



CJA Tour of Israel

Led by Nicole Virga Bautista and Judge David M. Rubin

29 Oct - 7 Nov 2023 (10 days 9 Nights)

Itinerary is subject to change

Registration Rates:

Double Occupancy: \$10,285

Single Occupancy: \$6,150

Sunday 29 Oct 2023

DAY 1

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- Meet and assist at Ben Gurion airport
 - Transfer to Hotel in Tel Aviv and Check - In
 - Festive welcome dinner at Jaffa Court in the hotel followed by an evening activity with Judge Rubin

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday 30 Oct 2023

DAY 2

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- Breakfast at the hotel
 - Visit iconic **Rothschild Boulevard**. This UNESCO declared World heritage site exemplifies International Style (Bauhaus) architecture. We will walk this scenic boulevard and explore this interesting part of Tel Aviv. There are no hills on this walk, but wear comfortable walking attire.
 - Visit the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** We will witness the miracle of a 73-year-old country in the Middle East, bursting with energy to be a world leader of technology and solutions for wildernesses of all kinds.
 - Lunch
 - **Constitutional Law in Israel:** A Brief Introduction to the Israeli Legal System with **Barry Levenfeld** of Yigal Arnon & Co. Mr. Levenfeld is a Senior Lecturer on the Faculty of Law at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
 - **The Unique place of Religious Courts** in the Israeli Legal System
 - Personal status issues in Israel and **Women's role in Rabbinical Courts:** Our presenter is **Dr. Rachel Levemor**, Rabbinical Court Advocate and women's rights advocate. Dr. Levemor received her Ph.D. in Talmud and Jewish Law from Bar Ilan University. In addition to being a published author in this legal area, Dr. Levemor is the first female Rabbinical Court Advocate to serve on the Israel Commission for the Appointment of Rabbinical Court Judges.

- Evening visit to Milk and Honey whisky distillery - not far from the hotel; you won't want to miss it. This is Israel's first whisky distillery. We will sample their products and learn about making spirits in an arid, hot desert environment
- Dinner on own

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday 31 Oct 2023

DAY 3

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- Visit the **Ofer IDF (Israel Defense Forces) base**. There we will meet with **Lt. Col. Menachem Liberman** the president of the military court in Judea (West Bank.) Lt. Col. Liberman handles security related offenses of Ofer jail prisoners
 - Travel to Jaffa.
 - Lunch on Own in Jaffa
 - Tour of **Jaffa**, Israel's ancient port and the colorful sister city of Tel Aviv. Learn about the biblical references to the city and discuss the challenges of triumphs experienced by the Arab and Jewish residents. **Jaffa's** many narrow, ancient alleys are full of art galleries and shops. We will see the ancient harbor, artists quarter and explore the Jaffa Flea Market.
 - **Israel's Just War Doctrine**: We will hear from **Professor Asa Kasher** author of the IDF Moral Code. Dr. Kasher teaches Philosophy and linguistics at Tel Aviv University. He is also an expert in ethics. Given recent events Professor Kasher's public comments, this will no doubt be a timely, engaging topic.
 - Free late afternoon for exploring more of Tel Aviv, shopping or relaxing by the pool

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday 1 Nov 2023

DAY 4

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Depart the hotel for **Sha'ar HaNegev**. Sha'ar HaNegev is a municipal area (similar to a county) in Israel's southwest, bordering the Gaza Strip. You have seen it in the news, but this unique opportunity to visit will give you a first-hand look at the area and the educational and social challenges faced there.
- Meet with the President of Sapir College and Sapir College School of Law, Nir Kedar. Professor Kedar holds a bachelor's degree in Law and History from Tel Aviv University and doctoral degree in Law and Legal History from Harvard University. He will explain for us the unusual, incredible educational institution he now directs. It includes a junior high, high school, college and law school.
 - Meet with Principal of the Yitzhak Shavit Junior High School and High School, Aharale Rothstein. Mr. Rothstein will talk to us about the educational complex and the particular challenges involved in providing a safe, secure, supportive educational environment given conditions that can occur in Israel's south.
- Packed Lunch at Sapir College
- Tour of **Kibbutz Nahal Oz**, on the border of the Gaza Strip. **Ms. Yael Raz Lachyani**, a kibbutz member, will show us around this beautiful, challenging area.
- Return to Tel Aviv for free time.

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday 2 Nov 2023

DAY 5

- Breakfast at the Hotel and check-out
- Travel to the **Ramla Courthouse**
- Visit the **Ramla** criminal and civil courthouse to view a courtroom in session. Ramla is a city known for having a mixed Israeli-Jewish and Israeli-Arab population and a Jewish-Arab Friendship League. At the courthouse we will meet with the Deputy President of the District Court, Judge Menachem Mizrahi to discuss the differences between Israeli and American trial practice.
- Examine the struggles leading up to the birth of the State of Israel during a guided visit to the "**Ayalon Institute**." The "institute" was actually a clandestine bullet factory run secretly, and literally underground, from 1946-48 by the pre-state Haganah (predecessor to the IDF.)
- Lunch at the Weizmann Institute. This is the location of the iconic Koeffler Accelerator tower.
- Travel to Jerusalem
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- Depart the hotel for dinner at the **US Embassy residence**. Where we will discuss the US perspective on issues facing the US, Israel, and the Palestinians.

Overnight: Orient hotel, Jerusalem

Friday 3 Nov 2023

DAY 6

■ Breakfast at the Hotel

■ Visit **Yad VaShem** for a seminar on the following topics:

Learn and remember – this is a VIP tour of Yad Vashem, Israel's (and the world's) central memorial to the victims of the Shoah (Hebrew for holocaust), including the Historical Museum, the Children's Memorial and the Avenue of the Righteous. Explore the relationship between the Holocaust and the State of Israel.

• We will hear the personal story from a **holocaust survivor**.

• **Adolph Eichmann Trial**: Meet with **Attorney Amos Hausner**, son of Gideon Hausner, Israel's Attorney General during the 1960s and Eichmann trial's chief prosecutor. Mr. Hausner speaks often about his father's legacy. The younger Mr. Hausner is also achieved. Amos Hausner was instrumental in setting precedents in several fields of Israeli law, including the restriction of smoking in public places and in 1983 curtailing cigarette advertising. The World Health Organization awarded Mr. Hausner an honorary medal in 1994 for his achievements. He is a board member of the Massuah Institute for the Study of the Holocaust; a member of the lay advisory board of the Flight Attendants Medical Research Institute in Miami, Florida; and of the Disciplinary Tribunal of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was a Supreme Court Judge of the World Zionist Organization from 1998 to 2006.

■ **“Jerusalem Prepares for Shabbat”** Experience the hustle and bustle of the vibrant **Machaneh Yehudah** open-air fruit and vegetable market as Jerusalemites frantically prepare for Shabbat

■ Lunch on own

■ Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat

■ Welcome the **Sabbath at the Kotel (Western Wall)** and join the thousands of visitors and worshipers at the Kotel, welcoming the Sabbath with prayer, song and dance.

■ **Shabbat (Sabbath) of a Lifetime. Experience** shabbat as you share a meal with a Jerusalem family that will open their home and explain the customs and ceremonies of Shabbat over a traditional Shabbat dinner in the different ethnic communities of Israel.

Overnight: Orient hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday 4 Nov 2023

DAY 7

■ Breakfast at the Hotel.

- This is an early-start day. Also, wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes because today's schedule includes lots of exploring. We begin in Jesus' birthplace and end at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

■ Travel to **Bethlehem** to visit Jesus' birthplace – and to see Church of the Nativity.

- Continue to the Mount of Olives. Guided walk through the churches of the Mt. of Olives including Dominus Flevit, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Basilica of All Nations.

■ Walk along the Via Dolorosa and the stations of the cross as we experience the life of the **Old City** through the ages, feel the unique atmosphere of the area, and get a glimpse of the complex weave of traditions and perspectives between the Jewish, Muslim, Armenian and Christian Quarters.

■ Shopping time in the Old City market including Lunch on own in the old City.

■ Dinner on own

Overnight: Orient hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday 5 Nov 2023

DAY 8

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Meet with **Dr. Rami Nasrallah**. Dr. Nasrallah is a Muslim-Palestinian, and founder and head of the International Peace and Cooperation Center. Dr. Nasrallah received his doctorate in Urban Planning from the TU-Delft University in the Netherlands. Since 2003 he has been a Research Associate in the "Conflict in Cities" project at Cambridge University. Dr. Nasrallah is an expert on the West Bank and Palestinian political culture. He will offer important insights about modern Israeli-Palestinian issues.
- Tour the **Knesset (Israel's parliament)** the Knesset building itself, including it's main hearing chamber, Plenum Hall.

We will get fascinating insights about how laws are vetted and made in Israel.

- Visit the **Shrine of the Book**. This stunning pavilion (inside and outside) at the **Israel National Museum** houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and other artifacts found in excavations at **Qumran** and its environs. Located near the Dead Sea, Qumran is the site where a Hellenistic-period Jewish community existed. In 1946 at Qumran, Bedouins discovered inside caves scrolls dating back 2,000 years written in Hebrew, Aramaic and other languages. Among other things, the scrolls contained written copies of material included in the Jewish Torah. Afterwards, we will check out the famous **Second Temple model exhibit**. This scale-model shows what archeologists believe Jerusalem looked like at the end of the Second Temple period (around 70 CE.) It's fascinating to see.

- Lunch at the Israel Museum
- Visit the **Supreme Court** and meet with a **Supreme Court Justice** for an insight into the role of the Israeli courts, including the interaction between Israel's highest court and the country's complex security and political reality.
- Behind the Scenes in Israel's Supreme Court: Meet with **Cheryl Meirovich**, former bureau chief for Justices Shamgar and Barak. Ms. Meirovich will give us a tour of the building, considered to be an architectural masterpiece

Overnight: Orient hotel, Jerusalem

Monday 6 Nov 2023

DAY 9

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Depart the hotel (Please note this is another early-start day. Masada will get hot by noon, so we want to take the tram to the top of Masada, have plenty of time to see it, and then return to the bus before it gets too warm.) Travel back in time to the first century C.E. to hear and see the compelling story of **Masada**. Masada is an engineering marvel in its own right, with ancient water systems and construction feats that might be a point of pride even by today's standards. The story of the struggle between the Zealots and the Roman legions comes to life as we tour the site. This is not to be missed
- Relax and float in the incredible **Dead Sea** at one of the Dead Sea's beautiful hotel spas; have a relaxing lunch.
- Return to Jerusalem for a free late afternoon for last minute shopping
- Farewell dinner at **Eucalyptus** restaurant

Overnight: Orient hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday 7 Nov 2023

DAY 10

- Breakfast at the Hotel and Check out
- Transfer to Ben Gurion airport