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Israel: Ancient life, sacred sites, and modern cities
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May 2–14, 2016
12 nights/13 days
Cost: $4,200 per person*
Plus a $2,500 gift is requested to benefit the ASU Institute of Human Origins.**
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IHO Director Bill Kimbel teams up with long-time research colleague Yoel Rak, Professor Emeritus of Anatomy, Tel Aviv University, to lead this unique tour of Israel. Kimbel and Rak worked together in the 1990s in the discovery of new fossils in the Amud Cave and continue to collaborate on research. This a tour unlike any other in Israel!

The tour features an adventure in human history from the earliest evidence of habitation by Neandertals and humans in caves and rock shelters—fossils from those sites—to the Dead Sea Scrolls and sites from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim history, to the bustling urban streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and the quiet hillside of the upper Galilee.

Trip Highlights
- Ancient port of Old Jaffa
- UNESCO World Heritage Site of Nachal Me’arot featuring evidence of over one million years of human activity
- Qafzeh Cave with remains from the Holocene, Upper Paleolithic, and Middle Paleolithic periods
- Golan Heights and Mimrod Fortress built in 1228
- Nahal Amud Cave excavated by Kimbel and Rak in the 1990s
- Ubediyah Pleistocene site ca. 1.5 million years ago, yielding Achueulean-type hand axes, preserving the earliest migration of Homo erectus out of Africa
- Herod’s hilltop fortress of Masada where Jews held out against the Romans in 73 CE
- The Dead Sea and the Shrine of the Book, housing fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Rockefeller Archaeological Museum
- Western Wall in the Old City
- Vad Vashem, the museum and memorial of the Holocaust
- Bauhaus architecture tour of the “White City” of Tel Aviv

See last page for Deposit and Cancellation information.
Itinerary—Overview

Day 1: Monday, May 2—Arrival
Upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport, a representative of the tour provider will escort you from the plane in a VIP vehicle. The representative will escort you through all incoming procedures (immigration/passport control, luggage collection, customs etc.). Ground transportation is arranged for you to your hotel in Tel Aviv. There will be a welcome dinner in Tel Aviv. Overnight in the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 2: Tuesday, May 3—Tel Aviv
- The ancient port of Old Jaffa—where Jonah sailed from, Andromeda was rescued by Perseus, the Crusaders’ fleet docked, and David Gruen (Ben-Gurion) entered Palestine during Ottoman times. Stroll through the quaint alleyways of Old Jaffa and visit some of the artists’ galleries.
- Lunch on your own in Jaffa Port.
- Neve Tzedek, the first Jewish neighborhood built outside of the overcrowded walled city of Jaffa in 1897. This area has come full cycle—initially an upscale “Garden Neighborhood,” it became dilapidated as the city of Tel Aviv developed to the north and has in the last decade been “gentrified” and changed its atmosphere from neglect to buzzing cultural hub. Enjoy the mix of history, modernity, culture, and chic.
- The Hall sits in the neighborhood of Ahuzat Bayit (the inheritance of a home), which originally was to be a garden suburb of Jaffa but eventually grew to the city of Tel Aviv and wrapped itself around Jaffa and swallowed it whole. Many of the original homes are still there and some have beautiful ceramic tiles embedded in the exterior walls.
- Dinner with the group in Tel Aviv. Overnight in the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 3: Wednesday, May 4—Prehistoric Sites
- Nachal Me’arot: A UNESCO World Heritage Site located on the southern bank of the Me'arot Stream and on the western slopes of Mount Carmel, featuring four caves, including the famous Skhul and Tabun cave sites, which where discovered containing evidence of over one-million years of human activity—a rare phenomenon anywhere in the world.
- Head for the Jezreel Valley to explore a fortified, ancient city called Megiddo, where Tutmoses III of Egypt won a battle in 1478 BCE and inscribed the battle on a temple he built in Egypt—it is the first “recorded” battle in history. According to the New Testament Book of Revelation, it will be the site of the last battle in history to take place at Har Megiddo, the “Hill of Megiddo,” transliterated at “Armageddon.”
- Lunch at Ahuza in Afula coordinated by the tour.
- Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus and the site of the visit of the Church of the Annunciation where Mary was met by the Archangel Gabriel who “announced” the coming birth of Jesus. Today it is the largest Arab city in Israel. Visit its churches, mosques, markets, and eateries.
- Dinner on your own in Nazareth. Overnight in the Villa Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth

Day 4: Thursday, May 5—Paleolithic Sites
- Qafzeh Cave is a rock shelter in the Lower Galilee, located near Nazareth. The site includes human remains from the Holocene, Upper Paleolithic, and Middle Paleolithic periods. The site also includes a series of hearths, several human graves, flint artifacts, animal bones, a collection of sea shells, lumps of red ochre, and an incised cortical flake.
- Har Hakfitzah/Mount of Precipice, located in the entrance to Nazareth, in the Christian tradition is the mountain where people tried to push Jesus after his sermon, after declaring himself as the Messiah. In the last moment he jumped off the mountain and disappeared. The mountain was sanctified in the ancient era. There are still remains of the Byzantine convent on the mountain’s western side.
- Lunch arranged by the tour.
- Tour churches on the shores of the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee); the Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount; Tabgha (Multiplication of the Fishes and the Loaves); and K’far Nahum (Capernaum) where Peter lived and Jesus visited. Archaeological excavations have revealed two ancient synagogues built one over the other and a church, which was built on top of Peter’s home where Jesus visited.
- Proceed to Kibbutz Ginnosar to view the “Jesus Boat,” a 2,000 year old boat found on the shores of Geneseret near ancient fishing village of Magdalana.
- Dinner at Tashreen in Nazareth. Overnight in the Villa Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth
Day 5: Friday, May 6—Golan Heights

- Travel to the top of the Finger of the Galilee to walk in the Banias Nature Reserve, named after the Greek god Pan (Panias), who was worshipped in a small shrine in the cliff above the spring. Follow the path along the stream to see an excavated archeological site. Or continue to see the Banias waterfall that cuts its way through the rock creating a magnificent canyon.
- Nimrod Fortress is an impressive site located on the slopes of Mount Hermon above the Banias Spring. The fortress, also known by its Arabic name, Qala’at Subeiba, was built in 1228 by Al-Maliq al’Aziz ‘Othman, the governor of Banias, to block passage to the army of Friedrich II. Every corner of the fortress affords glimpses of forested valleys and marvelous views.
- Lunch in a Druze Village in the Golan arranged by the tour.
- Ascend the Golan Heights to Kazrin to tour the ancient Talmudic Village to learn about the lifestyle of Jews who lived here over 1,800 years ago. Walk through the excavated village and enter a reconstructed home to see how they built and baked and farmed.
- Rugum El–Hiri—Exotic theories are associated with this mysterious ancient place in the Golan Heights made of a circle of stones. The complex was exposed in the early 1970s, and the estimate of its age is from 3,500 to 4,000 years old.
- Emeq Ha-Bacha (the Valley of Tears)—Go to the battle site to fully understand the magnitude of the stand of the “few against the many.”
- Dinner at Kfar Haruv together with the group.

Overnight in Kfar Haruv

Day 6: Saturday, May 7—Galilee and Jordan Valley

- Wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes in anticipation of a beautiful nature hike along Nahal Amud in the upper Galilee, as well as viewing the paleoanthropological sites of Zuttiyeh and Amud—excavated by tour leaders Bill Kimbel and Yoel Rak in the 1990s.
- Picnic lunch planned by the tour.
- Dinner at Kfar Haruv with the group planned by the tour.

Overnight in Kfar Haruv

Day 7: Sunday, May 8—Ubeidiya

- Museum of Kibbutz Sha’ar Golan gives you a full picture of everyday life and the ritual art of ancient agricultural village of 8,000 years ago. The site also contains the largest assemblage of artifacts from prehistoric times in Israel. It includes human figurines made of clay and pebbles and basalt pebbles incised with geometric patterns and pendants.
- Boxed picnic lunch planned by the tour.
- Ubeidiya is an archaeological site of the Pleistocene, ca. 1.5 million years ago, preserving traces of the earliest migration of Homo erectus out of Africa. The site yielded hand axes of the Acheulean type. The site was discovered in 1959 and excavated between 1960 and 1974.
- Dinner in Jerusalem together with the group.

Overnight in the Dan Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 8: Monday, May 9—Judean Desert and Dead Sea

Bring a bathing suit, towel, and water shoes today!

- An early morning—up before dawn—which is the most magical time to visit Masada as the sun rises above the desert—to Herod’s hilltop fortress where Jews held out against the Romans in the year 73 CE ending the Great Revolt. Climb/ascend by foot or by cable car up to the mountain on the winding "Snake Path" and enter the hilltop fortress though the casemate wall. The remains of the fortress of Masada are well-preserved and have been reconstructed in some places. The most impressive structure on Masada is King Herod’s northern palace, built on three rock terraces overlooking the gorge below. Near the palace is a large Roman-style bath house with a colorful mosaic floor and walls decorated with murals. Many other buildings at the site—such as the luxurious western palace, the mikveh (Jewish ritual bath), storerooms, watchtowers, and a synagogue—relate the history of Masada.
- Lunch at the Dead Sea Hotel followed by a float/soak in the miraculous waters of the Dead Sea (the saltiest water on earth). If you would like to prebook spa treatments, please contact the tour manager.
- Qumran is a small Biblical village of the Essenes, a monastic Jewish sect who were the抄ists of the Dead Sea Scrolls, written in the first century BCE and CE and hidden by the sect in the caves around their village. The scrolls, discovered by Beduin shepherds in 1947, are the oldest copies of Biblical texts ever found.
- Dinner on your own in Jerusalem.

Overnight in the Dan Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem
Your travel program price includes:

- Double occupancy four-star accommodations
- English speaking expert guides
- All entrance fees
- Meal plan as per the itinerary
- Air-conditioned vehicles for land transport

Your travel program price does not include:

- International roundtrip airfare
- Meals not specifically noted on the itinerary
- Drinks and alcoholic beverages during meals
- Spa treatments
- Travel insurance and trip cancellation insurance (both strongly recommended)
- Tips for guides
- Costs of obtaining passports and visas and border taxes
- Excess baggage charges or shipping charges
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- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, equipment rental, laundry, telephone, cable, or fax charges

Payment Schedule
A $1,000 deposit is required immediately to confirm your reservation (single supplement required). The deposit must be received accompanied by the traveler(s) full name as on passport, passport number, date of issue, and expiry before your booking can be made. The balance of $3,200 is payable $1,000 on January 1, 2016; $1,000 on February 1, 2016; and $1,200 on March 1, 2016.

Cancellation Schedule
If written cancellation is received more than 45 days prior to departure (before March 18, 2016), 50 percent of the total cost of the tour will be forfeited. If written cancellation is received less than 45 days prior to departure, 100 percent of the cost of the tour will be forfeited.

Day 9: Tuesday, May 10—Jerusalem
- Discover some of Israel’s most loved treasures at the Israel Museum—the model of Jerusalem as it appeared on the eve of the Great Jewish Revolt in 66 CE; the Shrine of the Book, housing fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls; and the extensive Judaica and archaeological sections of the main museum.
- Lunch on your own at the Israel Museum.
- Ascend the Mount of Olives for a magnificent overlook of the City of David, the Temple Mount, the Old City, and the New City. You will also see the churches on the slope of Mt. Olives including: Pater Noster, where Jesus met often with the Disciples; Dominus Flevit (the Lord cried); and the Church of Mary Magdalene. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was arrested after the Last Supper and home of some of the most amazing and old olive trees on earth.
- Dinner on your own in Jerusalem.

Overnight in the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 10: Wednesday, May 11—Biblical Jerusalem
- Rockefeller Museum—The Rockefeller Archaeological Museum, situated in a magnificent white limestone edifice in East Jerusalem, houses the extraordinary collection of antiquities unearthed in excavations conducted in the country mainly during the time of the British Mandate (1919–1948). The museum was opened in 1938.
- Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) where Jesus carried the cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Originally built by the mother of Emperor Constantine in 330 AD, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher commemorates the hill of crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus’ burial. The original Byzantine church was destroyed by the Persians in AD 614. Rebuilt shortly thereafter, the Egyptian caliph al-Hakim destroyed the church in 1009 and had the tomb hacked down to bedrock. The Crusaders rebuilt the church and much of what is standing today is from that time period.
- Lunch on your own in the Old City.
- Kotel (Western Wall) of the Temple Mount, which today is the holiest site for Jews and where visitors leave notes and prayers between the stones of the wall. Over the centuries, this enduring fragment of the Temple complex has come to symbolize the indestructible attachment of the Jewish people to the land of Israel. Because of the sanctity of the Temple Mount itself, very observant Jews do not go farther than the Wall to this day. It became known in European languages as the “Wailing Wall.”
- Dinner together with the group planned by the tour.

Overnight in the Dan Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 11: Thursday, May 12—Vad Vashem
- Yad Vashem, the museum and memorial of the Holocaust. This is a difficult site but a most powerful one that documents the Holocaust as no other museum/memorial in the world. Visit the Children’s Memorial, the Avenue of the Righteous Amongst Nations, the Valley of the Lost Communities, and of course, the museum itself culminating in the Hall of Names.
- Lunch in Abu Gosh on the way to Tel Aviv planned by the tour.
- Dinner on your own in Tel Aviv.

Overnight in the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 12: Friday, May 13—The “White City”
- The “White City” of Tel Aviv is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Constructed from the early 1930s until the 1950s, based on the urban plan by Sir Patrick Geddes, the city reflects modern organic planning principles of the times. The buildings were designed by architects who were trained in Berlin before fleeing the rise of the Nazis for Palestine. They created an outstanding architectural ensemble of the Modern Movement in a new cultural context. Most of this “Bauhaus” style architecture was lost due to the destruction in World War. Walk through the largest collection of Bauhaus (Art Deco) architecture in the world.
- Private tour of Tel Aviv University and private fossil viewing with Yoel Rak.
- Lunch planned by the tour.
- Private dinner at the home of Yoel and Ricka Rak.

Overnight in the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 13: Saturday, May 14—Departure
- A driver from the tour provider’s VIP service will meet you in the lobby to depart the Carlton Hotel for Ben-Gurion Airport, where you will be escorted by the VIP service through ticketing, passport control, and customs (refunds) until final boarding.

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