



A Program of the Museum of Jewish Heritage



We are dedicated to making your experience rich in content and superior in comfort.

This unique travel program combines the expertise and resources of two organizations that cherish the traditions, achievements, and faith of Jewish communities – past and present – around the world. Jewish Heritage Travel and the Museum of Jewish Heritage are delighted to have the opportunity to share this rich, varied, and poignant history and culture with you on these select trips. We look forward to traveling with you.

The Israel Less Traveled + Ancient Petra & Jerash

Israel and Jordan

December 4-15, 2018



The Treasury, Petra, Jordan

Program Overview

Our trip will begin in Jerusalem – where ancient history mingles with modern-day life and stirs our emotions like no other place on earth. From Jerusalem, we will head south to Mitzpe Ramon—Israel’s Grand Canyon, a spectacular site where thousands of birds migrating from Europe to Africa stop to rest each year and where we will pause and enjoy our stay at Beresheet—a world class hotel and spa situated high above the Machtesh (canyon). En route, we will visit Avdat- a UNESCO World Heritage- built by the Nabataeans in the 2nd Century CE and seldom seen by most tourists.

From Mitzpe Ramon, we will drive to Eilat and cross the border to Jordan where we will tour the ancient “rose red” city of Petra— carved out of solid rock, surrounded by soaring temples and elaborate Royal Tombs. Following our stay in Petra, en route to returning to Tel Aviv, we will stop at Mount Nebo—where Moses is said to have been shown the Promised Land...which he would not reach.

Join us on this extraordinary program—one that will be meaningful and exciting for return travelers as well as those who are visiting Israel for the first time—and enjoy private guided tours at leading museums, experience an Israel most visitors never get to see, and meet with distinguished curators and knowledgeable scholars all along the way!



Jerusalem, Israel

Tentative Daily Itinerary*

Tuesday, December 4 | Jerusalem

Check in to the 5 star Inbal Hotel. Superbly located, and recently renovated, it is within walking distance of the Old City and remains one of finest hotels in Jerusalem. Afternoon free to rest and relax.

Evening presentation by Iddo Katz, “Archaeology of Ancient Israel,” followed by Introductions and an opportunity to get to know one another. Opening Dinner at the Inbal (included).

Wednesday, December 5 | Jerusalem

Depart Inbal for walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. During the course of our day, some of the sites we will visit include the recent excavations at the City of David; the Kotel (Western Wall) and nearby Davidson Center; the rebuilt Jewish Quarter, and the Wohl Museum of Archaeology. Lunch on our own with time free to explore, shop and enjoy the atmosphere of the Old City.

Evening: Hanukkah candle lighting

Dinner on our own.

Thursday, December 6 | Jerusalem

Visit Yad Vashem Memorial and Holocaust Museum—the world’s leading museum, archive and research center of the Holocaust. At Yad Vashem, we will be greeted by one of the Museum’s curators who, through lecture and discussion, will bring us up to date on current research in Holocaust studies and education. Lunch on our own at Yad Vashem cafeteria, followed by visit to nearby National Mt. Herzl—“Arlington of Israel” and site of memorials to important figures in Israel’s history, including Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir and Yitzchak Rabin among others.

Evening presentation by Aryeh Maidenbaum, “Legends and Myths of Jerusalem.” Dinner on our own



Jerusalem, Israel

Friday, December 7 | Jerusalem

Morning: visit to the Israel Museum—the largest Museum in Israel and ranked among the world’s leading art and archaeology museums. Our morning at the Israel Museum will begin with a special welcome and talk by one of the Museum’s curators. During the course of our time at the Museum, we will enjoy a special, private guided tour. Following our tour of the Museum, time for shopping at the Museum’s tasteful gift shop before returning to our hotel for lunch on our own OR (optional) visit to the bustling Shuk of Mahne Yehuda for lunch on our own and time to wander about.

Evening: (optional) attend Shabbat evening Services at a nearby Synagogue, followed by dinner (included) at our hotel.

Saturday, December 8 | Jerusalem

Free day to rest, relax, attend Services, and/or explore Jerusalem on our own.

Evening: meeting and discussion with a leading political or cultural figure, followed by dinner on our own.

Sunday, December 9 | Mitzpe Ramon

Depart Jerusalem for Mitzpe Ramon. En route, stop at Kibbutz Sde Boker for visit and tour of Ben Gurion’s gravesite, home (whose rooms are exactly as Ben Gurion lived in them during his last years) and museum. Ben Gurion and his wife Paula’s gravesites overlook the magnificent Zin Valley and are visited by tens of thousands each year.

From Sde Boker, we will continue to the impressive, nearby archaeological site of Avdat—now a UNESCO World Heritage site. A major city built by the Nabataeans in the 2nd Century CE, its many partially reconstructed temples and structures offer dramatic views of the desert. Lunch along the way (included).

Check in to luxurious five star Beresheet Spa in time for relaxation and dinner (included).

Overnight: Hotel Beresheet



Mitzpe Ramon, Israel

Monday, December 10 | Mitzpe Ramon

Morning: visit the inspiring Mitzpe Ramon visitor center- housed overlooking Makhtesh Ramon- Israel's Grand Canyon; it is named and dedicated in honor of Ilan Ramon, the Israeli astronaut who perished aboard the Columbia space shuttle. A spectacular crater, with wildlife and vegetation unique to the desert, where thousands of migrating birds stop to rest each winter en route from Europe to Africa, Mitzpe Ramon is a site not to be missed if one wants to appreciate the spectacular landscape of Israel.

Rest of the day free to enjoy the facilities of Beresheet spa...OR.. (Optional) partake in an afternoon exploring the Makhtesh in the company of a licensed guide.

Overnight and dinner (included) at Beresheet.

Tuesday, December 11 | Petra

Depart Mitzpe Ramon for the "Rose Red" Nabataean city of Petra, crossing the border at Eilat. Lunch along the way (Included) before our late afternoon check in to the five star Mövenpick Resort Hotel—located directly at the entrance to the historic Nabataean city of Petra, in time for dinner (included).

Wednesday, December 12 | Petra

Walk just across the road for a visit and tour of the spectacular archaeological site of Petra – carved out of solid rock, surrounded by soaring temples and elaborate Royal Tombs, and lost to the world until just over 125 years ago. The capital city of the Nabataeans, established sometime during the 4th century CE, this ancient city is famous for its red rock architecture and highly advanced system of water irrigation- centuries ahead of its time. Lunch on our own during the course of the day.

Overnight and dinner (included), at our hotel.



Tel Aviv, Israel

Thursday, December 13 | Tel Aviv

Depart Petra for return to Israel- stopping en route at Madaba, whose Byzantine churches contain elaborate mosaic floors (including the famous map of the ancient world); historic Mount Nebo- from where Moses viewed the Promised Land, which he himself would not enter, and historic and ancient site of Jerash before crossing the border and continuing on to Tel Aviv. Lunch in Madaba (included).

After arriving in Tel Aviv, check in to the five star, stylish Sheraton Hotel – overlooking the Mediterranean and just minutes away from Old Jaffa.

Evening free: dinner on our own.

Friday, December 14 | Tel Aviv

Late morning visit to the newly renovated Bet Hatfutsot- Museum of the Diaspora- whose fascinating exhibits tell the story of the Jewish people from over 80 countries, over a period of thousands of years. Here, we will be greeted by one of the Museum's Curators, enjoy a private tour, and hear a talk by a scholar on an aspect of Jewish history and culture.

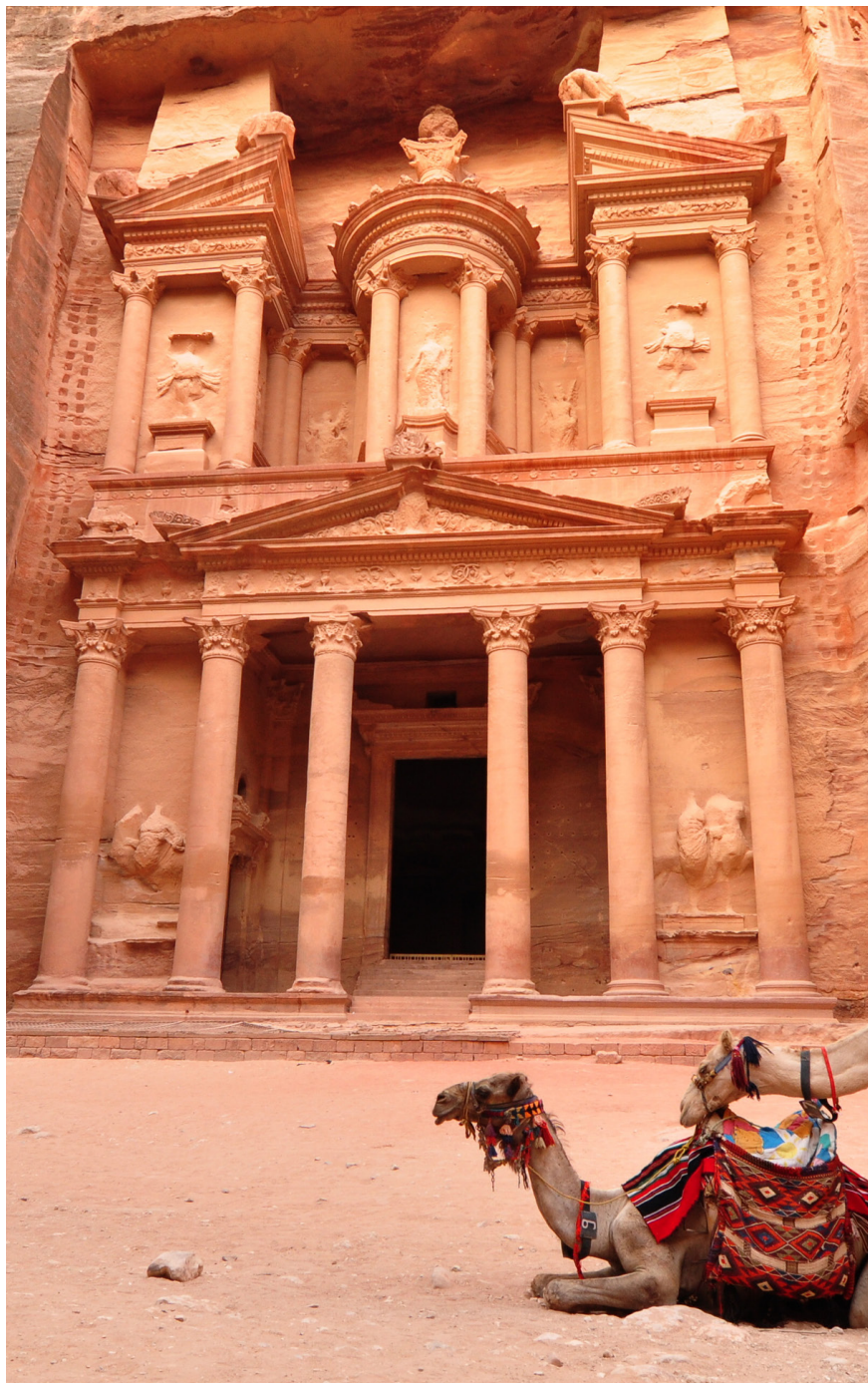
Evening: Shabbat dinner (included) at our hotel.

Saturday, December 15 | Tel Aviv

Free Day to rest, relax from our journey, and/or explore Tel Aviv or Old Jaffa on our own.

Late checkout before departing for Ben Gurion airport for flights returning to the U.S. – OR, for those who prefer, the option of staying on in Israel at an additional cost.

**Please Note: Daily schedule may be modified subject to weather or unanticipated changes.*



Petra, Jordan

Traveling with You...

Accompanying Archaeologist and Guide



Iddo Katz is an archeologist and tour guide licensed by Israel's Ministry of Tourism. Iddo is a 7th-generation born Israeli who graduated from Bar-Ilan University with degrees in Land of Israel Studies, geography and biology. A former lecturer at the Schools of Tour Guides at Bar Ilan University, Iddo has also lectured widely throughout the United States and Israel and was the area manager on archaeological excavation sites, including a well-known site at Shiloh.

Trip Leader



Aryeh Maidenbaum, Ph.D., has a strong background in the fields of History, Psychology and Jewish Studies. Dr. Maidenbaum has led many trips throughout the world and has more than 25 years experience in organizing and leading educational tours – Psychology and Jewish travel oriented programs. Director of the New York Center for Jungian Studies, Dr. Maidenbaum received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is a former faculty member at N.Y.U., and a contributing author to *Current Theories of Psychoanalysis*, Robert Langs, ed. Editor and author of books and articles, his publications include *Lingering Shadows: Jungians, Freudians and Anti-Semitism*; *Jung and the Shadow of Anti-Semitism*; *"Sounds of Silence"* and *"The Search for Spirit in Jungian Psychology."*

Accommodations



Jerusalem — Inbal Jerusalem Hotel

The Inbal Jerusalem Hotel, just minutes away from the Old City as well as modern, downtown Jerusalem, is an elegant, modern five-star deluxe hotel. All of its rooms are beautifully furnished with either terraces overlooking western Jerusalem or view of the Old City. The Inbal's indoor swimming pool, health club and sauna will provide a welcome respite from the day's touring and discussions.



Mitzpe Ramon — Beresheet Hotel

The Beresheet Hotel is located amid a breathtakingly beautiful primeval landscape, near the ancient Spice Route, on the edge of the towering cliffs that slope down into the Ramon Crater – an extraordinary natural phenomenon unparalleled in the world. This exceptional desert hotel, which maintains a dialog with the surrounding desert, allowing its essence to penetrate every corner, excels in its attention to even the smallest detail, as well as its emphasis on conscientious and uncompromising personal service.



Petra — Mövenpick Resort Petra

The Mövenpick Resort Petra is located directly at the entrance to the historic Jordanian city of Petra. This resort with an oriental flair features an exciting combination of natural stone, handcrafted wood and Middle Eastern fabrics and textures. Magnificent views and glorious sunsets can be enjoyed from the lush Al Ghadeer Roof Garden. The hotel's award-winning restaurant is renowned for its lavishly prepared dinners as well as Mediterranean culinary delights.



Tel Aviv — Sheraton Hotel

The Sheraton Hotel, one of the most desirable hotels in Tel Aviv, is superbly situated on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea- in the heart of Tel Aviv. The five star deluxe Sheraton, a short distance from Old Jaffa, provides clear, breathtaking views of the white sands and sea.



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Program Details

Program Cost: \$6200 (plus \$54 Museum of Jewish Heritage fee for nonmembers)

Includes:

- Eleven nights' accommodations
- Full breakfast daily; three lunches; seven dinners
- Entrance fees to all museums and sites on itinerary
- All group transportation via deluxe air-conditioned coach.

**Per person, double occupancy; single supplement (\$1500) and gratuities (\$160) additional. Call our office for more details.*

A \$1,000 nonrefundable deposit due upon registration. second deposit of \$1,000 per person due August 15. (Subject to availability of space, participants may still register after this date, at an additional cost.) Balance due 120 days prior to trip departure.

Disclaimer of Responsibility By registering for this program, participant specifically waives any and all claims of action against the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Jewish Heritage Travel office and their respective staffs for damages, loss, injury, accident or death incurred by any person in connection with this tour. The Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Jewish HeritageTravel office and their respective staffs assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel, carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the passengers. Neither will the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Jewish Heritage Travel office or their staffs be responsible for any injury, death, loss, accident, delay or irregularity through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purposes for which tickets, vouchers, or coupons are issued. No responsibility is accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, wars and other causes. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty. All rights reserved to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at his/her own expense when such an action is determined by the tour staff to be in the best interest of the participant's health and safety, and that of the group in general.

Registration Information

How to register

Online jhtravel.org

Mail Fill out this registration form and mail with your check or credit card information to:

Jewish Heritage Travel Program
27 North Chestnut Street
New Paltz, NY 12561

Fax Fill out this registration form and mail with your check or credit card information and fax to:

845.256.0196

To register by telephone, call our office

845.256.0197

Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm

Participation Limited to 30 participants, the program will entail considerable walking, including uneven terrain. Participants need to be in active, good health, able to keep up with the group, ready to travel and experience group and cultural differences with grace. If you have any questions, or need help with your travel plans, please call the Jewish Heritage Travel Office at 845.256.0197.

Insurance Participants are urged to purchase travel insurance for losses necessitated by having to cancel participation due to health issues. For your convenience, insurance forms will be sent upon registration, or consult your own insurance agent. Please contact The Jewish Heritage Travel office at 845.256.0197 for more information.

Changes All rights are reserved by the Program Directors to make faculty substitutions and/or to modify the itinerary (including hotels) as needed.

Cancellations All cancellations must be received by The Jewish Heritage Travel Program in writing. Cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure: full refund less non-refundable deposits, per person; 119-90 days prior to departure: 50% refund per person after non-refundable deposits. **No refunds after this date.**



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Registration Form:

Trip title/country

Dates of travel

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Email address

Phone number

Cell phone number

PARTICIPANT NAMES:

Museum Member

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

ACCOMMODATIONS

☐ I would like a single room (for single room supplement please see trip details) I'll share a room with:

Please share any special information we should know to enhance your experience.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

- ☐ I will make my own flight arrangements .
☐ I need assistance and will call (845-256-0197).

DEPOSIT

Make your deposit by check or credit card.

- ☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to Jewish Heritage Travel Program

in the amount of : \$ _____.

- ☐ Please charge \$ _____ to my:

☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

card holder's name

card number

exp. date: mo/yr

validation code

Signature

Please send your non-refundable deposit for \$1000 per participant by mail or fax.

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