

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009



Photo courtesy of: Ofer Zidon

Our 2009 tour, like our 2 very successful tours in 2008, is being organised in co-operation with one of Israel's leading aviation photographers (his latest publication is the official IAF 2008 Handbook, of which you will receive a complimentary copy), along with his highly-placed contacts within the Israeli military. He will also be our local English-speaking guide.

All the military visits have been requested, and we await confirmation by the Israeli authorities nearer to the time (this is their usual practice, and last year all our requests were approved). Also, as foreigners we will have to forward passport details of each person to the Israeli security authorities well in advance of our visit.

Our itinerary includes several hours at the huge collection of aircraft in the IAF Museum, which is located on the outside of Hatzorim's perimeter – a major and busy air base.

We have again requested permission to visit Ben Gurion Airport and take photographs from the air-side fire station.

A visit to Israel Aircraft Industries at Ben Gurion Airport has been confirmed.

We plan to fly from London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of British Midland Airways.

We travel in-country by air-conditioned coach, and currently stay each night in Tel Aviv at the Center Hotel, on a half board (bed, breakfast and evening meal) basis. This comfortable hotel is located in the centre of the city on Dizengoff Square, among restaurants, pubs and the night-life; it is also only a few minutes walk from the beachfront.

Our 2008 tours were both very popular and sold out, and interest on this tour is high. Although our planned visits may not take place in the order shown, we expect all of them to be successfully undertaken.

Please note that we have extended our stay in Israel by 13 hours, flying back at 19:20 on the 30<sup>th</sup> April instead of 06:30. There will be an appropriate increase in the tour price to cover additional visits, coach hire and local guide costs. Exact amount is unknown until the visit programme is confirmed.

Places are limited on this tour to 25 persons.

## **PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)**

### **DAY 1: Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Between 08:30 - 09:15 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, at British Midland's check-in area which is located in Departures on the first floor of Terminal 1 at London's Heathrow Airport. We recommend you check-in no later than 2-hours prior to departure.

→ London Heathrow  
→ Tel Aviv

Flight: BD 761

Departs: 11:15  
Arrives: 18:05

After arrival procedures at Ben Gurion Airport, we meet our local guide, and driver and transfer to the Center Hotel in Tel Aviv where we stay 5-nights on a half board basis.

## DAY 2: Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April

Departing the hotel at 09:00 we set out for the incredible IAF Museum located on the outside, but on the perimeter of, this busy IAF air base.

Mid-afternoon we visit the Israeli Aircraft Industries factory at Ben Gurion Airport.

## DAY 3: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April

Today we plan to visit Ben Gurion International Airport, where from atop the air-side fire station, excellent photographs can be taken of the airport's movements.

## DAYS 4 & 5: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April

During these two days we plan to visit as many of the following as possible, subject to our military visits being confirmed: the airbases of Ovda Ramat David and Sde Dov, and the Haifa Technical School. Top of our list is Ovda – the IAF's storage facility!

On the Tuesday afternoon we attend Tel Nof airbase's Open Day which usually starts at 16:00 hrs.. Pictured is some of our group in 2008 shooting a landing F-16.



Time permitting we also call in at the Latun Armour Museum "Yad La'Shiryon"; located in an old British police fort on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road, it's a fascinating collection of tanks and armoured fighting vehicles that took part, or were captured, on the various battlefields of Israel's wars with its neighbours. Website: [www.arcmlatrun.org.il/english/welcome.html](http://www.arcmlatrun.org.il/english/welcome.html)

## DAY 6: Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April

Another day for visits.

At 16:00 we arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and check-in for our flight back to London.

→ Tel Aviv

Flight: BD 764

Departs: 19:20

→ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1

Arrives: 22:50

After the usual arrival formalities we await our luggage in Baggage Reclaim and take the opportunity to bid farewell to each other – until the next time!

PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227905
From £ 1,055.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a half board basis (bed, breakfast and evening meal)
£ 173.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

Your attention is drawn to the General Information and Booking Terms and Conditions which are available in our 2009 brochure and on our website: [www.ianallantravel.com/aviationtours](http://www.ianallantravel.com/aviationtours)

## **TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

- Return flights on the scheduled services of British Midland from London's Heathrow Airport
- UK & Israeli airport taxes and UK Passenger Service Charge
- All coach transfers and transportation as currently stated
- 5 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast and evening meal each day at the hotel
- Complimentary copy of the 2008 Israeli Air Force Handbook
- Admission to all museums as stated
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Services of a local English-speaking guide throughout
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Meals, other than those stated above as being an included item
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- Visas – see General Information
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Tips and gratuities (except for our coach drivers)

### **Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours**

A deposit of £250.00 per person per tour should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

### **Passports and Visas**

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide website: [www.wtgonline.com](http://www.wtgonline.com) for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

Holders of UK and some EU countries do not require a visa to enter Israel. For a complete list of countries that do require a visa please see: <http://www.israel-embassy.org.uk/web/pages/visa.htm>

### **Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Consular Advice**

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. For up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting, we suggest you visit [www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo](http://www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo)

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provide an Information Line, telephone: 0901 201 505 (calls currently charged at 50p per minute).

### **Military Visits**

All visits to the IAF are to be confirmed. All visits are subject to unforeseen events in the Middle East and may be re-arranged and/or cancelled with limited or no warning. As such Ian Allan Travel cannot be held responsible.

Smart, casual clothing is to be worn on all military visits – see paragraph below on “Dress”.

### **Baggage Regulations – British Midland**

**Hold baggage:** Each passenger is allowed 20kg of hold luggage, irrespective of the number of bags checked in.

**Hand baggage:** Each passenger may take one item of hand luggage, and 1 small personal item in the cabin, which together may not exceed measurements of 55x40x23cm for each passenger without excess baggage charges being applied. Hand baggage includes electronic equipment such as mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods).

Restrictions remain in place for the carriage of liquids, gels, and creams in hand baggage for all passengers departing from and transferring through all EU airports.

Limited quantities of liquids (individual containers must not exceed 100ml or 3.5 fl oz), are now allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20cm x 20cm (8 inches x 8 inches), or quart size. Items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed.

The bag can only contain liquids such as shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Cigarette lighters are NOT permitted in hold baggage or through the security search. These may be purchased airside.

Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit can also be included.

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note: you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

### **Baggage Weight Restrictions – UK Airports**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004, any single piece of checked baggage weighing more than 70lbs (32kgs) has not been accepted at check-in by any airline operating from London's Heathrow Airport. The BAA may introduce this limit at their other airports in the UK (and so might non-BAA airports), in an attempt to reduce manual handling injuries amongst airport staff. Please bear this in mind when packing your suitcase.

### **Meals**

On this tour continental breakfast and evening meal each day at the hotel are included in the tour price.

### **Health Requirements**

There are no known mandatory or recommended precautions for visiting Israel; however, we strongly recommend you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

### **Climate and Dress**

The weather in May should be warm and sunny (low 70s°F), so we recommend summer attire but with a jumper and jacket for the cooler evenings.

In 2008 our groups were complimented on their appearance and behaviour by the Israeli authorities, and out of respect for our hosts, everyone must wear smart, casual clothing. T-shirts, shorts, jeans or flip-flops are not acceptable. Open-neck, short-sleeved shirts and slacks are perfect.

Anyone who is dressed inappropriately will not be allowed on the military visits.

### **Travel Insurance**

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Travel Ltd are able to offer competitive and comprehensive insurance cover. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Travel Ltd.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

These policies also include cover for non-scheduled flights, i.e. pleasure flights, where the aircraft is licensed and insured to undertake such flights, and where a payment is made.

### **Wheelchair Assistance at Airports.**

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

### **Flexible Itinerary**

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.

### **Land Only Price**

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Tel Aviv (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we will be very pleased to provide a 'Land Only' price. This price *does not* include international flights to/from Israel.

You are strongly advised to contact us before making your own flight arrangements in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the Center Hotel in Tel Aviv and no airport transfers are included. However, should your flight arrival and departure times - at Ben Gurion Airport - coincide with those of the main group from Luton a seat will be offered if available for an appropriate supplement.

### **Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport**

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary; however, airlines may change these times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way or the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bare the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Travel cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

**Pre-departure**

For connecting flights from UK regional airports - please call Ian Allan Travel on 01932 255627 for the latest special offers available.

Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking - we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

**Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer**

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Travel Ltd will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.

**Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/Unplanned Circumstances**

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. For example, an increase in security may result in an approved visit being cancelled by the host, etc..

Ian Allan Travel Ltd cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control. This is especially true for Israel.

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