

TEMPLE EMANU-EL FAMILY TRIP TO ISRAEL

Dec 21, 2024 - Dec 30, 2024



DESTINATION
ISRAEL



WHO'S GOING
FAMILIES



TRIP TYPE
CONGREGATIONAL



DURATION
10 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
20+




PRICE
FROM \$6,520












REGISTRATION DATES

FEB 5, 2024 - SEP 21, 2024

 Program is tentative and subject to change. Connect with our Customer Care Team by calling: (888) 230-6008 Mon.-Thur. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

YOUR JOURNEY

J² crafts journeys of inspiration, education, and Jewish connections to Israel and worldwide. We are guided by a simple but powerful concept: No two trips are the same; each experience should be personal, meaningful, and backed by superb service. Travel is not just about the places you visit, but the connections you make along the way.

-  Active
-  Archaeology
-  Family Friendly
-  Street Food
-  Cooking Workshop
-  Nature Walks
-  Food Tasting Tour
-  Jeep Tour
-  Local Specialists

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

ON OUR WAY

Sat. Dec 21, 2024

- Depart for Israel.

 Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Sun. Dec 22, 2024

- Welcome to Israel.
- Meet your J² Expert Educator who will accompany you on this journey of education and inspiration.
- Drive south and check into your hotel.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

 Overnight: The Negev  Meals: Dinner

DAY 3

ADVENTURE IN THE NEGEV

Mon. Dec 23, 2024

- Experience a Jeep ride in the Zin Valley.
- Hike through the wonderful canyon of Ein Avdat, a source of water in the dry Negev Desert.
- Visit the Chan Hashayarot encampment in the Negev Desert for Bedouin-style hospitality, a camel ride, and a “hafla” dinner.

 Overnight: The Negev  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4

NATURE AND SPIRIT

Tue. Dec 24, 2024

- Visit the home of David Ben-Gurion at Kibbutz Sde Boker, and hear about his vision of the Negev and the State of Israel.
- Visit the Salad Trail, a unique touch-and-taste farm in the northern Negev. The tour gives a hands-on display of agricultural high-tech, and a crash course in environmental techniques.
- Restore and Rebuild: Drive to Kibbutz Holit and meet with members followed by dinner. On the morning of Simchat Torah, October 7, 2023, the community of Holit lost 15 of its pillars, who were murdered, six more were injured. Temple Emanu-El is actively supporting the members of the Kibbutz.

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🌙 Overnight: The Negev 🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5

I DIG ISRAEL

Wed. Dec 25, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Take part in an interactive archeological dig geared to all ages at the Beit Guvrin Caves.
- Drive by Tel Azeka, the site of David's biblical battle against Goliath.
- Stop at the Haas Promenade for a traditional shehehiyanu blessing of thanksgiving.
- Check into the hotel and gather for the first Hanukkah candle.

🌙 Overnight: Jerusalem 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6

HISTORY & SPIRITUALITY IN JERUSALEM

Thu. Dec 26, 2024

- Celebrate Bnei Mitzvah at Ezrat Israel, the pluralistic section of the Kotel (Western Wall).
- Tour the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, including the Davidson Center and Robinson's Arch.
- Tour Jerusalem's Old City and the Jewish Quarter.
- Among the highlights will be:
 - The Cardo, the main street of Roman-controlled Jerusalem and its Byzantine-era columns.
 - King Hezekiah's "Broad Wall," built to protect Jerusalem from invasion 2,700 years ago.
 - Hurva Square, the center of modern-day life in the Jewish Quarter.
- Tour the Citadel moat and the "Kishle" in the Tower of David Museum.
- Climb to the rooftops, overlooking the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the golden Dome of the Rock, and the famous Hurva Synagogue.
- Enjoy photo opportunities at Live the Bible.
- Explore the Western Wall Tunnel.
- Return to the hotel for the second Hanukkah candle.

🌙 Overnight: Jerusalem 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7

JEWISH MEMORY, JEWISH RENEWAL

Fri. Dec 27, 2024

- Adults and children over 10: Visit Yad Vashem, the national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Your guided tour will include:
 - The Historical Museum.
 - The Avenue of the Righteous.

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- Children's program: The Bloomfield Science Museum.
- All: Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the Mahane Yehuda open-air market.
- Return to the hotel for the third Hanukkah candle.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at a local Reform community.
- Home Hospitality/communal Shabbat dinner with local congregants OR festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

🌙 Overnight: Jerusalem 🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8

THE DEAD SEA BASIN

Sat. Dec 28, 2024

- Climb via the Snake Path OR via the Roman Ramp OR take the cable car to the top of Masada.
- Hike in Nahal David, part of the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve.
- Float into happiness on the Dead Sea where the feeling of weightlessness is great fun.
- Return to the hotel for the fourth Hanukkah candle and Havdalah ceremony.
- Take an evening tour through the Jerusalem neighborhoods to experience the Festival of Lights.

🌙 Overnight: Jerusalem 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9

CULTURE & CREATIVITY IN TEL AVIV

Sun. Dec 29, 2024

- Check out of the hotel and drive to Tel Aviv.
- Walk along the Independence Trail in Tel Aviv and embark on a remarkable journey that begins with the founding of Tel Aviv in 1909 and ends with the establishment of Israel in 1948.
- Join an expert on Tel Aviv's alternative scene for an urban adventure and graffiti tour.
- Visit Rabin Square and learn about former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated in 1995.
- Israel on a Plate: If you want to learn how to cook like an Israeli, this cooking workshop at The Cooking Experience is the real deal. In a unique Ottoman-era manor house graced with Italian marble pillars and painted floors, learn the secrets of the Israeli kitchen. Guided by an expert chef, work together to create a variety of culinary selections, and then savor the results for your farewell dinner.
- Transfer to Ben-Gurion International Airport.

🌙 Overnight: Flight 🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10

HOME

Mon. Dec 30, 2024

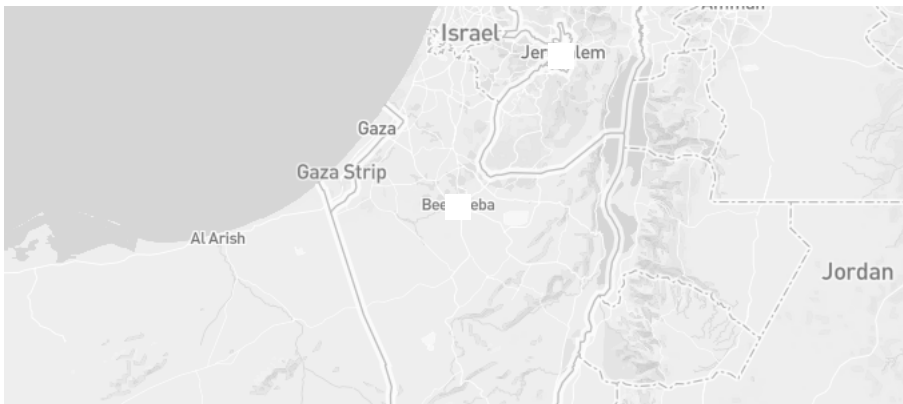
- Arrive back in the US.

THE EXPERT



KOREN EISNER

Born in South Africa, Koren's Israeli parents returned to Israel when he was still a baby. His calling as a guide was already set in motion as a teen, when he guided youth as part of his military service and was a teacher at the Yad Vashem International School. He was also involved in research of Dead Sea plants and obtained a bachelor's degree in History & Humanities from Hebrew University. In 2005, upon becoming a licensed tour guide. Koren guided Federations, interfaith groups, families, adult tours, Christian groups, journalists, and hiking tours. His favorite place to guide is also his childhood home – Jerusalem. Throughout his guiding he incorporates his knowledge of archeology and history and aspires to tell the stories of the land with both integrity and the passion they deserve, challenging his travelers to ask the tough questions, analyze narratives while appreciating the beauty and truth of the story. Koren and his family now live in Kibbutz Hukuk in the Galilee by Lake Kinneret, a young community dedicated to improving society through education and adapting kibbutz life to the 21st century. When Koren is not guiding, he dedicates as much time as possible to his family and community life.





RATES & LODGING

| PARTICIPANTS | COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM | COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM | CHILD AS 3RD (REDUCTION) |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 20+ | \$6,520 | \$8,324 | - (\$910) |

REGISTRATION OPEN

The existing price is calculated with a minimum requirement of 20 participants. However, once the participant count reaches 30, there will be a reduction of \$733 per person.

NEGEV DESERT: KEDMA HOTEL

🌙 Nights: 3

🏠 Room Category: Kedma

JERUSALEM: ORIENT

🌙 Nights: 4

🏠 Room Category: Orient



WHAT TO EXPECT

🌟 Included

- 7 nights' accommodations.
- 8 days of touring with a J² Expert Educator (guide), 8 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- Daily breakfast, 5 dinners.
- The J² adventures App available on the App Store & on Google Play (active 7 days before your departure and throughout your trip).
- Water on the bus.
- Porterage at the hotels.
- All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.

⚙️ Excluded

- Credit card fees.
- Flights to & from Israel.
- COVID related expenses, including tests.
- Evening transportation when dinner is not included.
- Amendments to the program: In the event that any sites, programs or meals etc. are added to the program, an additional fee may be required.
- Personal extras: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, food other than the table d'hotel menu, passport and visa fees, insurance, and foreign port taxes, unless otherwise specified.
- Gratuities: Recommend guidelines for tipping are provided in the terms section.
- US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.
- Value Added Tax is currently not applicable to tourists visiting Israel. Should the law change, you will be notified accordingly, and VAT will be added to your final invoice.
- Peace of Mind Travel Protection Program (POM).

✍️ The small print

- Please review our terms & conditions (T&C's) or request that we send you our full T&C's. Until you do that, here is the small print, and other stuff you may want to know:
- Validity | All prices quoted are based on exchange rates as of the proposal date and are subject to change without notice. Rates are per person and are based on shared twin room occupancy.
- How to Make a Reservation | The quickest way to make a reservation is to register online or contact us by email. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required in order to complete the registration process.
- For any assistance with this registration process or other trip-related queries, please email Customer Care: customer-care@j2adventures.com.
- Payments | The balance of your payment is due 90 days before your trip begins, or as specified in your invoice. You will receive an email reminder 2 weeks before this date. Various payment options are available as follows:
 - Credit card | We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Please check with your credit card provider regarding international processing fees. We are unable to process payments of over \$1,000 over the phone. Please submit payment online via a credit card or by wiring funds via your bank.
 - Domestic bank wire transfer | Payment should be wired in the same currency that is listed on your invoice. Please add the name of your group or invoice number as a reference and forward a copy of the transfer receipt by email. The bank transfer should clearly state the beneficiary's name on the wire transfer.



- J² Adventures reserves the right to automatically cancel your reservation on that date and it may be subject to reconfirmation should the final payment not be received.
- Cancellation Policy | All cancellations need to be made in writing. The cancellation fee depends on the date when we receive written notification of your request to cancel your booking. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable.
- Cancellation fees | Cancellations made 90 or more days prior to departure incur the loss of the deposit. Cancellations made 89 to 46 days prior to departure incur the loss of 50% of the full trip cost. Cancellations made 45 days or less prior to the departure incur the loss of 100% of the full trip cost.
- Cancellation fees may also include: Hotel or supplier cancellation fees. J² Adventures reserves the right to adjust its terms of payment, including cancellation policies and initial deposits.

Terms

- Protect your investment for \$495 p/p: Should you cancel your trip up to 5 days before your departure for any reason, our POM program offers you a trip refund. Call 888-230-6008 or e-mail: customercare@j2adventures.com.
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START EXPLORING

Just like you we're concerned for the future. And like you, J² stands for equality, tolerance, pluralism, and true democracy.

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