

## Uncover the Mysteries of the South of Israel

Embark on an enthralling desert adventure and an unforgettable experience exploring the south of Israel. Journey through stunning landscapes as you discover the history, archaeology, and geology of the country. Encounter wildlife and vegetation that survives where no one else can. This unique adventure will allow you to experience a little bit of everything, including a chance to appreciate Israel with its fascinating history and incredible natural beauty.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1

- Departure from Tel Aviv / Jerusalem / Dead Sea.
- Stop at the following sites:
  - ◇ Nahal Hemar – a stream featuring a cave with archeological finds from Neolithic times
  - ◇ Nahal Sodom - a beautiful stream
  - ◇ Mt. Sodom observation point  
(Listen to the biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah).
- Stop for a rest and refreshments
- Continue to the following sites:
  - ◇ The Small Crater – unique geological erosion landform
  - ◇ The Big Crater - including the multicolored sands and petrified trees
- Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh - Country Lodging (or similar) – dinner and overnight stay

#### Day 2

- After breakfast we will begin the day with a tour of Ovdot – an ancient Nabataean city on the ancient incense route, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Continue to the observation point at the Ramon Crater and visits some of the following sites:
  - ◇ Nahal Ramon - one of two streams that drain the spectacular Ramon Crater
  - ◇ Mt. Gvanim (fossils) and Nahal Gvanim (a stream)
  - ◇ Ein Saharonim spring - a tiny spring found in the Ramon Crater, with lush vegetation and wildlife and the Saharonim fort - a stop along the ancient Incense Route
  - ◇ Nahal Ardon - a stream with rare volcanic intrusions known as diakes

- Hospitality and light lunch at a Bedouin tent (not kosher)
- Visit the Ben Gurion memorial site including the graves of David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, and his wife Paula. Take in the breathtaking views of the Tzin Canyon and Ovdad Highland
- A short walk to Ein Akev spring and waterfall (swimming option).
- Return to Central Israel

**General Remarks:**

- 1.** Guaranteed departure for minimum 2 participants. Booking must be done at least 10 days in advance.
- 2.** The tour departs every Sunday & Wednesday
- 4.** The tour can be booked as a private tour for minimum 4 participants on any other day of the week (excluding Friday, Saturday and Jewish Holidays).
- 5.** Pick-up is available from most hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem as well as all Dead Sea hotels.
- 7.** Tours are available for children aged 12 and over. Families with children under the age of 12 may book a private tour.
- 8.** Due to limited space in the jeeps, one overnight bag is permitted per person. Other luggage can be stored at the hotel's luggage storage room.
- 9.** Please bring the following: bathing suit, sunscreen, hat, comfortable walking shoes and warm clothing (also in the summer, for cool desert nights).
- 10.** Jeep desert tours include driving on off-road tracks and through bumpy terrain. They are therefore not recommended for pregnant woman and people with back and/or neck problems.
- 11.** The tour is guided in English only.