

Post-Trip Journey to the North with Rabbi Alexander Davis



Celebrate 75 Years of Independence as a CommUNITY

Apr 23 - 26, 2023 (4 days, 3 nights)

DAY 1 Sunday, April 23



• 2:00 p.m. Depart Tel Aviv and drive north

• Drive to Akko - The ancient city of Akko, situated on the Mediterranean, is one of the oldest ports in the world, and a city shared by Jews and Muslims. Narrow streets, towering ramparts, deep moats, green domes, venerable synagogues, slender Muslim minarets, and secret passageways make up this unique city. In the Old City of Akko, you will visit the Knight's Hall. This fortress served as the headquarters of the Hospitallers, or Order of the Knights of Saint John which was established during the Crusades period to assist pilgrims with their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

• Druze Cooking Workshop and Dinner - Together with your hosts in their private home, prepare traditional Druze Galilean dishes, and then enjoy the feast you create. Learn about Druze culture and history from your hosts and the foods you eat.

- Drive to the hotel and check in
- Overnight: HaGoshrim Hotel

DAY 2 Monday, April 24



• Breakfast at the hotel

• Visit Um el Kanatir - Also known as Ein Keshatot, Um el Kanatir is home to a Jewish village from the period of the Mishna and Talmud, with a magnificent synagogue in its center. Enter the synagogue that features the original Ark Complex – the most preserved and magnificent to ever be discovered in Israel. The synagogue was excavated and reconstructed using advanced technological methods, and today it stands at a height of one story. The Ein Keshatot site also offers a visit to the village spring, which flows into ancient pools, and is surrounded by shaded areas.

• Lunch and Wine Tasting at Golan Heights Winery - Learn about the winery and the wines produced here, as you enjoy a wine tasting together with lunch.

• Visit Pitaya Farm - Visit this special exotic fruits farm, known for Pitaya, aka dragon fruit. Hear about how this farm came to settle in the Golan, learn about the farmers, and the produce that is grown here. You will tour the farm, while taking in the breathtaking views of the Sea of Galilee. The Pitaya season runs from July-Febuary, but you will have the opportunity to sample some of the farm's many other fruits.

• Return to the hotel for dinner

- Join a local community for an Erev Yom HaZikaron ceremony Meet with a family who lost a loved one and hear their story.
- Overnight: HaGoshrim Hotel

DAY 3 Tuesday, April 25



• Breakfast at the hotel

• Explore Tel Dan National Park - Tel Dan National Park combines a lush nature reserve with a biblical archaeological experience. At the heart of the park is "Tel Dan", the capital of the ancient northern Israeli biblical kingdom.

• Participate in a meaningful Yom HaZikaron ceremony - We will gather at the Helicopter Crash Memorial Monument in She'ar Yashuv, where we will hear from Erez Sofer, a long time resident of the moshav. He will talk about the 1997 helicopter crash in which 73 Israeli military personnel lost their lives. Erez will tell us the story of the crash, the impact it had on the country, and talk about the importance of the monument itself. Following this meaningful discussion, we will all stand during the two minute siren which is sounded throughout to country to pay tribute to the lives of all those lost.

• Lunch on your own

• **Tzipori National Park** - Tzipori was once the capital of the Galilee, the seat of the Sanhedrin, and the place where the Mishna was completed. View the ruins and ancient mosaic floor to see how native species have been part of the national iconography for centuries.

• Visit Kibbutz Hanaton, a kibbutz of the Masorti Movement - join the kibbutz for their Erev Yom Ha'Atzmaut dinner and festivities.

• Overnight: HaGoshrim Hotel

DAY 4 Wednesday, April 26



• Breakfast at the hotel

• Agamon HaHula - Bikes and Golf Carts - The Hula Valley sits in the northern part of the Syrian African Rift Valley which stretches as far south as Mozambique in Africa. During migration season, over 500 million birds travel through the Hula Lake. This wetland paradise is the perfect stopover for small waterfalls, cormorants, herons, pelicans, raptors, storks, and cranes. Take a morning ride through the park.

- Watch the Israeli Air Force Flyover
- Yom Ha'Atzmaut Barbeque at Kibbutz Amiad
- Transfer to the Tal Hotel or Ben Gurion Airport



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