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**Adult Israel Discovery**

*November 7-16, 2022*

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| **Monday, November 7** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion airport (own flight arrangements)
* PCR testing (if required)
* Individual transfers to your hotel for check-in (Keshet is happy to help you make arrangements for a private driver or you can easily get a taxi from the authorized Taxi Stand outside the arrivals hall)
* Check-in at hotel
* Rendezvous in the early evening with other participants and your Keshet Tour Educator
* Welcome Dinner at the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Orchid, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, November 8** | ***the first hebrew city*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Visit the newly opened ANU Museum of Jewish Culture (former Diaspora Museum), including the new Core exhibit as well as the Hallelujah! Assemble, Pray, Study – Synagogues Past and Present exhibit.
* Lunch break (on own)
* Walk along the “Independence Trail” to learn more about the founding of the city of Tel Aviv and the State of Israel.
* Stroll through the weekly arts & crafts fair at Nahalat Binyamin.
* “Jaffa Stories & Coffee” encounter. Meet Doris Hiffawi in her home in the Ajami neighborhood to hear her personal story of a Christian girl growing up in a Jewish, Muslim and Christian area over coffee and snacks (baklava).
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Orchid, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, November 9** | ***mystics and mountains*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Site visit toSave A Child's Heart whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries suffering from heart disease and who cannot get adequate medical care in their home countries.
* Travel north to the mystical city of Zefat in the Upper Galilee
* Lunch (on own)
* Visit the synagogues of the mystics and trace the development of Zefat as a center of Kabbalah to the expulsion from Spain in 1492.
* Art & Kabbalah program with local artist, David Friedman
* Shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and artist colony.
* Check-in at kibbutz hotel on the shores of the Kinneret and dinner.

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz**Nof Ginossar Hotel*

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| **Thursday, November 10** | ***golan heights 360O*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel.
* Ascend the Golan Heights to Tel Saki, site of a fierce battle during the Yom Kippur War.
* Security briefing by Capt. (Res.) Yaakov Selavan, IDF tank commander while overlooking Syria.
* Meet young IDF soldiers defending Israel’s northern border.
* Visit the magnificent ancient synagogue of Ein Keshatot.
* Lunch break (on own) in Katzrin.
* Travel to Kibbutz Ein Zivan:
  + Wine Lovers’ option: Enjoy wine-tasting at the Pelter Winery
  + Chocolate Lovers’ option: Hands-on workshop at the De Karina Boutique Chocolate Factory
* Outlook over Syria from Mt. Bental (time and weather permitting)
* Return to hotel for dinner.

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz**Nof Ginossar Hotel*

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| **Friday, November 11** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* At Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu learn how this religious kibbutz led the “Green Revolution” in organic farming in Israel. “Bio Bee” tour of the fields and their “bug factory”.
* Lunch break (on own) in Bet She’an.
* Continue to Jerusalem to check-in and prepare for shabbat.
* Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Masorti (egalitarian) Kotel followed by visit to the Kotel Plaza.
* Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

***Overnight:*** *Bat Sheva Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Shabbat, November 12** | ***shabbat in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Shabbat morning services at local synagogue.
* Day at leisure to explore the city on your own.
* (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5).
* We reconvene in the late afternoon for a meeting with Issam Sa’ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas and is now involved in a unique Jewish-Palestinian dialogue project.
* Group Havdalah
* Evening: Tower of David “Night Spectacular” sound & light show, projected on the walls of the museum. (Dress warmly as we will be sitting outside)
* Dinner on your own

***Overnight:*** *Bat Sheva Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, November 13** | ***this year in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Begin the day with a spectacular outlook over Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Delve into the story of the Binding of Isaac and discuss whether Abraham (or Isaac) passed the test.
* Continue to the City of David. Text study on the story of David and Batsheva, incorporating art and music. Discussion on Jewish Political Morality and David as a paradigm of *teshuva.*
* Brief Kotel Visit
* Lunch at restaurant in the Old City.
* Visit the Southern Wall excavations. Explore the centrality of the Temple and the role of pilgrimage in ancient times.
* Ascend to the Jewish Quarter. Shopping time in the Cardo.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Bat Sheva Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Monday, November 14** | ***shoah to tekumah*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* We learn and remember at the Yad Vashem Historical Complex, including the historical museum, Sculpture Garden and Children’s Memorial.
* Lunch break (on own)
* Learn about the father of political Zionism, Theodor Herzl at the multi-media Herzl Museum.
* Visit the Mr. Herzl Military Cemetery.
* Dinner and evening at leisure

***Overnight:*** *Bat Sheva Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Tuesday, November 15** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Early Breakfast at hotel
* Travel to the Dead Sea Region, lowest point on earth.
* Photo-op with Shushi the Camel en route at the “Sea Level” Marker.
* Cable car up to the fortress of Masada where the last Jewish freedom fighters faced the mighty Roman Empire 2,000 years ago. Tour atop the mountain as we address the troubling issues presented by the Masada story. Descend by cable car.
* Lunch (on own) at the Masada Visitor’s Center
* Easy hike to the Nahal David oasis in the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve.
* Float in the Dead Sea at a private beach.
* Return to Jerusalem.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Bat Sheva Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Wednesday, November 16** | ***bashana haba’ah!*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* PCR/Antigen testing (if required) at the hotel.
* Morning speaker: Political briefing by leading analyst or journalist
* Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah.
* Participate in a unique archaeological project at Emek Tzurim, sifting through excavated remains from dig sites of Biblical Jerusalem.
* Free time for last minute shopping and exploration.
* We reconvene for a summary discussion and farewell dinner.
* Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for departure on late night flights.
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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