

Walking Tours with Yona Wiseman

1. Art & Culture

Tuesday 8 May

Our first stop will be at Tel Aviv's recently expanded **Museum of Art** with its dazzling new building no less an attraction than the art showcased inside. We shall hear how the new wing, designed by Massachusetts architect Preston Scott Cohen, has doubled the size of the Tel Aviv Museum of Art and given a home to hundreds of displaced Israeli works and helped boost the city's cultural scene



After our tour of the museum we will meet **Yona** for a walking tour starting in **Bialik Street**, named after Israel's national poet, where almost every building has a story. We will visit the **Rubin Museum**, the artist's residence where we will see Reuven Rubin's preserved studio and an audio visual slide show of his life and work.

We'll continue our stroll with Yona to one of the oldest neighborhoods in Tel Aviv: **Nahalat Binyamin** - home to the thriving Arts and Crafts market. In addition to browsing the stalls, performance artists, fortune tellers and clowns, drop by at the fair to display their own sort of merchandise. There is plenty to keep the non-shoppers entertained.



Cost: NIS150

After 8/4/12 NIS 160

Bring your own lunch or buy at the kosher eateries on Nahalat Binyamin

Depart: 8.30am Young Israel /8.40am Kikar

Return: 4.00pm

2. Gains & Losses!!

Thursday 7 June

Our first visit will be to the **IDF History Museum**. With the help of films, maps, photos and documents we shall learn about the history of the Israeli army from its creation until today. Among the exhibits are the mortar *Davidka* and the cannon *Napoleonchik*. There are exhibits of the gifts and photographs from the chiefs of staff and a fascinating display of weapon caches (slikim) which were used before the state of Israel. Finally, there is a display of tanks, motorized and historical vehicles such as those used by various chiefs of staff and the one used by Motta Gur when the Old City was captured in 1967.



The museum backs on to the new **Tachana** (old Jaffa railway station), where Yona will take us to some of the unknown parts and tell us stories. There will be time to sit and enjoy a coffee break.

We move on to the **American Colony**, where we will hear about the arrival of Americans and Germans to the Holy Land in the mid-19th century and of their failures and successes. We will visit the home of **Baron Plato Ustinov**, grandfather of Peter Ustinov, and the restored wooden home of one of the American families.

Cost: NIS120

After 6/5/12 NIS 130

Coffee Break at the Tachana:

Either bring your own snack or buy at one of the coffee houses

Depart: 8.40am Young Israel /8.45am Kikar

Return: 2.30pm All Tiyulim fees include a NIS 20 cancellation fee

There is an additional fee of NIS 20 for non-members