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## **Israel: Past & Present**

March 4–15, 2019

Featured Trip Scholar: Morrie Fred, Senior Lecturer  
in the Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences



# TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

**DISCOVER** ancient Jerusalem, with its varied cultural and religious identities, on tours of the Old Town and the Temple Mount

**MEET** a curator for a tour of the Israel Museum, including the famed Dead Sea Scrolls

**TAKE** a cable-car ride to the top of the ancient fortress of Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

**SOAK** in the mineral-rich, buoyant waters of the Dead Sea

**EXPERIENCE** the Roman ruins of Herod's great port city of Caesarea and visit an ongoing excavation outside Haifa

**SPEND** three nights in modern Tel Aviv exploring its world-class museums and award-winning culinary scene

## TRAVELING WITH YOU



### **Morrie Fred, PhD, JD**

A product of Berkeley in the '60s, Morrie Fred began his anthropology career centered on Chinese culture. After conducting research on Taiwan and completing his PhD in 1975, he went to Sweden for a one-year appointment that turned into an almost ten-year stint. This included several years as Program Director of the Stockholm Jewish Center. After returning to the United States, he became Director of Chicago's Spertus Jewish Museum before graduating from the University of Chicago Law school and working in a disability law firm. In 2004, he was appointed Senior Lecturer in the Graduate Division's Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences. Having spent a year at the Hebrew University in 1966-67, his desire to return to Israel studies has persisted and in 2012 he was accepted into Brandeis University's Summer Institute for Israel Studies. He subsequently has visited Israel annually and has been conducting interviews with Israelis who produce and direct films.



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Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

Abraham and his tribe settled on these lands. King David swam in these waters. King Solomon built his temple in this place. Jesus was born on these sacred grounds. Immerse yourself in the art, religion and sacred history of Israel with the University of Chicago from March 4–15, 2019.

We are delighted that Morrie Fred, Senior Lecturer in the Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, will be leading this fascinating program. Dr. Fred holds a PhD in Anthropology and a JD in Law, and he has lived in and conducted research in Israel. His insights will make this a meaningful journey for travelers of all backgrounds and faiths.

During a ten-night tour, experience Israel's breathtaking beauty and rich culture. Begin in Jerusalem, with its unique interplay of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim identities. Visit ancient Capernaum, where Jesus studied and preached, and historic Tiberias, built on the Sea of Galilee by King Herod Antipas. Discover Tzefat (Safed), which was once the center of Kabbala (Jewish mysticism), and spend the night in the city of Haifa at the foot of Mount Carmel. Conclude in vibrant Tel Aviv on the sun-drenched Mediterranean coast.



We hope you will join fellow alumni, family, and friends to experience the cultural and historical heritage of this stunningly beautiful region. Space on this program is limited, so early reservations are encouraged. To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or call Arrangements Abroad at 800.221.1944.

Sincerely,

Ben Hancock

Director, Alumni Engagement  
The University of Chicago

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## MONDAY, MARCH 4: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5: JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to Jerusalem, a city central to three monotheistic faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Spend four nights at the well-located David Citadel Hotel. This evening, gather for introductory remarks followed by dinner. D

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: JERUSALEM

Following a morning lecture, visit the Mount of Olives for a panoramic introduction to the city of Jerusalem below. Continue into the city and stroll through the Ophel Archaeological Gardens, showcasing the Byzantine and early Arab excavations at the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount. Continue to the Western Wall, the only remaining part of the Second Jewish Temple complex that was destroyed in 70 C.E. After lunch, join a Muslim professor of cultural anthropology and expert in art and architecture to discover the Temple Mount. The site was significant in Greco-Roman paganism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, but it is the Islamic structures that remain, including the sacred al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. B,L

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7: JERUSALEM

This morning, visit the Tower of David Museum near the Old City's Jaffa Gate. Built into a medieval citadel, the museum showcases the long and complex history of Jerusalem. Set off on a walking tour that includes the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian quarters of the city. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, believed to be the site of Christ's crucifixion and burial. After lunch, visit the Israel Museum and the famed Dead Sea Scrolls with a curator. In the evening, dine at a popular local restaurant. B,L,D

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8: JERUSALEM / DEAD SEA

Travel to the ancient fortress of Masada, where a cable car ascends to this breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site. A relaxing lunch is arranged at the Dead Sea, where you may wish to float in the buoyant mineral-rich waters. Return to Jerusalem in the afternoon for an evening at leisure. B,L





### **SATURDAY, MARCH 9: JERUSALEM / TIBERIAS**

This morning, drive through the Jordan Valley to explore the archaeological remains at Beit She'an, the largest and best preserved Roman and Byzantine city in northern Israel, with elaborate bath houses and a Roman theater. Ongoing excavations have uncovered a city center, mosaic floors, and colonnaded streets. Enjoy a traditional lunch with a local Negev Arab community near Nazareth. Conclude the day on the Sea of Galilee in historic Tiberias, which was founded by Herod Antipas and named for the Roman Emperor Tiberius. Accommodations for two nights are at the Europa 1917 Hotel. B,L,D

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 10: TIBERIAS / TZEFAT**

Depart for ancient Capernaum, where the disciples James, Simon, John, and Andrew lived and where Jesus studied and preached. Visit the synagogue, which has been restored to its 4th-century beauty. Then visit Tzefat (Safed), home of the Kabbalistic school of Isaac Luria in the 16th century and one of Judaism's Four Holy Cities. A wine tasting lunch is planned at a picturesque vineyard. B,L

### **MONDAY, MARCH 11: TIBERIAS / HAIFA**

In the city of Acre, tour the walled Old City and 12th-century subterranean Crusader vaults and halls. See the Al-Jazzar Mosque, the largest mosque in Israel outside of Jerusalem, and the Or Torah Synagogue. By special invitation, view the site of the Oriental Institute's ongoing excavation. Continue to Haifa for a one-night stay at the Bay Club Haifa Hotel. B,L,D

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 12: HAIFA / TEL AVIV**

This morning, visit the famed Baha'i Gardens before stopping at the Mount Carmel Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was essential to developing our understanding of human evolution. On the journey south to Tel Aviv, stop in Caesarea to discover the remains of Herod's great Roman port city overlooking the Mediterranean. Arrive in vibrant Tel Aviv to check in to The Carlton Hotel for three nights. This evening is at leisure. B,L

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13: TEL AVIV**

This morning, visit the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, which traces the history of the State of Israel. Then tour the Diaspora Museum (Beit Hatfutsoth), which tells the story of Jewish people worldwide. Continue to Jaffa for a tour of the Old Quarter, now home to art galleries and boutiques. Return to Tel Aviv for dinner at leisure. B,L

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 14: TEL AVIV**

Spend the morning at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel's leading museum of modern and contemporary art and home to one of the world's largest collections of Israeli art. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. You may wish to join an optional tour

of the UNESCO World Heritage “White City” area or explore the shops in the historic Neve Tzedek area. Gather for a celebratory farewell dinner at one of Tel Aviv’s fine restaurants.

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## FRIDAY, MARCH 15: TEL AVIV / RETURN

Transfer to the airport for return flights home.

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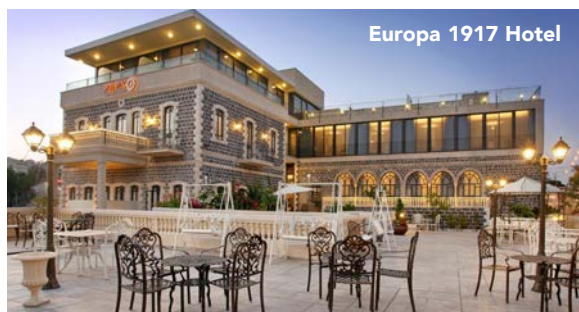
## ACCOMMODATIONS

### DAVID CITADEL, JERUSALEM

The David Citadel Hotel is a short walk from the Old City, new city center and Mamilla Avenue. The hotel features a large swimming pool, gym, and a range of dining facilities. Guest rooms are modern and spacious, and free Wi-Fi is provided in the entire building.

### EUROPA 1917 HOTEL, TIBERIAS

Located in the Old City of Tiberias, this luxury hotel is near the historic center and sites. Along with a full-service spa, it has a restaurant, outdoor pool, fitness center and massage/treatment rooms. All 30 guest rooms feature free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs with cable channels.



### BAY CLUB HOTEL, HAIFA

Overlooking Haifa Bay, Zikaron Park, and Carmel Mountain, the Bay Club Hotel is a restored landmark dating back to 1912. During happy hour, guests can indulge in a soothing massage, sample a selection of delicious bites, and sip a glass of wine in the garden terrace. The hotel’s 52 tasteful rooms are styled with Art Deco furnishings in calming neutral hues and blues tones.

### CARLTON TEL AVIV HOTEL, TEL AVIV

Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel sets a new standard in luxury accommodations. This beachfront hotel has several restaurants, a bar with views of the Mediterranean, a rooftop pool and jacuzzi, and a health club. Amenities in the Carlton’s stylish rooms and suites include free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, safes, flat-screen TVs, and private balconies.

**PROGRAM RATE per person, double occupancy \$7,699**

**SINGLE RATE \$9,299**

#### RATE INCLUDES

- Ten nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at dinners and wine tastings
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Taxes, service, and portorage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATE** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; baggage in excess of one suitcase; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.





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