

# SHOMRIM SOCIETY

## ISRAEL MISSION 2019

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An eleven day trip covering the must see AND places we usually do not visit PLUS enlightening encounters with Israeli law enforcement



**April 1-11 2019**



**Day 1, Monday, Apr.1:Departing Chicago and New York on a transatlantic flight.**Dinner, inflight entertainment and breakfast on board.

**Day 2, Tuesday, Apr. 2: Arrival to Tel Aviv.** Airport assistance and transfer to your beach front hotel (Herods or similar). If arrival time permits, we will do a **panoramic tour of Tel Aviv** on the way to the hotel. Check in. Rest or take a walk on the board walk (considered by National Geographic as the fourth most beautiful in the world. We meet for dinner.

**Day 3, Wednesday, Apr.3:Tel Aviv.** After our rich Israeli buffet breakfast, we visit the **Independence Hall**, where in 1948 David Ben Gurion read the declaration of independence. Continue to **Rabin's Square**, where Israel's Prime Minister was assassinated in November 1995. From here we drive to the **Intelligence Center** to hear stories of the IDF Intelligence, Mossad and other Intelligence branches. We end this day by visiting **Jaffa** where Arab and Jewish Israelis live side by side. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 4, Thursday, Apr. 4:Jerusalem.** On our way to Jerusalem we visit the **Bullet Factory** – an underground “illegal” ammunition factory, hidden under a laundry during the British Mandate that ended in 1948. We reach Jerusalem and drive to **Mt. Scopus and Mt. of Olives** for a magnificent panoramic view of the city. Next is **Davidson Center** where we explore the southern part of Temple Mount where the main entrance stood. We also visit the **Israel Police HQ** to meet our counterpart brothers who face daily challenges in this multi facet city (subject to confirmation). We check in into Leonardo Plaza hotel (or similar) and meet for dinner.

**Day 5, Friday, Apr5:Jerusalem.** After breakfast we dedicate time to explore the mesmerizing **YadVashem** holocaust museum.Nearby is the new **National Memorial Center**. See how Israel cherishes the memory of over 23,000 Israelis who fell while defending their country. Today it's Friday and Israelis make their last food shopping before Shabbat. We will witness this at the unique **Machne Yehuda Market**. Continue to the **Kotel** (Wailing Wall) for a personal spiritual moment and return to our hotel. We meet for **Kabalat Shabbat** and dinner.

**Day 6, Saturday, Apr. 6:Shabbat.** You can rest in the hotel or join us for a walking tour of the **Old City**. We also visit the **Israel Museum**, home of the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited and see a model of the city from the second temple time. We meet for dinner at our hotel.

**Day 7, Sunday, Apr. 7:Jerusalem.** At **Ammunition Hill** we will hear the story of the fiercest battle of the Six Day War, when the city was liberated and united. We dedicate the rest of the day to meet the **Border Police** - in charge of the anti-terrorism activities of the city (subject to confirmation). Many law enforcement organizations around the world come here to learn from their experience. We return to our hotel for dinner.

**Day 8, Monday, Apr. 8:Desert.** After breakfast we check out from our hotel and head to the deepest place in the world – the Dead Sea area (1200 feet below sea level), rich with oxygen and minerals. We first visit **Masada** – the palace - fortress built by king Herod where hundred Jews preferred to commit a group suicide

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rather than surrender to the Romans. We enjoy a dip in the **Dead Sea**, nature's gift to your skin. We drive south to **Eilat** on the shores of the Red Sea where we check into hotel Leonardo Plaza (or similar). Dinner and overnight.

**Day 9, Tuesday, Apr. 9: Eilat / Petra.** Enjoy a free day in Eilat (go to the Red Sea beach or visit the underwater observatory) or join us on a full day journey to visit Petra – the Nabatean city carved into the sand stone of the desert, considered as one of the wonders of the world. This is an optional excursion that costs \$382 pp for a minimum of 5 participants. We return to our hotel for dinner.

**Day 10, Wednesday, Apr. 10:** We had north and stop at **Mitzpeh Ramon** – the largest crater in the world. Next, we visit **the hut of David Ben Gurion at Kibbutz MashabeiSadhe**. See the modesty of this leader. We reach hotel Leonardo Plaza (or Ashdod for a farewell dinner and overnight).

**Day 11, Thursday, Apr. 11: Back home.** Airport transfer and flight home. Arrival USA on same day.

*Welcome home! You have just returned from a lifetime experience.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION (IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ): THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:** Round trip flights from Chicago and New York • Four star hotels • Meals: Daily buffet breakfast and dinner • All excursions detailed in the itinerary, with licensed guides and deluxe air-conditioned vehicles • Entrance fees to all sites visited. • Luggage handling for 1 bag of 50lbs at hotels and airports • Transfers to/from airports in Israel • The price is based on a **double occupancy**. The price is based on a minimum group of **20 participants**.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** Personal expenses, beverages during meals, recommended tips of \$100 for the whole trip. recommended travel insurance of \$174. **Passports and Visas:** Your passport must be valid at least until October 12, 2019 (It is your responsibility to check your passport to see if it's valid for travel. As per TSA Guidelines your passport needs to be valid at least 6 months after the return date. It is your responsibility to verify if your nationality needs a visa to the countries you are travelling. If your nationality requires a visa you are to inform us to provide you with documentation to arrange your own visa appointments once registered. Your visa should be processed in a timely manner and should be taken care of by the final payment deadline). **USA citizens do not need a visa to Israel other nationalities** please check [www.israelemb.org](http://www.israelemb.org) Single room supplement is an additional \$790 mandatory for the participant that does not have a roommate. Aviatours and your leader will try their best to find a roommate, but if we are unable to find one for you 45 days before departure, you will need to pay the single supplement or sleep in a triple bedroom. (Third bed is a rollover bed and not comfortable).

**BAGGAGE:** Only 1 piece of luggage of 50lb is allowed free of charge. The carry on should not exceed 16lbs.

**Reservations and payment:** A \$300 deposit (by check or money order only) is required at time of registration. Initial deposits need to be submitted as soon as possible to guarantee your seat with the airline. \$500 additional before November 2, 2018. Final payment is due no later than January 19, 2019 to avoid a \$75 late payment fee. Non-payment by January 23, 2019 will cause an automatic seat cancellation with the airline. Please fill out the registration form of the tour and send along with a check or money order. Please make a check or money order payable to AVIATOURS and mail to 66 Guy Lombardo Ave. Freeport, NY 11520. ALL payments should be with a note stating AVIA/ SHOMRIM

**Cancellations and insurance:** This is a promotional fare; your cancellation can affect the size of the group and costs. For this reason, we must charge cancellations fees: **Up to 6 months prior to departure = \$85. Between 180 – 100 days - a \$375 fee; between 99 - 70 days prior to departure - a \$675 fee; between 69-31 days the fee is \$675 + non-refundable airline tickets; between 30 days up to departure date, 100% of the total cost of package + the value of the airline ticket.** In addition, there will be a penalty applied for cancellation fees in case non-refundable airline ticket has been issued and single supplement fee if cancellation affects the accommodation of your roommate at the hotels. **Only written cancellations will be considered.** Name changes up to 100 days are acceptable for an \$80 administrative fee. From 99 days until day of departure, name changes will be considered as a cancellation. **We highly recommend obtaining travel insurance to cover for cancellation fees due to medical reasons and, acute financial situations. It also covers medical expenses overseas, accidents, lost or damaged luggage and more. Buying insurance with first deposit may waive pre-existing medical conditions. Please read all policy details in [www.aviatours.net](http://www.aviatours.net) or ask for a brochure to be mailed to you. Non-US residents cannot purchase travel insurance. The time limit for purchase is 60 days prior to the departure date but it will not cover pre-existing medical conditions. The insurance premium is non-refundable.**

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**PRICES:** From Chicago - \$3869 (or \$3719)\*including \$498 taxes and fuel surcharge. From NY \$3988 (or \$3838)\* incl \$698 taxes and fuel as known on July 11 2018. Paid by check, M.O. or bank transfer

**Registration deposit - \$474 with insurance (optional but highly recommended), \$300 without insurance.** (The cost of the insurance of \$174 is not included in the final price) paid by check or money order. Please read carefully the General Information (above) Upon sending your deposit you agree to the terms and conditions as per this brochure.

**We only have limited seats available at this price. After the limited participants, price may increase. Contact your group leader for information.**

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