**Beth El Temple Israel Trip May 22 - June 3 2016**

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**Sunday 22nd May: Departure**

1:30pm Depart US

**Monday 23rd May: Getting started**

7:00am Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv and meet your staff

Travel to Sderot

Tour of Sderot with the Sderot Media Centre

PM Lunch in Sderot

 Mitzpe Ramon Visitors Centre

 Drive to Eilat through the Ramon Crater

EVE Check in and dinner at hotel

***Overnight: Herods Vitalis Eilat***

**Tuesday 24th May: Petra and Wadi Rum**

AM Breakfast at hotel

 Travel to Petra

 Visit Petra

PM Lunch in Petra

 Visit Wadi Rum

 Return to hotel

EVE Dinner at hotel

***Overnight: Herods Vitalis Eilat***

**Wednesday 25th May:** **Day of Leisure in Eilat**

AM Breakfast at hotel

Track 1- Relaxed day: Time to rest and enjoy the hotel facilities and free time in Eilat

Track 2- Active day: Options of snorkelling, diving, water sports at own expense

EVE Dinner on own in Eilat

***Overnight: Herods Vitalis Eilat***

**Thursday 26th May: The Dead Sea and Masada: Experience the Desert**

AM Breakfast and checkout from hotel

Travel to Masada

Visit Masada, where the Zealots lived for three years during the destruction of the 2nd Temple. Ascend Masada via cable car.

PM Lunch at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Spa at the Dead Sea

 Afternoon in the Spa

 Travel to Jerusalem

EVE Check in hotel

 Dinner on own

***Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem***

**Friday 27th May: History and Memory**

AM Breakfast at hotel followed by check out

 Tour *Yad Vashem*Holocaust Museum and Memorial

Visit Har Herzl, the burial site of Theodore Herzl, the father of modern political Zionism, and the National Cemetery. Includes entrance to the multimedia presentation at the Herzl Museum

PM Lunch on own at Machne Yehuda ' the Souk'. Experience the pre Shabbat buzz in Jerusalem's famous market

 Rest and prepare for Shabbat

EVE *Kabbalat Shabbat* at the Kotel

 Dinner at hotel

***Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem***

**Shabbat 28th May: Shabbat in Jerusalem**

AM Optional Shabbat services at local synagogues

Study session with your Rabbi

PM Shabbat lunch at hotel

Free time to enjoy the hotels facilities / Optional walking tour of one of Jerusalem's early neighborhoods

EVE *Seudah Shlishit* at the Fuchsberg Centre with Conservative Yeshiva students

 *Havdalah* at the hotel

Performance: Jerusalem's Citadel, known as the Tower of David. Watch the History of Jerusalem unfold through giant, breathtaking, virtual reality images

***Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem***

**Sunday 29th May: Jerusalem in Antiquity**

AM Breakfast at hotel

 Kotel Tunnels

Tour of the Jewish Quarter and Second Temple Period Excavations

PM Falafel/shwarma lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter

Travel to Gush Etzion for a short tour of the Binyamin region to get a Jewish right wing perspective

Meet an Israeli settler and an ex PLO activist to hear Arab-Israeli dialogue and their joint views on how to achieve peace in the region

EVE Dinner at Molino restaurant

***ernight: Inbal, Jerusalem***

**Monday 30th May: The Golan**

AM Breakfast and checkout from hotel

 Drive North

Visit the Island of Peace for a spectacular viewpoint of Israel and Jordan

PM Lunch on own at Tzemach Junction

 *Jeep tour* on the Golan Heights

EVE Check in and dinner at hotel

***Overnight: Pastoral Kfar Blum***

**Tuesday 31st May: The Mosaics of the Galilee**

AM Breakfast at hotel

Drive to Tzfat to visit the narrow cobblestone alleys and the mystical centre of Kabbalah during the 16th century and home to great rabbinic scholars. Explore the synagogues, allies and the art galleries.

PM Lunch on own in Tzfat

Visit one of Israel’s best wineries, Galil Mountain winery for a tour and tasting.

Visit Rihaniya to learn about the Cercassian community and their contribution to the state of Israel

EVE Dinner at Hotel

***Overnight: Pastoral Kfar Blum***

**Wednesday 1st June: Rosh Hanikra and Akko**

AM Breakfast and checkout from hotel

Travel to Rosh Hanikra

Visit Rosh Hanikra grottos

PM Lunch on own in the Akko souk

Explore ancient Akko- UNESCO declared World Heritage Site

Drive to Tel Aviv

EVE Check in to hotel

Dinner at hotel

Free evening

***Overnight: Carlton Tel Aviv***

**Thursday 2nd June: Jaffa**

AM Late breakfast

 Walking tour of Jaffa and free time at the famous Jaffa Flea Market

PM Lunch on own in Jaffa

 Visit the Peres Center for Peace

 Return to hotel to freshen up and check out

EVE Farewell dinner at L’Entrecote

 Transfer to terminal