Test.

9:30 a.m. Shabbat reflection, led by your group rabbi/educator, at the hotel.

Feel the Shabbat atmosphere as many Tel Aviv residents take a day's break from their busy work weeks.

Enjoy the beauty of the sea and the urban setting of the city life.

Celebrating Shabbat, Tel Aviv Style: Take in the Tel Aviv sites as you walk south toward Jaffa.

Ascend from the port of Old Jaffa through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.

Lunch (on own), en route.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure and return to the hotel on your own.

Late check-out from the hotel.

Honeymoon Israel Conversation, followed by a memorable Havdallah service (end of Shabbat) by the beach or at the hotel. â–ªLight farewell dinner at the hotel.

Free evening

16 Jan Sun - DAY 10

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to the airport

- Breakfast



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