

EXPERIENCE

ISRAEL

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FFOZ MODERN ISRAEL TOUR

Experience Israel

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Sunday, April 15–Thursday, April 26, 2018 | 11 days, including travel

Join us for a unique and unforgettable journey through the land of Israel. You will be amazed and delighted at the modernity of the country as we experience post-1900s sites. Your heart will be moved as we visit modern-day battle sites and open our eyes to the reality of Israel's militaristic society.

We will celebrate Israeli Independence Day among the people on the streets of Jerusalem and feel the mournful loss of Israel's young sons, brothers and friends on Memorial Day. No other tour will allow you to experience Israel like this as we kayak the Jordan River, jeep the historic "Burma Road," and walk the "Salad Trail," picking and eating of Israel's delicious produce along the way.

Israelis from all walks of life will spend time with our group and you will be astonished at the diversity of the culture. Experiences in a Bedouin village, in a Samaritan town, on location at battle sites, in the mystical alleyways of Tzfat, inside Israel's Knesset (parliament building), and with our own IDF soldiers will deeply enhance your connection to the land and her people in ways that most tourists never experience.

This is your opportunity to truly touch the physical land and attach to her people. Come with us, and be inspired at the beauty, productivity, cooperation, and ingenuity of this Modern-day Miracle: The Land of Israel.

Visit ffoz.org/events, call **800-775-4807**, or e-mail tikvah@ffoz.org for more information.

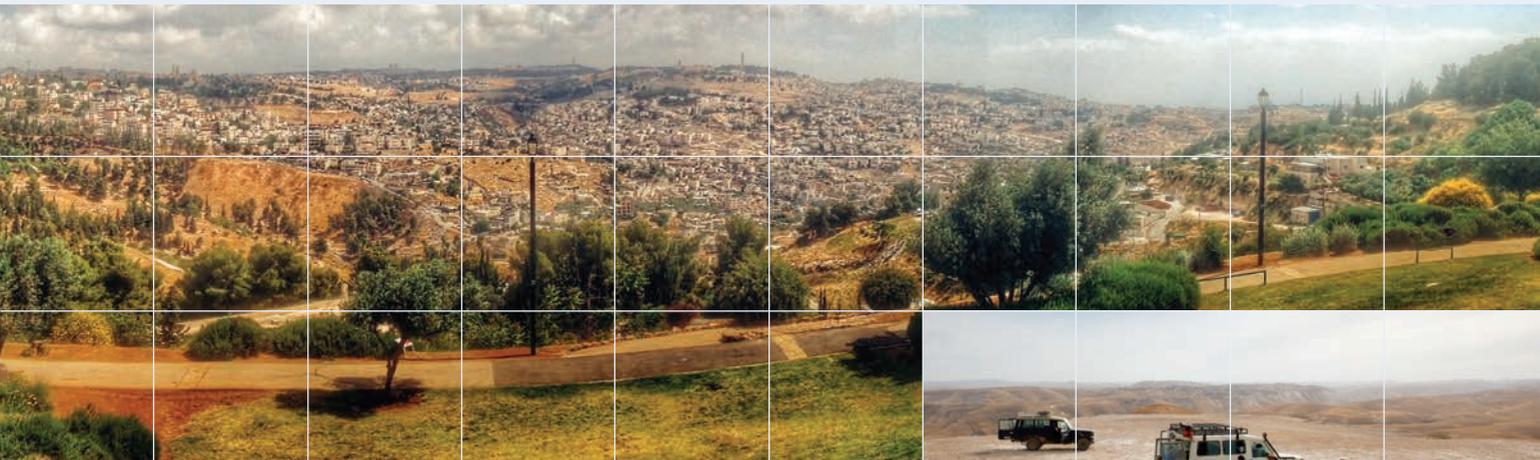
Cost \$4,500 per person
\$3,540 land-only package available

Includes airfare from New York, 4-Star hotels, all food, transportation within Israel, and all tips and fees. A \$500 deposit is due upon tour application; the remaining balance is due January 15, 2018.

Tentative Itinerary *(subject to change)*

- SUN. APRIL 15** **Departure** | Depart from New York, USA
- MON. APRIL 16** **Morning Arrival in Tel Aviv | Birth of a Nation** | Hebrew graffiti tour, Independence Hall, Jaffa Port.
Overnight in Tel Aviv
- TUE. APRIL 17** **Return to and Blossoming of the Negev** | *Svil haSalat* ("the Salad Trail") greenhouses, Beersheba and the Anzac Forces, David Ben Gurion's grave, En Avdat, hike the dramatic Nahal Tzin valley in the Negev. *Overnight in Bedouin Tent in the Negev desert*
- WED. APRIL 18** **Judaism and Jerusalem Divided and Reunited** (Memorial Day) | Jerusalem Seam Line tour, Ammunition Hill, Mount Herzl and the birth of modern Zionism, Yad HaShmona Messianic Jewish *moshav*, evening walk through Machane Yehudah outdoor market ("the shuk"), and Ben Yehudah street party in celebration of Independence Day.
Overnight in Jerusalem
- THU. APRIL 19** **Independence Day** (Yom Hatzma'ut) | Friends of Zion Heritage Center, IAF air show in honor of Israel's independence, Latrun tank museum, Jeep up the "Burma Road," evening talk with IDF soldiers. *Overnight in Jerusalem*
- FRI. APRIL 20** **Jerusalem, the Religious Epicenter** | Old City Jewish Quarter walking tour, Hurva Synagogue tour, the City of David, the Temple Mount Sifting Project, prepare for Shabbat and walk to the Kotel for Erev Shabbat prayers, late evening traditional Erev Shabbat meal. *Overnight in Jerusalem*
- SAT. APRIL 21** **Israel – Jerusalem, Sabbath Peace** | Shabbat in Jerusalem, picnic lunch, Mount Zion, Pauline Rose walking tour, after Shabbat open house at the Bram Center. *Overnight in Jerusalem*
- SUN. APRIL 22** **Jerusalem, A Modern Existence** | Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum, Israel's Knesset (Parliament) and Supreme Court Buildings, the Knesset menorah, Israel Museum, evening shopping on iconic Ben Yehuda Street.
Overnight in Jerusalem
- MON. APRIL 23** **Samaria, the Heartland of Israel** | Ariel, Ariel University, wine tasting, industry and vision, Samaritan Mount Gerizim, provide a BBQ cook-out dinner for soldiers, and eating with them on their IDF base in Samaria. *Overnight in Galilee*
- TUE. APRIL 24** **The Strategic Golan Heights** | Tzfat (Safed), Misgav Am on the edge of Lebanon, OZ 77 and the battle for the Golan, Golan Magic and Olive Oil Experience, Hanita "tower and stockade," Acco, Jordan River kayaking. *Overnight in Galilee*
- WED. APRIL 25** **Retracing the Footsteps of the Pioneers | Along the Coast** | Atlit (the restored British transit camp where Holocaust survivors were held until 1948), the Diaspora Museum, Palmach Museum, farewell dinner on the coast, transport to Ben Gurion Airport for midnight departure.
- THU. APRIL 26** **Return** | Arrival in the U.S.

* This course schedule is given in good faith, but it is subject to changes without prior notice to adapt to climate conditions, time limitations, other circumstances, or at the discretion of the instructor.



We just cannot thank you enough, nor adequately articulate how profoundly the Modern Israel tour has affected our lives. We certainly expected that of the Biblical Tour, however we did not expect how remarkably all this “modern” history is linked and how much more we understand in our current times. We still have so much to learn, indeed, but when people ask if we would recommend the Modern Israel Tour, without a moment’s hesitation, we emphatically answer, “YES! You must!” Thank you and all who helped in making this trip such a fantastic one.

—The Christensen Family



Our favorite part of this trip was being immersed in the culture, spending time with the Israelis, and going places most tourists never get to. We deeply appreciate the resilience and fervor of the people for their land. What a beautiful experience!

—Warren & Candi Bishop



I really loved all the places to which we went on our Modern Israel Tour! I liked meeting and interacting with everyday Israelis including the IDF soldiers with whom we shared a meal. What an opportunity we all had on this trip! I especially liked being able to visit the new Bram Center in Jerusalem, going to visit Ariel and Tzfat, and having the special local guides at the different locations. We got a real taste of the local “color”. Avi at Ariel and the kibbutznik at Misgav Am were amazing! I won’t forget these guys! Our bus driver, Rafi, was so good too. A real, live, Israeli who has done a lot to serve his country! I’m so glad that we were able to spend extended time with both of these guys!

What a special trip this has been to me! I’ve loved it! I’d like to come back again some day!

—Rich Hall

