

Chai Centre Canada Israel Trip

Monday, November 3, 2025

Arrive in Israel!

Welcome to Israel, a land of rich history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. From ancient Jerusalem to cosmopolitan Tel Aviv, Israel promises a unique and unforgettable experience for everyone.

Meet your GoInspire Madrich and Load the Bus

Tour Guide

Ken Spiro, Historian and Author of World Perfect

Travel North to Caesarea

Lunch en Route

Tour the Ancient City of Caesarea

Caesarea is an ancient port city with a long history. It was the capital of Roman Palestine named by King Herod in honor of Caesar. It is one of the most well preserved ancient cities in Israel with fascinating archaeological sites and the restored Caesarea amphitheater.

Continue North

A region rich in natural beauty and history, home to the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights, and historic cities such as Tiberias, Acco and Safed.

Visit Migdal Haemek and Meet Rabbi Grossman (the Disco Rabbi)

Check in to Hotel Lavi

Dinner at the Hotel

Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel

The hotel is located in Kibbutz Lavi, an area of lush vegetation surrounded by green fields and a magnificent view of the region of the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights. The hotel boasts suites, deluxe rooms a spacious lobby and pool all for your enjoyment.

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Breakfast

Depart for Ein Keshatot

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Visit Ein Kshatot

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of history at the Old Synagogue in Ein Kshatot, where ancient stones whisper stories of faith and community. This beautifully preserved archaeological gem offers a glimpse into the vibrant past of Jewish life in the Golan Heights, inviting visitors to connect with the heritage and spirituality that have echoed through its halls for generations

Mount Ben Tal Lookout

Mount Bental is one of Israel's favorite mountain peaks to visit, partly due to the magnificent panoramic views of the Golan and even Syria but also because Mount Bental was the site of a courageous battle fought during Israel's war for the Golan. A short drive up, the mountain-top provides both scenic beauty and a glimpse back at the past – with bunkers open to visitors.

Lunch

Depart for Tel Saki

Meet with Yakov Selevan, a former IDF Major, and hear the unbelievable story of Tel Saki.

Bunker Challenge

Delve into the heart of history as you navigate through underground passageways and solve intricate puzzles, discovering the secrets of this ancient stronghold while testing your teamwork and wit.

Return to the hotel with time to freshen up

Dinner at Hotel

Kumsitz with Heshy Kuhnreich and Simply Tzfatz

Simply Tzfatz consists of 3 Breslev Chassidim - 2 guitars and one violin. They aim to spread the joy and inspiration of Breslev Chassidim.

Ovenight: Kibbutz Lavi

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Breakfast

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Depart for Tzfat

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Visit the Candle Factory

Step into the captivating world of craftsmanship and illumination with a visit to a candle factory in Tzfat. Marvel at the hands-on process of creating exquisite candles, from melting vibrant wax to shaping intricate designs, and immerse yourself in the age-old artistry that has made Tzfat a hub of creativity and cultural significance.

The Underground Tunnels of Tzfat

Unearth the secrets of Tzfat's history by venturing through its underground tunnels, an intricate 16th-century complex that lay dormant since the 1837 earthquake. As you traverse these hidden passages, you'll be transported back in time, discovering the remnants of a bygone era and experiencing the intriguing legacy of the city's past.

Lunch on your Own

Hike Mount Arbel

To the east side of the Kinneret stands the mountain of Arbel. The moderate uphill hike includes a beautiful view of the Kinneret and the surrounding region. It was here that Nitai Ha'arbeli mentioned in Pirkei Avos, once lived. In the face of its cliff is a four-tiered fortress which was used by the Jews as a hideout during the time of Hordus.

Depart for Jerusalem

Check in to Hotel

Free Evening

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Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem

The Cassia Hotel is located in the historic center of Jerusalem, close to many of the city's famous religious and cultural sites. The hotel offers comfortable guest rooms, on-site dining options, and a rooftop terrace with views of the city.

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Breakfast at Hotel

Depart for Masada

Take a Cable Car up Masada

The incredible fortress of Masada is located in the astonishing Judean Desert. When you reach the top, explore Herod's palace fortress with its amazing ancient bath houses and mosaics as well as remnants of Roman encampments, synagogues and homes.

Packed Lunch

Float in the Dead Sea

Take a dip in the Dead Sea a salt lake with natural healing properties. Don't worry if you don't know how to swim - nothing can sink in this salty water! At this beach, you're standing at the lowest elevation of the earth's surface on dry land—1,385 ft below sea level.

Hike Nachal David In Ein Gedi

Nachal David has several waterfalls that cascade out from the desert hills with scenic paths. You can hike to the beautiful waterfalls and explore the fascinating Dudim cave at the top. A great way to experience first hand the nature and spectacular scenery of the area!

Return to Jerusalem

Freshen Up

Depart for Geula

Behind the Scenes Tour of Geula

Dinner on own in Geula

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Friday, November 7, 2025

Breakfast at Hotel

Depart for the Old City

Class

Rabbi Motty Berger

Tour of the Old City and Hurva Synagogue

Visit the Western Wall

The Western Wall, also known as the Kotel, is a powerful and moving experience. It is considered the holiest site in Judaism, and it is where Jews have been coming to pray and leave written prayers for centuries. The Western Wall visit is a must for anyone visiting Jerusalem because of its great religious significance, history and cultural heritage.

Western Wall Tunnel Tour

Go back over 2,000 years of Jewish History. Walk beneath the Western Wall and see the hidden layers come alive to tell the story of ancient Jerusalem.

Continue to the Machane Yehuda- Free Time for Lunch and Shopping Shuk

Join the bustle as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat at this astounding and authentic Middle Eastern open air market.

Free Time to Prepare for Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat at Netzach Yisrael Synagogue

Combine the holiness of space and time for a magical Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall. Witness throngs of Jews from around the world joining at the epicenter to welcome the Shabbat Queen in joyous song and dance.

Shabbat Dinner at Hotel

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Saturday, November 8, 2025

Breakfast

Optional Shabbat Morning Daveing

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Shabbat Lunch At Hotel

Walking Tour of the Jerusalem Neighborhoods

David Solomon

Shaloshseudos

Havdallah and Motzoei Shabbat Kumsitz

Heshy Kuhnreich & Yochanan Chait

Melave Malka

Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Breakfast & Checkout

Class at the Hotel

Rabbi Gavriel Friedman

Experience the World Famous Yad Vashem Museum

As the Jewish People's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations.

Depart for Chessed

Volunteer at Pantry Packers

Take part in an exciting hands-on opportunity to pack commodity food staples for Israel's neediest families. With the provided gloves, aprons, and caps, you will fill bags of rice, beans, and other commodities. These bags are later included in large food baskets destined for needy families throughout the country.

Depart for Holon

Blind Museum - Dialogue in the Dark

Located within the Israel Children's Museum Aviv, Dialogue in the Dark is a unique opportunity to "see" the world through blind eyes. The guided tour is not an exhibition about blindness, but rather a journey that promotes non-visual awareness.

Farewell Banquet and Speaker in Lod

Depart for Ben Gurion