

THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP

ISRAEL : Dynamic and Diverse

with Optional Extension to JORDAN

Many faceted Israel awaits our group. We visit famous sites as well as hidden secrets, ancient Biblical scenes alongside a modern dynamic country. Our Israel trip is for women who wish to enjoy a diverse view of Israel while appreciating its art, food, history, and scenery. Please join us for this small group excursion to one of the most glorious countries, continue to Petra which is a bucket list option.

Day 1, Saturday, February 26 - Arrive in Tel Aviv (D)

From Ben Gurion Airport to our hotel is a 30-minute ride. Transfer to the hotel on your own. Taxi and shuttle information available upon request. Private transfer available at additional cost.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Time permitting, enjoy a stroll along the beautiful beachfront promenade while enjoying the refreshing air and surf.

We will meet our guide for an orientation briefing prior to dinner. Our guide will join us this evening for our welcome dinner at Hatraklin Restaurant which includes Israeli wine. ***Overnight Tel Aviv at the Market House Hotel, Superior Room or similar***

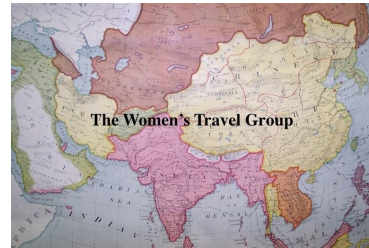
Day 2, Sunday, February 27 - Tel Aviv / Caesarea / Haifa / Tiberias (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will leave Tel Aviv and travel north to visit the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman rule. View the excavated Roman Theater, and aqueduct once used for conveying water to the city. Visit the Hologram room and ask questions to important and historical figures from Caesarea's past.

Travel to Zichron Yaakov and for a visit to Lavido a place where nature meets the body. Here, we have a unique opportunity to learn about therapeutic herbs and oils and discover their wonderful qualities which enable us to sustain a better and healthier way of life. Have a fun workshop activity at the Visitor's Center – including preparation of the oil with detailed explanation of the various herbs. Each guest creates at 30ml bottle of oil to take home.

Lunch at The Tishbi Winery Restaurant in Zichron Yaakov.

Then we will arrive in Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the beautiful Bahai Gardens with its impressive Temple. The Baha'i faith began to take its present form in 1844 in Iran. It grew out of the Shi'ite branch of Islam and was proclaimed by a young Iranian, who called himself The Báb. The golden-domed shrine is the resting place of the Prophet Herald, Báb.



Later we meet one of the Ethiopian women and hear the story of her journey to Israel and making a new life here in the Jewish State. We can form a special women's circle that provides fascinating insights of the world of women in Ethiopia.

Cross the Galilee until we reach the hotel in the city of Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner at our hotel. ***Overnight Tiberias at Leonardo Hotel or similar***

Day 3, Monday, February 28 - Tiberias - Northern Israel Sightseeing (B, D)

This morning visit Capernaum: a 2nd century synagogue which throws light on the life of the community of that era Proceed to Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus delivered the sermon on the mount, visit a beautiful church, and enjoy a magnificent view of the northern part of the Sea of Galilee.

Ascend the Golan Heights, enjoying its physical beauty with its scenic hills, and learn the strategic importance and history of the land. At the Har Bental overlook, a former military base, we can view Syria and learn about the town of Kunetra and the 1967 & 1973 Wars.

Enjoy a tour and wine tasting at the Golan Heights Winery, one of the most advanced wineries in Israel. Israel combines traditional winemaking knowledge with cutting-edge wine related technologies.

Travel to the Mystical City of Safed (the birthplace of Kabbalah) one of the Four Holy Cities according to tradition with its Kabalistic studies. We will stroll through the narrow, winding alleys; visit some of the beautiful synagogues and browse through the artists' workshops and galleries found in the flourishing artists' quarter. Dinner will be at our hotel.

Overnight Tiberias at Leonardo Hotel or similar

Day 4, Tuesday, March 1 - Tiberias / Kibbutz / Nazareth / Judean Desert / Jerusalem (B, D)

Morning travel to Kibbutz Lavi where you can enjoy a unique kibbutz experience, see – feel – smell and taste the different aspects the kibbutz has and learn how it changed from the time the kibbutz was established till today.

Continue to Nazareth, childhood home of Jesus. Visit the stunningly beautiful Church of the Annunciation. Inhale the scents, sights, sounds and tastes of the Middle East during a visit to a local spice shop.

On the way to Jerusalem stop at Eretz Bresheit and have a short camel ride in the Judean Desert and learn all about the surrounding area and its rich history. Then Abraham and his family will host us in their tent for a traditional Hebrew Hospitality & Biblical Dinner.

Overnight Jerusalem at Hotel Arthur, Hotel Harmony, Standard Room or similar

Day 5, Wednesday, March 2 - Jerusalem Sightseeing (B,L)

After breakfast, we will stop at the Mount of Olives a viewpoint overlooking the Old City where we shall celebrate our arrival with a special She'hecheyanu ceremony, a blessing we use to offer thanks for new and unusual experiences.



We will then visit the City of David and see the newest and exciting excavations of Jerusalem during the time of the first Temple period.

Next, we will enter the Old City and head for the Southern Wall Excavations. Here we will visit the Davidson Center, one of the most significant archeological sites in the country.

We will then proceed to the holiest place in Judaism today, the Western Wall - "Kotel". The Kotel is part of the few remaining structures of the Temple Complex built by Herod the Great.

Next, we begin to descend through the many layers of Jerusalem's past at the time of the Temple through the Western Wall Tunnels. Inside, a most interesting model shows the different dwelling periods and history of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Stand on the site believed to be the nearest spot to the "Holy of Holies"

We walk parts of the Via Dolorosa. We visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

We will then walk through the Jewish Quarter in the Old City, which was reconstructed after the city was unified after the Six-Day War in 1967. A special point of interest in the restored Jewish Quarter is the "Cardo". View the unearthed main Roman thoroughfare and ancient marketplace lined with columns.

During our full day sightseeing of Jerusalem, we will enjoy a casual falafel lunch at a local restaurant.

Overnight Jerusalem at Hotel Arthur, Hotel Harmony, Standard Room or similar

Day 6, Thursday, March 3 – (B,D)

After breakfast, we will travel to Yad Vashem, considered the primary museum and memorial for the 6 million Jews murdered in the Holocaust. We will visit the very moving exhibit at the Children's Pavilion, commemorating the death of over 1.5 million Jewish children in the Holocaust. Have a special emphasis on women during the Holocaust.

We will visit the renovated and exciting Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited, and view a large Model of Jerusalem, as it used to look in the 2nd Temple period. The Museum itself has a vast priceless collection of archeological finds and artifacts.

We continue to the Billy Rose Garden with beautiful views and oriental landscape. William "Billy" Rose was an American impresario, theatrical showman and lyricist.

In the evening enter Migdal David to see the famous Sound and Light Show which displays the history of the city of Jerusalem along the ancient stones. See the walls come to life before your eyes !! This evening enjoys Dinner at Eucalyptus restaurant with Israeli wine.

Overnight Jerusalem at Hotel Arthur, Hotel Harmony, Standard Room or similar

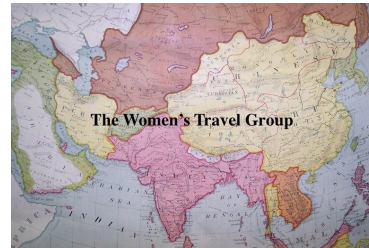
Day 7, Friday, March 4 - Jerusalem Sightseeing (B,D)

Spend the day at leisure in Jerusalem.

Optional tour to Dead Sea area available at additional cost.

Have the afternoon at leisure to relax before Shabbat. For Shabbat Dinner we will enjoy a home cooked dinner, with explanations of Jewish customs and a five course Shabbat meal featuring cuisine from a variety of communities from the Jewish Diaspora.

Overnight Jerusalem at Hotel Arthur, Hotel Harmony, Standard Room or similar



Day 8, Saturday, March 5 - Depart Jerusalem (B)

This morning our tour ends after breakfast Hotel rooms available for day use until 6 PM checkout.

(OPTIONAL – Transfer to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport for international departure flight available at additional cost)

Continue your journey with our extension to Petra, Jordan. We can help plan stopovers in Europe! Pre-tour nights in Tel Aviv are available. Price on request. Or stay on in Israel.

Main Tour

Based on minimum 10 travelers
Land price based on double occupancy: \$3,995
per person Optional Single Room Supplement:
\$990 per person

OPTIONAL TOURS

Dead Sea area day tour (Day 7)

Dead Sea & Masada - minimum 2 pax = \$190 per person

Dead Sea Relaxation –minimum 2 pax = \$155 per person

Included in Custom Package:

5 nights on double/single sharing room, breakfast basis (Tel Aviv & Jerusalem) 2

nights on double/single sharing room, breakfast & dinner basis (Tiberias)

6 days English speaking guide

Entrance Fees into sites as per itinerary

Personal headphones for use for the duration of the touring program A/C vehicle (10-11 pax = 19-seater / 12-20 pax = 35-seater)

Welcome Dinner – Hatraklin Restaurant, Gold Menu (Day 1, excluding movie) Lunch – Tishbi Winery Restaurant (Day 2)

Abrahams Dinner Eretz Beresheet - (Day 4)

Lunch local restaurant (Day 5)

Dinner Eucalyptus Restaurant (Day 6)

Shabbat dinner (Day 7)

Not Included

Meals not mentioned

Tours not mentioned

Transfer Ben Gurion Airport – hotel in Tel-Aviv on arrival day

Transfer Jerusalem - Ben Gurion Airport on departure day

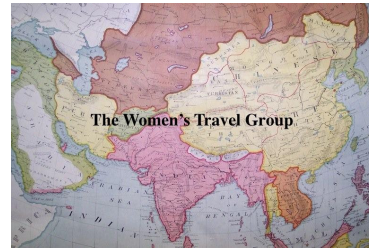
International Air & Airport taxes

Insurance (will be quoted separately)

Tipping/gratuities

Items of a personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages

Any items not listed above.



JORDAN EXTENSION

Day 1 – Saturday, March 5 - Jerusalem / Allenby Bridge Border / Dead Sea (D)

Morning transfer from your hotel in Jerusalem to the Israel/Jordan border at Allenby Bridge. Cross into Jordan and continue to our resort on the **Dead Sea**. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy floating on the Dead Sea or relaxing in the resorts world-class spa (spa entry and treatments are payable direct). **Overnight Movenpick Dead Sea Resort or similar.**

Day 2 – Sunday, March 6 - Dead Sea / Madaba / Mt. Nebo / Shobak / Petra (BLD)

The morning will be dedicated to visiting the sites of Madaba and Mt. Nebo. **Madaba**, a small town at the head of the ancient King's Highway, is covered with fantastic mosaics from the Byzantine era. Many are located in private homes, discovered when owners dug foundations or gardens. At St. George's Cathedral, they will see the most famous of all - a clearly labeled mosaic map of Jerusalem and the surrounding areas dated 560 A.D., which has helped archaeologists to identify many important sites in Jordan. **Mt. Nebo** is just west of Madaba, on a cliff overlooking the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea. Long believed to be the burial place of Moses, Mount Nebo has impressive mosaics and other remains from 4th and 6th Century A.D. churches, monasteries, and hermitages, now maintained by Franciscan priests living near the site... Continue afterwards further south to **Shobak** Castle is an enchanting castle that was built in 1115 under the rule of King Baldwin I. Shobak Castle is particularly striking due to its remote location in the desert which will make visitors feel a world away from home. Within the castle grounds, visitors can explore the churches, historic ruins, and a secret passageway that leads to a charming spring. The castle also boasts a watchtower, catacombs and a number of Christian carvings and Islamic tablets. We then travel to our hotel in Petra. **Overnight Petra Guesthouse, Nabatean Castle Hotel or similar.**

Day 3 – Monday, March 7 - Petra / Amman (BLD)

Full day to explore the legendary rose-red city of Petra. Petra is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Most of the 800 monuments in Petra are carved out of solid rock. See the spectacular Treasury, the 8,000-seat amphitheater, the Temple of the Winged Lions, and other monuments. Enjoy a 15- minute horseback ride on our way back to the entrance. Late afternoon travel to Amman. Farewell dinner at the hotel or local restaurant. **Overnight InterContinental Amman or similar.**

Day 4 – Tuesday, March 8 - Depart Amman (B)

Transfer to Amman Airport for your departure flight.

Jordan Extension

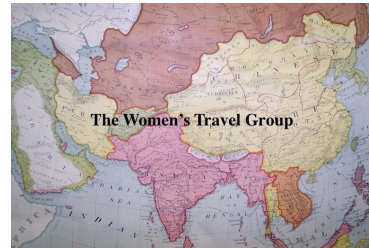
Based on minimum 4 passengers -

Land price based on double occupancy:
Single Room Supplement:

\$1,650 per person
\$ 385 per person

Included in Custom Package:

- Accommodation – as per itinerary or similar
- Meals – as per itinerary



- Sightseeing w/ entrance fees – as per itinerary
- Transportation in 7-seater van with professional driver
- Jerusalem to Allenby Bridge transfer with Israeli vehicle and driver
- Amman Airport departure transfer, including assistance
- Coffee/Tea/Juice with breakfast only
- Service of local professional English-speaking guide throughout Jordan
- Porterage at airport and hotels (1 bag per person)
- Two bottles of mineral water per person per day in vehicles
- Jordan Visa (passport copies required)

Not included:

- Meals not mentioned
- All drinks (except coffee/tea/juice with breakfasts & 2 bottle of water per day)
- Tours not mentioned
- International Air & Airport taxes (quotes available upon request)
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities for all services (meals, lodge staff & driver/guide)
- Items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages
- Any items not listed above.

Terms & Conditions:

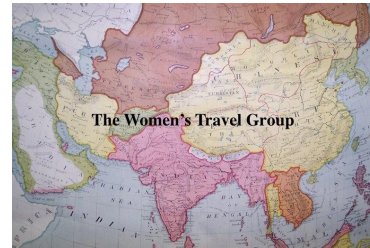
Visas: US Passport holders currently **do not** require visas for **Israel**. US Passport holders currently require visas for **Jordan** - we can provide visa free of charge as long as clients send a copy of passport at time of booking. Please ensure that your passport is valid for 6 months from return date.

Airfares (TBA): Based on current fares and subject to change without notice UNTIL TICKETED. Airfares are based on the current lowest fare, and subject to availability of the applicable class of service. it may be necessary to re-quote a fare at the time of booking, depending on availability. At time of final payment, please check for any applicable increase in taxes and fuel surcharges. Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once ticketed. Details will be provided on request. **Please note that effective Jun 01 2019 it is mandatory to provide the passenger contact details - Tel # & Email - to the airline, in order that they may provide updates directly to the passenger regarding schedule changes, flight delays or cancellations.** The passenger has the right, not to provide the contact details, but the travel agency issuing the ticket requires to receive such refusal in writing, which will be added to the ticketing record.

****Insurance:** We strongly recommend Travel Insurance. The link below says ECPS Consulting-the name for our insurance license. You can secure quotes and buy insurance easily from this link. [Travel Insurance Quote](#) linked here
Insurance is non-refundable

Inoculations: We recommend that you contact Passport Health at 1-888-499 7277 or www.passporthealthusa.com for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

Tour Reservations: SITA requires a deposit of \$500 per person to commence reservations. This amount will be adjusted with the balance due 90 days prior to



departure.

Tour Payments: SITA accepts tour payments by Agency check and /or by clients Visa, Master & American Express credit cards. Payments are made directly online at .SITA does not accept 3rd party credit cards.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure: \$350 per person; 89-61 days prior to departure, the fee incurred will be 75% of the entire tour price No refunds whatsoever will be made for cancellations received within the last 60 days prior to departure.

Tour documents: Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 30-15 days prior to departure.

