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Jim Gold International Folk Tours

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Folk Dancing, Music, History, Culture, Adventure !



March 19-30, 2017

Jerusalem, Masada, Tel Aviv,
Galilee, Haifa, Tiberias, Safed,
Golan Heights, and more!



Led by Jim Gold and Dr. Joe Freedman

- ★ See the new-old, multi-faceted culture of Israel!
- ★ Meet the Israeli people, learn their songs and dances, visit historic sites!
- ★ Folk dancing with Israeli choreographers, Balkan dance with Dunav.
- ★ Meet Yemenite, Bedouin, and Druze cultural groups.

- ★ Attend Arab and Druze Debka dance workshops.
- ★ Price includes city tours, private deluxe motor coach, folk dance workshops, entrance fees, professional tour guide, breakfasts, most dinners.
- ★ Note: Our tour is appropriate for people who keep kosher and observe Shabbat.

Our itinerary:

Day 1: Sunday, March 19: Depart on airline of your choice.

Day 2: Monday, March 20: Arrive in Israel. Meet in late afternoon to check-in to Tel Aviv's Dan Panomora hotel. Overview of **Old Jaffa**. Orientation. Dinner in Mediterranean-style restaurant in Yemenite Quarter. Overnight Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv.



Day 3: Tuesday, March 21: TEL AVIV: Independence Hall, with focus on the founding and growth of Tel Aviv. Enjoy walking through the **arts and crafts fair** on **Nahalat Binyamin** street. In the town of Or Yehuda, visit the **Museum of Babylonian Jewry** to appreciate the history and culture of Jews of Iraqi origin. Return to Tel Aviv. Free for dinner. Evening workshop with an **Israeli folk dance teacher/choreographer**. Overnight Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv.



Day 4: Wednesday, March 22: Check-out and travel south to the northern Negev Desert. In the **Bedouin city of Rahat** learn first-hand about **Bedouin hospitality** and their transition from nomadic to urban life. Afternoon transfer to Dead Sea hotel. Use of spa facilities. Float on the **Dead Sea** while reading a newspaper! Group dinner and overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Ein Boqueq, Dead Sea



Day 5: Thursday, March 23: Tour the amazing finds on **Masada** and take a walk through the breath-taking nature reserve of **Ein Gedi**, ascend to Jerusalem. Free time for dinner. Evening: Optional **Balkan dancing** with the **Dunav Club**. Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem.



Day 6: Friday, March 24: Old City of Jerusalem: Visit the **Christian Quarter** and **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, **Jewish Quarter**, **Kotel (Western Wall)**. Optional Friday night Sabbath services at the Kotel. "Shabbat" dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.



Day 7: Saturday ("Shabbat"), March 25: Day of leisure. Optional walking tour of **Tower of David**. Afternoon walking tour of first neighborhoods outside the City Walls. On your own for lunch and dinner. Evening: optional Israeli dancing with in one of a variety of folk dance clubs. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.



Day 8: Sunday, March 26: Drive through Jerusalem's Cultural Mile to the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**. Afternoon: Tour the various ethnic neighborhoods in the **Nahla'ot** area as well as the colorful **Machaneh Yehuda Open-Air Market**. Evening Yemenite dance workshop. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Day 9: Monday, March 27: Check-out and begin traveling north along the Jordan Valley Road. Stop at **Qasr al-Yehud** – the traditional location of the Israelites' crossing over the Jordan River and perhaps the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Arriving in the **Lower Galilee** we learn **Circassian dances** and hear about the history of these ethnic Moslems, originating in the Caucasus mountains, who live in the village of **Kafr Kama**. Arriving at the **Kinneret** (Sea of Galilee) we pause to dance to the songs of the poetess **Rahel** and of the song writer **Naomi Shemer**. Dinner and overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel on the Kinneret Sea.



Day 10: Tuesday, March 28: In **Haifa** take-in a breathtaking panoramic view of the Bay and the **Bahai Gardens**. With the staff of **Bet HaGefen**, an Arab-Jewish community center, we will walk through the Arab neighborhood of **Wadi Nisnas**, with its imaginative street art. In the late afternoon we travel to Deir el Assad to participate in an Arab **Debka dance workshop** with the amazing Yihye Abu Juma. At a **Druze Village** we hear about the history and culture of this colorful ethnic group and enjoy their traditional dinner. Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel on the Kinneret Sea.



Day 11: Wednesday, March 29: In the mystical city of **Zfat (Safed)** we visit one of the colorful synagogues and meet with a **Kabbalistic** (mystical) **artist**. Ascending to the Golan Heights we have a unique view of the north of the country. Tour and wine-tasting at the **Golan Heights Winery**. Drive down the coast. **Farewell Dinner** in Tel Aviv (or on the way). Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv.



Day 12: Thursday, March 30: : Depart on airline of your choice.

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 32th 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. In New York he studied Israeli dance instruction with the legendary Fred Berk. In 1980 he and his wife moved to Israel where he organized educational tours as 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. www.joefreedman.co.il



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