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Jim Gold International Folk Tours

Israel

Folk Dancing, Music, History, Culture, adventure !

October 31-November 11, 2021

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

**Led by Jim Gold,
Lee Friedman 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!**
- ★ **For dancers, non-dancers, and anyone with a love of travel and culture!**
- ★ **Folk dance 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, October 31: Depart on airline of your choice.

Day 2: Monday, November 1: 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, November 2: 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**. 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, November 3:** 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** Group dinner and overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Ein Boqueq, Dead Sea.
- Day 5: Thursday, November 4:** Tour the amazing finds on **Masada** and take a walk through the breath-taking nature reserve of **Ein Gedi**, ascend to Jerusalem. Evening: Optional **Balkan dancing** with the **Dunav Club**. Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem.
- Day 6: Friday, November 5: 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"), November 6:** 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, November 7:** 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, November 8:** 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, November 9:** 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** learn about this colorful ethnic group and enjoy their traditional dinner. Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel on the Kinneret Sea.
- Day 11: Wednesday, November 10:** In the mystical city of **Zfat (Safed)** we visit one of the colorful synagogues and meet with a **Kabbalistic (mystical) artist**. Ascending Golan Heights we have a view of the north country. Tour and wine-tasting at the **Golan Heights Winery.Farewell Dinner** in Tel Aviv (or on the way). Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv.
- Day 12: Thursday, November 11:** : Depart on airline of your choice.

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Israel: Land Only: \$3995 approx

REGISTRATION FORM:

Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person. Single supplement: \$???. Additional charges: \$145 hotel taxes and service. Gratuities and drinks during meals not included. Program subject to change without notice. Cancellations 90 days prior to departure: Total refund: Less than 60 days: No refund. Travel insurance always recommended. **Total balance due July 1, 2021.**

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