

***CRUISE DIVISION PRESENTS:***  
**THE BEST OF ISRAEL PROGRAM**  
**HISTORY, CULTURE AND FUN**  
**MAY 13 – 25, 2012**

**SUNDAY, MAY 13 -**

Depart your gateway on Delta Airlines to New York (JFK).  
Connect with Delta Airlines **nonstop** flight # 268 to Tel Aviv, leaving at 5:25pm.

**MONDAY, MAY 14 - TEL AVIV (D)**

Arrive Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport at 3:15pm. You will be met by **Ya'lla Tours USA's** representatives and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for a free afternoon, a welcome dinner and overnight.

**You are confirmed in a Deluxe Sea View Room**

Our hotel, **DAN TEL AVIV**, is one of Tel Aviv's most elegant hotels offering a warm and comfortable atmosphere. It is located at the heart of Tel Aviv's Promenade, and is within walking distance to the famous Dizengoff Street. It has a fitness center and swimming pool and is just minutes away from Tel Aviv's lively night life. [www.danhotels.com](http://www.danhotels.com)

**TUESDAY, MAY 15 - TEL AVIV (B,D)**

You will be met by your private guide at 8:30AM to start the trip of a lifetime.  
Take an orientation tour of Tel Aviv, the largest and most vibrant city in Israel. See Habima Theater, Dizengof Street, and the campus of Tel Aviv University.  
Continue to **Independence Hall**, the place where David Ben Gurion announced the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. Then visit the **Museum of the Diaspora** and learn the Jewish story in a very unique way.  
On to the new **Palmach Memorial** to see, hear, and feel what it meant to be a youngster fighting for Israel's independence.  
We will end the day driving to **Jaffo**, where Jonah "found a ship". Walk through the art galleries in Old Jaffo.  
Dinner tonight will be served at the Maganda Yemenite restaurant.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)**

Drive along the Mediterranean to the ruins of **Caesarea**, a large port city built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. Herod built a port in the bay and erected all the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city - a theater, a hippodrome, and a luxurious bathhouse. In order to supply water to the city's ever-growing population, he built an aqueduct system stretching from the springs of Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. Part of this system is still visible today.

Drive west to **Mt. Carmel** and the city of **Haifa**. Enjoy the panoramic views of the largest port of Israel and the Shrine of the Bahai.

Stroll the streets of Haifa and enjoy a falafel in Hadar, one of the most colorful neighborhood and streets of Haifa.

Then to **Acko** (ancient Acre), the maritime capital of the Crusader Kingdom, visit the Knights' Halls, one of the most beautiful and impressive remains from this period. Walk through the recent excavations to experience a real trip in a time machine.

Then, cross the Galilee to Tiberias, one of the four holy Jewish cities, for dinner and Our hotel, **SCOTS HOTEL**, is a 5-star property in the heart of Tiberias with a breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee. All 69 standard rooms are equipped with private bath, direct dial phones, hair dryers, and air conditioning. Once serving as a hospital and later as a guesthouse for more than 100 years, the hotel has access to the Sea of Galilee, offering a perfect place for peaceful reflection. [www.scotshotels.co.il](http://www.scotshotels.co.il)

**THURSDAY, MAY 17 - TIBERIAS (B,L,D)**

Continue to **Zafed**, one of the four holiest Jewish cities and center of the study of Kabbalah. A mystical ambience hangs over the whole city. Visit the art galleries and the ancient synagogues. Meet artist and kabbalist David Friedman for a fascinating talk on Kabbalah and kabalistic art.

Enjoy a **St. Peter's fish** lunch at Kibbutz Hagoshrim. Then walk to a unique location on the **River Jordan** where we will remember our own baptism.

Next, drive to the Upper Galilee to Baniyas (**Caesarea Philippi**) to see the source of the Jordan River and the site of Peter's confession "...you are the Christ" (Matt. 16:18).

Continue north and stop at **Sha'ar Yishuv** east of Kiryat Shomona on the old border of the Golan Heights, a Moshav which took much fire from Syria before the Six Days War. In 1997 this was the site of a national disaster when two IDF helicopters collided in mid air above the Moshav, killing 73 soldiers.

Continue to the **Valley of the Tears**, hear the moving story of the brave Kahalani's battle to secure the **Golan Heights** during the Yom Kippur War. Continue to Mt. Bental for an outstanding view of the Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights.

Drive to Katzrin, the only city in the Golan Heights.

Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

**FRIDAY, MAY 18 – TIBERIAS (B,L,D)**

Drive to Nazareth and stop in **Cana**, the site of Jesus' first miracle, converting the water into wine at the wedding. Visit the Church of the Wedding.

Continue to **Nazareth**, home to the largest Arab population in Israel. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Grotto

Then visit the **Nazareth Village** and experience first-hand the way of life in the Galilee in the days of Jesus. Enjoy a Biblical style lunch.

Visit the 2,000 year old **Genosar Boat** that was discovered in 1986.

Then take a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Continue to **Peter's Home in Capernaum** which reveals the domestic life of a New Testament fisherman.

The contemporary church at **Tabga** celebrates the Miracle of the Multiplication. Note the mosaic floor from a Byzantine-era church, and the section in front of the ancient altar depicting two fish and a basket filled with loaves of bread.

Drive to the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, site of the Sermon on the Mount and the Miracle of the Fishes.

Return to Tiberias for Sabbath dinner and overnight.

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Depart Tiberias and drive to **Beth Shean**, one of Israel's most ancient cities and the ruins of the largest Roman city being excavated today. In its 7,000 year history the Egyptian, Roman and Byzantine empires have laid claim to the site, attracted by abundant water, fertile soil and the situation at an important east-west crossroads.

Continue to **Kibbutz Beth Alpha** and see a floor mosaic from a 6th-century synagogue. It's quite surprising to see a 1400 year old image of the 12 signs of the Zodiac in Hebrew.

Then, visit **Megiddo**, the "Hill of Battles," where archaeologists have uncovered 20 civilizations built one upon another. At this site, King Solomon built his vast stables and good King Josiah died in battle.

In the afternoon, climb the Judean Hills and arrive in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**You are confirmed in a Deluxe Old City View Alcove Room**

Our hotel, **DAVID CITADEL**, is a beautiful, deluxe hotel located in a down town Jerusalem, across from the Jaffa Gate. All 385 spacious guest rooms are equipped with individual climate control, electronic locks, safety deposit box, color TV with international satellite stations, direct-dial phone, mini-bar and hair dryer. Hotel services and facilities include a shopping arcade, laundry and dry cleaning service, business center and health club.

[www.tdchotel.com](http://www.tdchotel.com)

**SUNDAY, MAY 20 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Drive 6 miles south to **Bethlehem**, birthplace of Jesus, to visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the oldest church in the holy land still in use. Construction began in 326 CE, based on the local tradition that Jesus was born in a cave at the edge of the village.

Return to Jerusalem and drive to the **Mount of Olives** for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of Jerusalem.

Visit the **Dominus Flevit**. During construction in 1955, archaeologists uncovered artifacts dating back to the Canaanite period as well as tombs from both the Second Temple and Byzantine eras.

The Garden of Gethsemane lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Today it appears as it did 20 centuries ago and within it are some of the world's oldest olive trees. Originally built in 379, the **Church of Gethsemane** was rebuilt in 1919-1924. Long considered one of the most beautiful in Jerusalem, it was called the Church of all Nations because 16 nations contributed to its construction.

Continue to the **City of David** to see excavations of the earliest days of Jerusalem. Weather permitting walk **Hezekiah's Tunnel**.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MONDAY, MAY 21 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Visit the **House of Caiaphas**, chief priest of the Jews, where Jesus was held prior to his trial.

Drive to Mt. Zion and visit **King David's Tomb** and the **Last Supper Room**.

Enter the **Old City** through the **Zion Gate**, used by the Israel Defense Forces in 1967 to enter and capture the Old City. The stones surrounding the gate are still pockmarked by weapons fire.

Walk through the **Kardo**, an ancient Roman street converted into a pedestrian mall.

See the **Burnt House** and the **Herodian Quarter**, vivid remains of the Roman conquest and the destruction of the Jewish Temple in 70 AD.

Walk down to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of the Second Temple.

See the **Temple Steps**, the original steps leading to the Temple's **Entrance to the Court of the Israelites**.

At **Davidson Center**, view a multi-media presentation about 1<sup>st</sup>-century Jerusalem.

Walk through the **Western Wall Tunnel**, huge arched spaces just north of the Western Wall.

Return to your hotel for Dinner and overnight.

**TUESDAY, MAY 22 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

See the **Chagall Windows** at the Hadassah Medical Center synagogue.

Then visit **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial**. Meet a local cantor for a service in the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis. V

Continue for a visit the Military Cemetery at **Mt. Herzl** and see the tombs of Theodor Herzl, Golda Meir and Itzhak Rabin.

Continue to the impressive Israel **Supreme Court Building**. The building blends old and new with Byzantine mosaics and bricks reminiscent of those in the Old City alongside white Mediterranean walls. The architects incorporated biblical ideas into their work with law and truth illustrated by lines to show a direct path and justice represented by curves. A short walk away is the **Knesset** (Israel's Parliament), where you will see the grand Menorah, the ancient and enduring symbol of our land.

Next, visit **Ammunition Hill**, a former Jordanian army stronghold, conquered by the Israeli army in the Six Day War, and converted into a national memorial site and museum. Return to Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Depart Jerusalem and drive east to **Masada** a natural fortress with majestic ruins overlooking the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of the plateau for a tour. Jewish zealots held the rock against the unrelenting 10<sup>th</sup> Roman legion until 72 AD, when a monumental siege, using an astounding attack ramp, conquered the fortress. The camps and other fortifications that encircle the mesa constitute the most complete Roman siege works to have survived to the present day.

Descend by cable car and drive to the Dead Sea for a float in the water.

See **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947.

Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 24 – JERUSALEM (B,D)**

Then drive to the **Old City** and pass through Stephen's Gate into the **Christian Quarter**. Here is the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus healed the blind man. Probably the finest example of Crusader architecture in Israel, **St. Anne's Church**, possesses amazing acoustics.

Walk the **Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa**, to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. In 325, Constantine's mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. This 4<sup>th</sup>- century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009 and partially restored in 1048. The impressive stone decorations adorning the facade date from Crusader times. In its current form, the church preserves the Crusader structure and is shared by two major Christian denominations, the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic. The church enshrines a tomb that some traditions hold to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection.

Then have a free afternoon to relax, last minute shopping and rest before the trip home.

Return to your hotel for a farewell dinner and stay in your room that will be kept until we depart for the airport.

You will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight around 8:30pm.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 25 –**

Depart Tel Aviv with Delta Airlines flight # 269 **nonstop** to New York (JFK), leaving at 12:05am, arriving at 10:52am.

Clear U.S. Customs and Immigration and connect to your Delta Airlines gateway.

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**Price per person in a double room from:**

- **BOS, JFK, PHL, PIT, WAS: \$7,860**
- **ATL, CLT, CVG, DFW, DTW, HOU, MCO, MEM, MIA, MSP, OKC, ORD, RDU, STL, TPA: \$7,960**
- **DEN, LAS, LAX, PDX, PHX, SAN, SEA, SFO, SJC, SLC, SNA: \$8,060**

**Rates from other Delta Airlines cities in the United States are available upon request.**

**Single room supplement: \$2,995**

**Business Class air supplement: \$3,295**

**Reduction for not using the air: less \$800  
plus cost of transfers from/to the airport if traveling on different flights than the group**

**Prices are GUARANTEED for May 2012**

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### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- \* Round-trip, economy air from your Delta city to Tel Aviv with Delta Airlines.
- \* Departure and fuel taxes. (\$565 as of March 22, 2011, subject to change until the final invoice is issued).
- \* 11 nights of accommodations at the listed hotels with Israeli breakfast and dinner daily.
- \* Falafel lunch in Haifa.
- \* St. Peter's Fish lunch.
- \* Biblical lunch in Nazareth.
- \* Transfers from/to the airport in Israel.
- \* 9 days of touring in a private, air-conditioned bus with a licensed, English-speaking guide.
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- \* Private boat on the Sea of Galilee.
- \* Portage at airport and hotels.
- \* Service fees and local taxes.
- \* **Ya'lla Tours USA** travel bag, travel documents, and supplemental information.
- \* Tips to guide and driver.

### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- \* Alcoholic drinks during meals that are included.
- \* Meals unless specified.
- \* Travel insurance, highly recommended.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- \* Delta offers full mileage credit on their Sky Miles program.
- \* Air schedules are subject to change.
- \* You must have a **U.S. passport** to enter Israel (valid at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return date).
- \* A \$800 per person deposit is due upon booking. The deposit is refundable, until the final payment on February 13, 2012.
- \* The deposit guarantees the price of the airfare and the land services. Failure to pay the deposit may cause an increase in the price.
- \* Final payment is due **February 13, 2012.**
- \* All funds paid to **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** are held in a trust account until paid to our suppliers.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## **PRICE:**

- \* The price of the tour is: **from \$7,860 to \$8,060** per person in a double room (depending on the departure city) based on a minimum of **20** participants. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** our suppliers increase the price, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will adjust the price accordingly.
- \* Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket has been issued.
- \* Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- \* Should the number of participants, **90** days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

## **DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:**

- \* A deposit of **\$800** per person is due upon registration.
- \* Final payment is due to Ya'lla Tours by **February 13, 2012.**

## **CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:**

- \* **For cancellation of 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* **For cancellation of 44 to 15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* **For cancellation of 14 days and less prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.**
- \* No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.
- \* **The travel insurance is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

## **RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:**

Whereas **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

**Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'.

The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:**

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will do its best to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

**PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:**

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:**

Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your entry date to your travel destination. For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for update information.

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:**

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Travel insurance is not included in your tour price. It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his / her health insurance provides coverage outside of the USA. Please contact your insurance carrier for details.

**Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.**