

Australian Light Horse Association

Shoresh Study Tours

Israel Tour for the Semakh Centenary Draft Itinerary

Day 1: Thursday, September 20, 2018

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. Depending on flight arrival time, there are several options for this day:

Morning Arrival –

We begin our day at the ancient port of **Jaffa**, we will spend more time here than last year having a good look at the ancient port and take in its strategic importance for WW1. From here we will travel to our hotel for dinner, followed by a brief meeting for introductions and orientation. We will also have free time to stroll along the beach and relax. Overnight: Gilgal Hotel, Tel Aviv, Mediterranean Coast

Day 2: Friday, September 21, 2018

TEL AVIV DIASPORA MUSEUM

Today we will visit **Beit Hatfutsot of the Jewish People** or Diaspora Museum. The Museum is a unique global institution that tells the ongoing and extraordinary story of the Jewish people. Afternoon free to explore Tel Aviv Overnight: Gilgal Hotel, Tel Aviv, Mediterranean Coast

Day 3: Saturday, September 22, 2018

We start our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**. Visit the beautiful city of Netanya on the Mediterranean Coast.

Overnight: Gilgal Hotel, Tel Aviv, Mediterranean Coast

Day 4: Sunday, September 23, 2018

Haifa Day. Join in celebrations of the centenary of the capture of Haifa mainly by the Indian Cavalry.

Visit Nhili Museum and Zion Mule Corps museum, to get a greater understanding of the Jewish spy network assisting the Australians and the British in their attack on Beersheba, plus the Zion Mule Corps that assisted us at Gallipoli and also these Jewish volunteers assisted the Light Horse in crossing the Jordan River. Apple strudel morning tea at the unique Jewish Village of Zichron Yaacov.

Overnight: Nof Ginnosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 5: Monday, September 24, 2018

Our first visit of the day will be Nazareth Village, a first-century farm and village presenting the life, times and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Along the way we will pass Druze Villages before coming to Mt. Bental, a lookout spot near the border with Syria. Our final stop is the Dan Nature Reserve here we will see Caesarea Philippi a fascinating place famous in NT times that we did not see last time. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream. Overnight: Nof Ginnosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 6: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Tiberias/ and or morning horse ride to the shores of the Galilee and back up the Mt of Beatitudes for lunch at Havared Galil Ranch. (Horse ride optional - extra cost)

Afternoon 100 anniversary ceremony at Semakh

Evening boat ride on the Sea of Galilee

Overnight: Nof Ginnosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 7: Wednesday, September 26, 2018

JERUSALEM

All morning free time.

After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we will take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus.

Visit the Turkish trenches in the old city of Jerusalem.

Overnight: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 8: Thursday, September 27, 2018

Morning; Friends of Zion interactive laser and multimedia display. (This illustrates among other things the role people like Churchill, Balfour and President Roosevelt played in shaping the Middle East as we know it today. Shopping in downtown Jerusalem.

Afternoon see the "Jerusalem March." Part of the famed "Feast of Tabernacles."

Overnight: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 9: Friday, September 28, 2018

Morning; Latrun. See the film presentation we missed last time. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, travel the Jerusalem Bethlehem road the Light Horse took in early 2018. Also of biblical interest we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the "**Shepherd's Fields**" where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. Overnight: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 10: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Pass through the Jordan Valley scene of bitter fighting in 1918 on the way to Beersheba, stop at Dead Sea and Masada. Visit the beautiful Negev and Ramon crater.

Overnight: Leonardo Be'er Sheva, Negev, Southern Israel

Day 11: Sunday, September 30, 2018

Tour IDF army base and visit the Air Force Museum. Tour the Old City of Be'er Sheva, visit the railway museum and spend time at the CWGC and its new ANZAC Museum.

Overnight: Leonardo, Be'er Sheva, Negev, Southern Israel

Day 12: Monday, October 1, 2018

Tour Sderot and see inside a Gaza terror tunnel and Israeli bomb shelter. (Subject to approval)

IDF Shooting Experience – Learn to from the experts about weapons handling, counter terrorism tactics, and the values that guide the Israel Defense Forces. Shoot a variety of firearms (extra cost)

Overnight: Sea Net, Tel Aviv, Mediterranean Coast

Day 13: Tuesday, October 2,

Early Morning Departure: Straight Home via overnight at the Miracle Hotel Bangkok on Oct 3rd.

Arrive Home Oct 4th evening.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- ***Some days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore, this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.***
- ***Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.***
- ***It is mandatory for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.***