

# AJPA Press Tour to Israel - January 22-31 2013

## SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Date	Time	Itinerary	Overnight
Tue Jan 22		Departures for Tel Aviv-Ben Gurion	
	1315	EL AL flight LY028 from New York-Newark	
	1330	EL AL flight LY006 from Los Angeles	
	2350	EL AL flight LY008 from New York-JFK	
Wed Jan 23	0650	EL AL flight LY028 arrives from New York-Newark	Jerusalem
		Newark arrivals transfer to Jerusalem. See the panorama from the Mount of Olives, then check-in to hotel, breakfast, recover.	
		Newarkers' afternoon city tour includes the German Colony, The Tayelet promenade and the Museum on the Seam.	
	1350	EL AL flight LY006 arrives from Los Angeles	
		Los Angeles arrivals transfer to Jerusalem. See the panorama from Mount Scopus, then check-in to hotel and relax.	
	1720	EL AL flight LY008 arrives from New York-JFK	
		JFK arrivals transfer to Jerusalem. Check-in.	
	2000	Welcome-to-Israel dinner hosted by the Minister of Tourism	
		Overnight in Jerusalem	
Thu Jan 24	0800	Breakfast at your hotel	Jerusalem
	0900	Depart for Yad Sarah for tour and briefing	
	1100	In-depth tour of the "new" Israel Museum	
	1430	Visit the City of David and inspect the latest discoveries	
	1700	Return to hotel	
	2000	Dinner hosted by IMP	
		Overnight in Jerusalem	
Fri Jan 25	0800	Breakfast at your hotel	Jerusalem
	0900	Depart for Yad Vashem on the new Jerusalem Light Rail - to tour the new museum designed by Moshe Safdie	
		For those who have already seen the new Yad Vashem museum, tour the Museum on the Seam. Ride the Light Rail to the heart of Jerusalem, and stroll through Meah Shearim and Nahlaot.	
	1300	The group meets in the Machane Yehuda market to tour the "new" market	
	1430	Return to hotel	
	Shabbat dinner and discussion at the Hartman Institute (optional bus transfer available)		
Sat Jan 26		Shabbat at leisure	Jerusalem
	2000	Dinners at a variety of Jerusalem restaurants (sign up on arrival in Israel)	
		Overnight in Jerusalem	
Sun Jan 27	Assorted tour options (see below)		
Mon Jan 28			
Tue Jan 29		Tours continue ending in Tel Aviv	Tel Aviv
	1500	Arrive in Tel Aviv.	
		Visit Nachlat Benjamin Street Fair	
	2000	Dinner in Nemat Tel Aviv with the President of EL AL	
Wed Jan 30		Overnight in Tel Aviv	Tel Aviv
	0730	Breakfast at your hotel	
	0830	Tour and briefing on the transformation of Sarona	
	1000	Curated in-depth tour of the new Herta and Paul Amir Wing of the Israel Museum	
	1230	Drive to Jaffa Port for briefing and tour of the project's redevelopment	
	1430	Walk up into Old Jaffa and tour the new Visitor's Center	
		Continue to the transformed Flea Market	
	1630	Tour the Tachana	
	1800	Return to hotel; pack and refresh	
	1930	Farewell dinner with Tel Aviv dignitaries	
	2130	Depart for Ben Gurion International Airport for VIP check-in	
Thu Jan 31	0035	EL AL flight LY027 for New York-Newark arrives 0605	
	0100	EL AL flight LY001 for New York-JFK arrives 0600	
	0110	EL AL flight LY005 for Los Angeles arrives 0640	

## TOUR OPTIONS: January 27-29

A THE DESERT AND THE RED SEA			
The grandeur of the desert - plus a mini-vacation in Eilat on the Red Sea			
Sun Jan 27	0730	Breakfast	Eilat
	0830	Leave Jerusalem and descend through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, lowest point on earth.	
	0945	Stop at Qalia Beach for an unsinkable swim in the Dead Sea	
	1130	Drive to Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, location of King Herod's winter-palace Fortress where, for three years (70-73AD), refugees from the destruction of Jerusalem held out against the Roman siege. Masada was excavated in 1964 and has become the single most visited site in Israel.	
	1430	Drive through the Negev and Arava deserts to the Hai Bar Biblical Wildlife Reserve, created to return to Israel animals mentioned in the Bible but no longer endemic. Visit Kibbutz Yotvata famed for its extraordinary dairy produce	
	1730	Arrive in the Red Sea resort of Eilat for dinner and overnight	
Mon Jan 28		Breakfast at leisure	Eilat
		Visit the Red Sea Aquarium, and see the coral reefs.	
		Lunch by the pool at your hotel	
		Late afternoon sunset cruise on the Red Sea	
		Dinner and overnight in Eilat	
Tue Jan 29	0700	Breakfast	Tel Aviv
	0800	Drive north through the Arava Desert	
	1000	Arrive Mitzpe Ramon and tour the Ramon Crater, with its sharp edges, wildlife and extraordinary panoramas	
	1300	Visit a desert winery and Kibbutz Sde Boqer, desert retreat of Ben Gurion	
	1500	Arrive in Tel Aviv	

		<b>B</b>	<b>FOOD AND WINE</b> Discover the tastes, culinary influences and wines of the Promised Land as you tour what many consider the world's first travel destination	
Sun Jan 27	0730	Breakfast		Galilee
	0830	Leave Jerusalem for Netanya. Visit the Tiv Tam supermarket in Netanya (Israel's "Whole Foods"). Visit the artisanal stores and craft stores at Beit Yitzhak and continue to the Tishbi Winery in Binyamina		
	1130	Continue to Akko on the Mediterranean to tour its exotic market then, after lunch, then tour its ramparts, Efendi Hotel and the Crusader Underground City.		
	1430	See the glorious mosaics of Tzippori, then visit a cheese farm and meet one of Israel's leading experts on bread.		
	1700	Arrive at your boutique spa hotel in the Galilee hills		
		Dinner and overnight in the Galilee		
Mon Jan 28	0730	Breakfast		Galilee
	0900	Learn how to make Druze bread with Druze Israelis		
	1030	Learn about and taste indigenous herbs, spices and the traditional cuisine of Palestinian Israelis		
	1200	Admire the 2,000-year-old fishing boat discovered in the late 20th century in the Galilee mud		
	1300	St. Peter's Fish lunch on the Galilee shore		
	1430	Drive around the Sea of Galilee and visit the Golan Winery, one of Israel's largest and most impressive		
	1700	Time for a spa treatment at your spa hotel		
		Dinner and overnight in the Galilee		
Tue Jan 29	0730	Breakfast		Tel Aviv
	0830	Depart the Galilee		
	0945	Tour the former British "concentration camp" at Atlit		
	1045	Visit the botanical gardens of Ramat HaNadiv, created by the Rothschilds in the late 19th century		
	1230	Stroll through the elegant and tranquil village of Zichron Yaacov		
	1500	Arrive in Tel Aviv		

C		ISRAEL ON YOUR OWN	
		Jump in the car and off you go. Stay at Kibbutz Guest Houses anywhere in Israel.	
		Decide in advance who you are traveling with, and make sure each of you requests this option and indicate who your traveling companions are. During the arrival days in Jerusalem, you'll decide where you want to stay for the two nights and the bookings will be made. This tour includes a self-drive car (manual) with unlimited mileage and basic insurance. This tour includes dinner and breakfast only. The tour cost is based on a single traveler, or 2 or 3 people sharing a car - but each has his/her own room for the overnights.	
Sun Jan 27	0730	Breakfast	
	0830	Take delivery of your self-drive car, and Israel is yours.	
		Dinner and overnight somewhere in Israel	Somewhere in Israel
Mon Jan 28		Breakfast	
		Israel is yours	
		Dinner and overnight somewhere in Israel	Somewhere in Israel
Tue Jan 29		Breakfast	
		Israel is yours	
	1500	Arrive at your Tel Aviv hotel, dismiss car and check-in.	Tel Aviv