



# The Putnam Children's Discovery Center, Inc

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## **A few words about the Israel / Jordan Trip May 19-29, 2019 — 11 FULL DAYS.**

We only take 30 people, possibly 31 if the math works out that way. This allows for more activities to be scheduled. Less people to wait for in a gift shop or bathrooms — the time seriously all adds up to your benefit! We also fly one way from Eliat to Tel Aviv — why? Because we gain several hours. It never made sense to me to simply sit on the bus. Our luggage will come back by bus but we will fly and gain time in our next leg of the trip.

We will likely go out of Newark on United. I strongly suggest that you get a United Airlines credit card and charge “everything” groceries, gas etc so your airfare is free! We do not include airfare. Why? Because they change prices all the time and quite frankly you can go for free using this method. You are more than welcome to use a different airline as long as it arrives about the same time as the flight that I am on. Assuming everything was going today we would take the 4:40 flight out on Saturday ( non-stop) and we would arrive at 10:15 am. Most other non-stop overnight flights leave later on Saturday but then arrive later on Sunday — missing a full day of touring. My experience is that United always offers this flight, but as we get closer I will advise of the exact flight. \*\* this means arriving at Newark at 1:40 as they usually want you 3 hours ahead of time \*\* Returning home. We will leave on Wednesday the 29th and arrive back on May 30th Leave 11:10 pm on the 29th and arrive at 4:15 am on the 30th at Newark. The other reason why airfare is not included is because many fly from different states. If you are flying from a state not accessible to Newark let me know and I will help you find flights that will arrive timely.

Why do I say 11 days? Because from the minute we land until our departure dinner on the 29th we have full days of our trip. I hate to say that one of the “tricks” is to have people land at 4pm and leave at 10 am, so they really only get 9 days vs 11. **We are 11 full days of touring**

This includes Memorial Day in the USA, so that is one less day to take off work!

**Price is based on our final numbers, it also is based on current pricing to get into sites, should it go up a few dollars I will let you know. Although they have been pretty good in the past of having little to no changes. Hotels the biggest cost can be secured now if we have everyone depositing timely!** If you put aside \$50 a week you would have zero difficulty in paying for the trip. We are not going to be the cheapest tour in Israel . However the caliber of hotels and meals included means you pay once. I hate when you go on a tour and it seems cheap, but they nickel and dime you the entire way. When I note meals they are serious meals! Israeli breakfast is similar to our Sunday brunch with so much to eat you likely do not have to even eat lunch! We have breakfast every day. Our price includes 8 dinners, so there are only 2 dinners on your own! We include 6 lunches. Our price includes tips, most tours do not. The tour of course includes all entrance fees to sites. We also include daily bottles of water. It doesn't include airfare or our optional laundry service mid trip — that is by the pound or by the bag.

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Personally I use it because it’s less luggage to take! You will note that we stay in the better hotels. Our price also includes, Private tour in Petra. And that Includes: Border taxes & visa fees. Most trips to Israel do not include this side trip. Note private tour means we are not going to be on a bus with strangers! There are lots of Christian sites we will pass along the way in Jordan. It is quite fascinating. Petra is amazing! So the pricing is actually excellent given the quality of the places you will stay at and the amount of things you will do. Should you wish to invite a friend to dinner, let me know in advance and we can charge you for your friend. Some people may have friends or relatives in Israel that wish to join us for a meal or two.

We can help you get a roommate if you are traveling solo, please let us know upfront. Single means “just you” in a room.

Pricing is based on a deposit before **June 30, 2017** — we can only secure pricing if we can secure the hotels at these prices. In the unlikely event that prices go down vs go up we will adjust downward. We may switch hotels if something new comes on the market that dovetails with our itinerary. To be exact if we can secure the hotels now we are not likely to see changes. To do that we must send non-refundable money, we cannot do that if we don’t have your deposit!

Based on double occupancy at least 25 people	\$5,190 pp	Single Occupancy	\$6,730
Based on double occupancy at least 20 people	\$5,430 pp	Single Occupancy	\$6,920

\*\* Please note we can take credit cards but must add 3% to your charge as that is what we lose and these prices are not geared for a huge profit to us that absorbs this. Checks are payable to PCDC and mailed to PCDC PO Box 222 Carmel, NY 10512

**Payments and cancellations**

A non –refundable deposit of \$750 pp ( solo is \$1,000) is due on or before 6/30/17. Should you not be able to go— this can be considered as a donation to PCDC.

A non –refundable deposit of \$1,600 pp (solo is \$2,000) is due on or before 9/30/17 if you missed the 6/30/17 deadline. Should you not be able to go— this can be considered as a donation to PCDC.

A non –refundable deposit of \$2,300 pp (solo is \$3,000) is due on or before 12/31/17 if you missed the 9/30/17 deadline. Should you not be able to go— this can be considered as a donation to PCDC.

***Anything past your initial deposit date will be fully refundable until 11/19/18 . After this date we must guarantee the tour. If you have someone to take your place no problem. If we get another person interested no problem We encourage you to deposit early to maximize your refund should you need one.***

<b>Payment Plans</b>	<b>Per person/double</b>	<b>Single– solo room just you</b>
June 30, 2017	\$750pp	\$1,000
September 30, 2017	\$750 pp	\$1,000
December 31, 2017	\$750pp	\$1,000
March 30, 2018	\$1,000pp	\$1,500
June 30, 2018	\$1,000pp	\$1,500
September 30, 2018	\$940pp **	\$ 920**

Final payment may adjust if we do not get at least 25 people or there are itinerary changes or site fees go up. Again this is unlikely as we have always had 25 people.



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This can be done online email us for a link JNewman@DiscoveryCtr.org or use the link in the email.

Please note all meals on the trip will be kosher, there fore there will be no pork or shellfish, however you are welcome to eat these items on your own. If you have any serious food allergies please let us know. If you are vegan please let us know.

Something we should know \_\_\_\_\_

List each person and their passport numbers

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a USA Passport? \_\_\_\_ If not from where \_\_\_\_\_ Are you Male \_\_\_\_ Female

Passport Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If you are registering more than 3 people please copy this form.

Please enclose a non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person. Please note if you cannot go this will be considered a donation to PCDC. Checks payable to PCDC and mailed to PCDC PO Box 222, Carmel, NY 10512

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Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

### **DAY ONE - SUNDAY MAY 19TH - ARRIVAL**

- Welcome to Israel!!! Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met by our representatives and escorted through passport control, baggage claim and customs
- Discover the magnificent port city of Caesarea including the Roman Theater, Palace, Hippodrome & more
- View the impressive aqueduct that was used to transport water to the city
- Enjoy traditional Druze hospitality in the village of Dalyat el-Carmel
- Explore the Carmel Mountains where Elijah provoked a showdown against the false prophets of Ba'al
- Transfer to hotel & check-in
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel - Galilee

### **DAY TWO - MONDAY MAY 20TH – UPPER GALILEE**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Experience the Mystical City of Tzfat including beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory and ancient cemetery
- Watch a live demonstration by Kabbalistic glass-blower Sheva Chaya
- Lunch on own on the promenade
- Enjoy a beautiful nature walk in the Tel Dan Reserve where history, archeology & hydro-politics come together
- Meet with local residents at Kibbutz Malkiya on the border with Lebanon
- Boat ride & drum circle on the Sea of Galilee
- Dinner overlooking the Sea of Galilee at Decks Restaurant
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel - Galilee

### **DAY THREE - TUESDAY MAY 21ST – GOLAN HEIGHTS**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check-out & departure
- Tour Lavi and hear first-hand about kibbutz life
- Ascend the Golan Heights off-road by jeep
- Hear the story of the Six Day War as you visit the abandoned Syrian Outpost @ Mizpe Gadot
- Lunch on own in Kazrin

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- Sample the local fare at the award-winning Golan Heights Winery
- Visit Bio Bee at Sde Eliyahu & find out how Israeli agricultural technology & know-how are helping to provide food for millions across the globe
- Transfer to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley
- Lookout over the city from Mt Scopus
- Check-in to hotel
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

**DAY FOUR - WEDNESDAY MAY 22ND - JERUSALEM**

- Early breakfast at hotel
- Walk in the footsteps of Prophets & Kings in the City of David
- Wade through Hezekiah's Tunnels dug more than 2700 years ago
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter
- Time for reflection at the Western Wall
- Discover the splendor of the Second Temple as you navigate the fascinating Western Wall Tunnels
- Participate in the unique Emek Zurim Sifting Project searching for artifacts & treasures from the Temple Mount
- Dinner on own - suggested Old Train Station
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

**DAY FIVE - THURSDAY MAY 23RD - CENTRAL REGION**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore the Armored Corps Memorial and Tank Museum at Latrun
- Tour the Underground Bullet Factory where the Haganah secretly produced ammunition under the noses of the British
- Lunch en-route
- Visit Bnei Darom including Olive-oil factory
- Participate in creating a mosaic in the Wall for Peace at Netiv Ha'asara on the Gaza border
- Return to Jerusalem
- Experience the late-night bakery tour in Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods as the city's residents prepare their Shabbat Challah
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

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**DAY SIX - FRIDAY MAY 24TH - JERUSALEM**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel with senior Jerusalem Post political correspondent Gil Hoffman
- Pay tribute to the Memory of the Six Million at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum & Children's Memorial
- Encounter Israel's fallen heroes at the Mt Herzl Military Cemetery
- Experience the vibe in the Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market
- Join thousands of people from around the globe at the Western Wall
- Friday night dinner with Shabbat of a Lifetime
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

**DAY SEVEN - SATURDAY MAY 25TH - JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure. Options include:
- Morning services at local synagogue, not mandatory for those who have zero interest
- Relax by the hotel pool
- Discover the Israel Museum including the Model of Jerusalem, Dead Sea Scrolls & recently renovated Judaica wing
- Lunch at the hotel
- Walk along the Ramparts of the Old City Walls from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate
- Tour the fascinating Jewish Quarter including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Hurva and more
- Visit the Christian Quarter including the Via Dolorosa & Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Watch the Sound-and-Light Spectacular at the Tower of David
- Dinner on own – suggested Ben Yehudah Street— an amazing area lots of great restaurants or kiosk style stands to choose from
- Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

**DAY EIGHT - SUNDAY MAY 26TH - JUDEAN DESERT**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Transport yourselves back in time at Abraham's Tent in Genesis Land including camel riding & pita-baking
- Ascend the desert fortress of Masada where the Zealots held out against the Roman after the Destruction of the Second Temple
- Float in the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth in Ein Bokek
- Transfer to Eilat & check-in to hotel
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Eilat **\*\* HOTEL IS ON THE BEACH\*\***

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**DAY NINE - MONDAY MAY 27TH - PETRA**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Tour of Nabatean City of Petra
- Return to Eilat
- Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Eilat

**DAY TEN - TUESDAY MAY 28TH - EILAT**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure in Eilat to swim, snorkel, SCUBA dive
- Checkout from hotel
- Visit the Underwater Observatory & Oceanarium
- Explore Timna Park with its stunning geological formations & King Solomon's Mines
- Fly to Tel Aviv & transfer to the hotel
- Overnight: Hilton Hotel - Tel Aviv

**DAY ELEVEN - WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH – TEL AVIV**

- Full Israeli breakfast the hotel
- Checkout of hotel
- Encounter the "Striking Force" that formed the backbone of the IDF in 1948 at the state-of-the-art Palmach Museum
- Re-enact the dramatic Declaration of the State of Israel @ Independence Hall
- Enjoy a culinary tour & food-tasting in the bustling Carmel Market
- Tour Old Jaffa with it's enchanting alleyways, artists' galleries & views of Tel Aviv
- Final Banquet
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport & fly to USA

Please email any questions to [JNewman@DiscoveryCtr.org](mailto:JNewman@DiscoveryCtr.org)