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DISCOVER ISRAEL WITH FREEDOM TRAVEL

By Denny Patterson



To some, traveling to another country is a fun hobby. To others, it's a once in a lifetime experience.

Freedom Travel is a full-service travel agency located in Wilton Manors. Founded by Richard Safaty in 1994, One of their specialties is the company's signature trip to Israel. "We have been taking clients to Israel since 2009, and this is one of our biggest trips each year," Safaty says. "It's a small, boutique, luxury, gay group tour, which I host personally with my husband Omer Mizrahi, who is from Israel. We are both very proud of the product we provide. We have a professional staff employed in Israel, we use the same gay guide each year, and we use the finest Israeli operators for all of our transportation needs. I picked all of the hotels myself based on location and service level. This is a luxury trip."

This year's 13-day tour will be June 9th - 23th, 2020. There are 26 available spots, and according to Safaty, they fill up fast.

"For the people who go on this trip, I hope it opens their eyes to really see what Israel is like," Safaty says. "People often see what's on the news or snippets in newspaper articles, but actually going to Israel and seeing the people, eating the food, and feeling the culture

and history, is truly amazing. People come back saying that this was the best trip they have ever been on. The ratings we get from customers who have gone with us are all over the top. Everyone loves it. From the hotels to the restaurants, the balance I have in the itinerary between touring and leisure time works out great. I like to give customers some of their own time to do their own thing. We offer a fully guided and escorted tour, but we make sure there's plenty of time in there for people to do other things they might want to do. It's a cultural experience. And it's for everyone, not exclusively for Christian or Jewish participants."

Trip goers will receive the opportunity to visit Tel Aviv, Haifa, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee, Safed, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Eilat, and a private tour of Petra in Jordan. The tour is \$5,499 per person based on double occupancy, and \$7,199 for single rates.

"For us, not only do we enjoy taking people to Israel in a business perspective, but I love to see how they react once they step foot on Israeli soil and see the country for the first time," he says.

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When they see the Western Wall, experience Tel Aviv's gay pride, walk along the beach shores, walk the stations of the cross, enjoy the food and friendliness of the people, it's all amazing. We are taking people and letting them experience a place they would most likely never go to on their own."

For the last three years, the Israel trip has lined up along the same time as Tel Aviv's gay pride celebration.

"The gay pride parade is really an extra added bonus," Safaty says. "There is a huge parade and free beach party, and we are staying in the hotel right across the street. Although, some people see gay pride and don't want to go because they want to focus more on seeing Israel, so that's why it is only one day in the itinerary. After that day, we are off and exploring and seeing the entire country. It will be an experience to remember for everyone."

WHERE YOU'LL BE STAYING:

David InterContinental Hotel in Tel Aviv: A 5-star luxury hotel set in the center of Tel Aviv. Guests will have easy access to Alma Beach, Shalom Meir Tower, and Tel Aviv's downtown area.

Scots Hotel Tiberias: This Deluxe Hotel is uniquely situated in the center of Tiberias with direct frontage to the Sea of Galilee. Originally a hospital that was owned by the Church of Scotland.

The Herbert Samuel in Jerusalem: Located in the heart of Jerusalem, this hotel is close to many of the city's most sought-after destinations. A bustling pedestrian boulevard lined with charming sidewalk cafes, shops, and galleries, the hotel is also within walking distance of the Old City and steps away from the vivacious Zion Square and the world-famous Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall.

Dan Hotel in Eilat: Recently voted as one of the top ten hotels in the Mediterranean and Africa, this hotel is a self-contained vacation paradise blending luxury, style, and fun standing in a remarkable beachfront setting

on the Red Sea.

SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS YOU WILL SEE:

Tel Aviv Gay Pride: The only gay pride celebration in the middle east, Tel Aviv Pride is an annual, week-long event to recognize and celebrate Israel's LGBT community life. Over 250,000 people from all over the world attend.

Jerusalem Western Wall: The Western Wall is an ancient limestone wall in the Old City of Jerusalem. It was originally erected as part of the expansion of the Second Jewish Temple begun by Herod the Great, which resulted in the encasement of the natural, steep hill known to Jews and Christians as the Temple Mount. For Muslims, it is the site where the Islamic Prophet Muhammad tied his steed, al-Buraq, on his night journey to Jerusalem before ascending to paradise.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre: This church in the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem contains the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified and Jesus's empty tomb where He is said to have been buried and resurrected.

Masada: Masada is one of Israel's most popular tourist attractions. Located on the eastern edge of the Judean Desert and overlooking the Dead Sea, Herod the Great built palaces for himself on the mountains and fortified Masada between 37 and 31 BCE. The siege of Masada by troops of the Roman Empire at the end of the first Jewish-Roman War ended in the mass suicide of 960 people.

Petra: This famous archaeological site is located in Jordan's southwestern desert. Dating to around 300 BC, it was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom. Accessed via a narrow canyon called Al Siq, it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs, earning its nickname, the "Rose City." Its most famous structure is 45m-high Al Khazneh, a temple with an ornate, Greek-style façade, and known as The Treasury.

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June 9 Depart USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.



June 10 Tel Aviv

Deluxe beachfront hotel overlooking the blue Mediterranean and a white sandy beach.

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June 11 Tel Aviv & Jaffa

- Ancient port of Jaffa.
- Jaffa's landmark Church of St. Peter.
- Archaeological dig that reveals a fortress built by the Pharaoh of the Exodus, Ramses II.
- Boutiques and art galleries along charming cobblestone streets.

- Neveh Tzedek, one of the first Jewish neighborhoods to be built outside the walls of the ancient port city of Jaffa, Nachalat Benjamin Pedestrian Mall, Rotschild Boulevard, & Rabin Square.
- Independence Hall where David Ben-Gurion proclaimed Israel's Independence in 1948.
- Night on the town with local bars and clubs or attend one of the optional Tel Aviv Pride Parties.



June 12 Tel Aviv Pride Weekend Parade & Beach Party

- Pride parade with outrageous floats, marching bands, uplifting music and countless participants and spectators.
- Beach party at Charles Clore Beach - 3PM until sunset.

June 13 Tel Aviv Free day for city exploration and shopping.



June 14 Caesara, Zichron Yakov, Haifa, & Tiberias

- Explore the astounding Roman and Crusader ruins.
- Tour of Tishbi Winery.
- View of golden-domed Bahai Shrine and the colorful Persian Gardens.
- Dinner & overnight at the Scots Hotel.



June 15 Capernaum, Safed, Beit Shean National Park, & Jerusalem

- Tour Capernaum and Mount of Beatitudes in the Sea of Galilee region.
- Vici Safedin, including ancient synagogues and the charming Artists' Quarter.
- Tour Beit Shean National Park & Jordan Valley.
- Stay at Herbert Samuel Hotel Jerusalem.



June 16 Jerusalem

- Yad Vashem (the memorial to the Holocaust), visit the Museum, the Children's Pavilion, and Avenue of the Righteous.
- Mount Herzl national cemetery.
- Hadassah Medical Center & Synagogue.
- Supreme Court Building and the Knesset (Parliament) to the Israel Museum.



June 17 Old City of Jerusalem

- View of the city from the Mt. of Olives.
- The Western Wall.
- Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount.
- Restored Jewish Quarter.
- Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.
- The Garden Tomb regarded by the Protestant world as the burial place of Jesus.

June 18

- Shopping, walking tour of city, and relax day.
- Night Spectacular Sound and Light Show at the Citadel Museum.



June 19 Masada, The Dead Sea, & Eilat

- Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found.
- Cable car excursion.
- Herods Hotel and Spa.
- Afternoon sun & surf.

June 20

- Eilat Day of shopping, city exploration, the Red Sea, or relax by the hotel pool.



June 21 Jordan

- Tour Petra.
- Horse ride or walk from the main gate to the entrance of the Old City.
- Visit the Treasury, made famous in the movie, Indiana Jones.
- Explore temples, royal tombs, a theatre, burial chambers and water channels.
- Tour resort city of Aqaba.



June 22 Eilat & Tel Aviv

- Domestic flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv.
- Farewell dinner.

June 23 Arrive back in the USA

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