

Jim Gold International Folk Tours



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Israel !

Folk Dancing, Music, History, Culture, Adventure !

March 11-23, 2012

Jerusalem, Masada,
Tel Aviv, Galilee,

Haifa, Tiberias, Safed, Golan Heights,

Jordan ext. Petra, Amman, Wadi Rum, Jerash: March 23-28



Led by Jim Gold with Dr. Joe Freedman

- ★ See the new-old, multi-faceted culture of Israel, meet its people, learn songs and dances, visit its historic sites!
- ★ Folk dancing with Israeli choreographers, Balkan dance with Dunav, evening talk on Ethnic Folk Dance with Ayala Goren!
- ★ Meet Yemenite, Bedouin, and Kurdish cultural groups. Attend Arab and Druze Debka dance workshops.
- ★ Price includes transfers, city tours, private deluxe motor coach, folk dance workshops, entrance fees, professional tour guide, breakfasts, most dinners.

Our itinerary:

Day 1: Sunday, March 11 : Depart on Delat Airlines from JFK airport in New York City.

Day 2: Monday, March 12: Arrive in Israel. Transfer to Tel Aviv's Dan Panorama Hotel. Overview of **Old Jaffa**. Orientation. Dinner in Mediterranean-style restaurant in Yemenite Quarter.



Day 3: Tuesday, March 13: TEL AVIV: Independence Hall with focus on growth of Tel Aviv. **Museum of the Diaspora** with emphasis on history of Jewish ethnic groups. Free for dinner. Evening workshop with an **Israeli folk dance choreographer**. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv.



Day 4: Wednesday, March 14: Travel south. Introduction to the desert at the **Jo Alon Center - Bedouin Culture Museum**. At a **Bedouin Tent: camel ride, Bedouin hospitality** with coffee, tea, and an introduction to Bedouin life and Bedouin music. **Bedouin-style Lunch**. Afternoon transfer to Dead Sea Hotel. Use of spa facilities. Float on the **Dead Sea** while reading a newspaper! Dinner included at the hotel. Overnight: Isrotel Hotel, Ein Bokek, Dead Sea.

Day 5: Thursday, March 15: Tour the amazing finds on **Masada** and take a walk through the breath-taking nature reserve of **Ein Gedi**, ascend to to Jerusalem. Free time for dinner on your own. Evening: **Balkan dancing** with the **Dunav Club**. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.



Day 6: Friday, March 16: Old City of Jerusalem: Visit **Christian Quarter** and **Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jewish Quarter, Kotel (Western Wall)**. Optional visit to Friday night Sabbath services at the Kotel. Overnight and dinner at Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.



Day 7: Saturday, March 17: Day of leisure. Optional walking tour of **Tower of David**. Afternoon walking tour of first neighborhoods outside the City Walls. On your own for dinner. Evening talk on **Ethnic Folk Dancing** in Israel with the renowned Ayalah Goren-Kadman, followed by optional Israeli dancing with Boaz Cohen. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 8: Sunday, March 18: From Tel Azeka recall story of David and Goliath. Participate in **archaeological dig** at Bet Gurvrin/Tel Maresha. At the **Ayalon Institute** hear the amazing story of clandestine operations during the British mandate. Free time for shopping, strolling and dinner in the city of **Rehovot**. Special evening program of **Yemenite culture** in the neighboring town of **Kiryat Ekron!** Return to Jerusalem's Dan Panorama Hotel. Dinner on your own.

Day 9: Monday, March 19: New City of Jerusalem: Yad Lekashish: Lifeline for the Elderly, sheltered workshops. Drive through Jerusalem's Cultural Mile, **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**. Tour the various ethnic neighborhoods in the **Nahla'ot area** as well as the colorful **Machaneh Yehuda Open-Air Market**. Evening program with immigrants from **Kurdistan: Authentic songs, dances and dinner!** Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.



Day 10: Tuesday, March 20: Drive north. **Druze hospitality** at village of Daliat el Carmel. Panoramic view of the city of **Haifa and the Bahai Gardens**. Arab and Druze **Debka dance workshop** with the amazing Yihye Abu Juma. Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Guest House, on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 11: Wednesday, March 21: The mystical city of **Zfat (Safed)**. Talk with a **Kabbalistic artist. Klezmer music** workshop. Visit **Christian sites** on the northern shore of the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee). Tour and wine tasting at **Golan Heights Winery**. Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz.

Day 12: Thursday, March 22: Kinneret Courtyard and Cemetery: We start in Tiberias, traverse the Galilee to Zippori located near Nazareth. Songs and dances of poetess Rachel. **Mt. Carmel:** story of Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. Panoramic view of the **Jezreel Valley**. Drive down the coast. **Farewell Dinner**. Depart for airport for midnight flight home. *Travelers taking Jordan extension will stay overnight in Nof Ginosar.*



Tour of Jordan:

Day 13-18: Friday, March 22-28: Tour Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan!
We'll visit: Petra, Amman, Wadi Rum, Jerash, Madaba, Desert Castles, and Mt Nebo!

About Jim Gold: Jim Gold brings a love of old cultures, new discoveries, people, music and languages to the events he organizes. For over 25 years, as president of Jim Gold International, he has taught folk dancing and led Folk Tours to over 20 countries including: Israel, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Norway, Poland, Turkey, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, the Balkans and more. The purpose of these trips is to experience history, art and local traditions, with an emphasis on folk dance and folk culture. Jim's adventures as a folk dance teacher, international tour leader and entrepreneur, have been chronicled in his nine books, the latest being: "50 Folk Dances choreographed by Jim Gold." As a professional classical guitarist and singer, his concerts have appeared in schools, universities and on TV. **This is his 25th year leading Jim Gold International Tours.**

About Joe Freedman: Joe's interest in international folk dancing and folk guitar began at 12 years old in St. Louis. He holds undergraduate degrees from Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in education from Columbia Teachers College. He has studied Israeli dance in New York with the legendary Fred Berk. In 1980 he and his wife moved to Israel where he organizes educational tours, and is currently **Director of the Ramah Programs in Israel.** A licensed Israeli tour guide and certified Israeli folk dance instructor, Joe loves connecting Israeli music and dance to sites in Israel and sharing his enthusiasm about the country with tourists.

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Israel: Land Only: \$3895 Land and Air: \$4695
Jordan Extension: \$1495

REGISTRATION: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person. Israel single supplement: \$995 Jordan single supplement: \$295 Additional charges: \$85 for hotel taxes and service charges. Gratuities not included. Air tax: \$395. Cancellation 30-45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Less than 30 days: No refund. Program subject to change.
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