

The Dead Sea Comes To Life

Overnight Tiyul to the Dead Sea

Sunday & Monday, 26 - 27 February 2012

On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. Zechariah 14:8

The Dead Sea just reached the finals in the global competition for natural world wonders. Although it did not make the top 7, it is definitely a wonder worth exploring and is full of contrasts: A sea with no life, an oasis boasting flora and fauna, a forbidding desert environment and flourishing communities in the past and present, an industry that kills the lake and gives life elsewhere.

On our two-day tour, we will visit archaeological sites (among the most important in Israel), nature reserves, industries and agricultural communities that prove how much life there was and is around the Dead Sea.

Guide: Sharona Liman

Day 1: Sunday 26 February



▲ Kumran Caves

Original manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible, the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls, were discovered in the caves of Qumran.

▲ Einot Tsukim Nature Reserve:

"Our prospects at Ain Feshkhah seemed as bright as at Jericho, and we were already prepared to pronounce the Dead Sea shore to be the shore of charmed life. Water, vegetation, birds and beasts, geology and hot baths - everything was in abundance."

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Henry Baker Tristram, *The Land of Israel: A Journal of Travels in Palestine*, 1866.



▲ Museum Beit HaSofer

Replicas of the Dead Sea Scrolls, sound & light show, "9,000 Years of Settlement in the Northern Dead Sea Region".



▲ Overnight at Kosher Kibbutz Almog.



Day 2: Monday 27 February

▲ The Masada

Museum: A Museological Experience

A new museum that confronts an old mystery!!

Archaeological

discoveries found at the site, some of which are being seen by the public for the first time. You can see, among others, a papyrus with the pay stub of a Roman soldier (including a deduction for sandals), olive and date pits.



▲ Dead Sea Works

Fascinating tour of the world's seventh largest producer and supplier of potash products, as well as a broad range of

chemical products, including magnesium chloride, industrial salts, de-icers, bath salts, table salt and raw materials for the cosmetic industry.

▲ Kosher Lunch at the **Dead Sea Works** dining hall

▲ Agricultural tour at Neot HaKikar

Situated south of the southern basin of the Dead Sea is a field laboratory for studying agricultural conditions on the Sodom plain.



Price per person sharing double room:

Early Bird: AACI Members NIS 880

Non-Members: additional NIS 50

Price includes transport from Netanya, Entrances, accommodation at Kibbutz **Almog** & meals

Depart: Netanya Kikar 8.00am Sunday 26 February **Return:** Approx. 6.00pm Monday 27 February

Transport from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv to meet Netanya bus on way south available at extra cost.

Please note the price includes a non-refundable reservation fee of NIS 50 per person.

Minimum number of participants required

Itinerary is subject to change without notice

For further details and to make reservations call Netanya Box office ☎ 09-8330950

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