CAMP BITNUA 2019

Israel off the beaten track tour

Oct 26th- Nov 2nd 2019

A Post Camp Tour to unique sites in Israel (most of them not visited on other tours). Even Israelis amount you will be amazed!



PART 1:

Saturday night, Oct 26th – After all camp activities, we take our deluxe bus ride to Beer Sheva. Check in and overnight at Leonardo Hotel.

Sunday, Oct 27th – After our famous Israeli breakfast we head towards "**Otefaza**" – the Israelite rm for the Kibbutz im and moshvim surrounding the famout Gaza strip. Meet our expert for this area for a detailed briefing about life there. We continue to **Kadesh Barnea** to visit a farm that specializes in desert agricultural products including desert fish ponds. Meet combat soldiers of **Karakal** (subject to confirmation). Drive to **Jerusalem** for hotel check in and dinner.

Monday, Oct 28th – After breakfast we start at the City of David the ongoing huge archeological dig in Jerusalem revealing the site King David chose as his base before taking the city. Even if you have been, you will be amazed by new findings. Continue to see the Filtering project – the dirt that Muslim took out from Illegal digging under the Second temple time. You may find some too. Seriously! After a lunch, we visit the new National Museum Center commemorating the 23,645 Israelis who fell defending Israel. An impressive new site inaugurated in 2018. We end the day visiting the Ammunition Hill with its new presentation that tells the story of Jerusalem during the Six Days war. Return to our hotel for dinner.

Tuesday, Oct 29th- After breakfast we drive to the Kalandia Machsom to see how a security check point operates. Nearby is Ma'ale Adomim, the new sister city of Jerusalem that is growing to become a big city. Possible meeting with the mayor. See the Separation Wall with a briefing that will explain its role. We end the day at the Kotel (wailing wall) and **new Sections** recently opened inside the Kotel Tunnels. Return to our hotel. We enjoy dinner together.

PART 2:

Wednesday, Oct 30th- Time to enjoy the Dead Sea – Nature's gift to your skin. Continue through the Jordan Valley until we reach Beit Shean- a Biblical city that became a Roman City, all exposed to you with the explanations of our expert guide. Nearby is **Kibbutz Gesher**. Hear the amazing story of this Kibbutz in 1948 that stopped the invasion of the Iraqi army. Continue to Tiberias and visit the house of **Donna Gracia**. A refugee from the Portugal expulsion who became wealthy and in the 16th century received a permission from the Ottoman Sultan to rebuild Tiberias. A story unknown to many. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.



Thursday, Oct 31st- After breakfast we ascent to the Golan Heights and walk part of **Eli Cohens Path.** Eli Cohen z'' I was a famous Israeli spy who contributed a lot to the success of the Six Day War. He was caught in Syria and hanged. Recently a walking path was prepared with spots showing his espionage activity. Continue to **Emek Habacha** (Valley of tears) to see and hear the story about the fiercest tank battle fought there during the Yom D Kippur War. Ascent **Mount Bental,** a former IDF bunker overlooking Syria. Return to Tiberias. Dinner on your own.

Friday, Nov 1- Leave Tiberias towards the **Gilboa Mountain** to see a new hydroelectric underground power station operated by an engineering ingenuity (subject to confirmation). Proceed to visit the **underground Byzantine city of Akko.** A 20-year project digging exposes you to Akko 1000 years ago under Byzantine rule. If time permits – we rush to visit the **Atlit Detention Camp** where the British held the refugees who fled the horrors of Nazi Europe. We arrive Tel aviv to settle at our hotel. Enjoy our farewell dinner and then stroll in the city that never sleeps.

Saturday, Nov 2- Good bye! We miss you already!

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Tours as specified with an English speaking Israeli guide as per above program.
- Briefing by a special expert while touring Otef Aza .
- A deluxe exclusive bus.
- Entrance fees to visited sites.
- First class (4 stars Israeli standard) hotels.
- Daily breakfast and dinners.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Personal expenses
- Recommended tips to guide and driver (\$8 pp per day)
- Travel insurance
- Drinks with meals

Prices:

Part 1 - \$1099 pp in a double room. Single room supplement - \$380. Part 2 - \$799 pp in a double. Single supplement - \$290 Both Parts - \$1749 pp in a double. Single - \$670

You may join either part or both of them.

For more info and registration please contact: <u>david@aviatours.net</u> and mention Camp Bitnua Post Tour



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