

Israel Offers Tour at Blend of Cultures

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Tel Aviv, Israel — (UPI) — American tourists looking for the unusual may well consider a visit to Israel. For probably nowhere else can one find such a rare blending of the cultures of East and West and of Biblical history and atomic-age progress.

Almost from the moment of arrival by plane at Lydda airport or by ship at Haifa, the tourist is constantly made aware of the sharp contrasts in the "Land of the Living Bible."

A tiny shaggy donkey tethered alongside a sleek 1963 American limousine. The chant of ancient Hebrew prayers from a synagogue and the latest rock n'roll song blaring from a transistor radio.

Modern, air-conditioned glassed buildings and centuries-old ruins held sacred by the faithful of three of the world's great religions: Christians, Jews and Moslems. Prefabricated dwellings, with terraces and square, flat-roofed homes solidly built ages ago of the rugged native stone.

Young girls and boys doing the twist in fashionable night spots to the near-frenzied musical beat of American-style bands. Bespangled belly-dancers gyrating sen-

suously to the muted wail of flutes and pipes in dimly-lit cafes in the old native quarters.

Lumbering camels in the southern Negev desert, ridden or driven by the nomadic Bedouin, and huge 10-wheeled trucks roaring along paved roads. In the lush northern Galilee, oxen- or mule-drawn primitive plows and giant tractors and other mechanical farming monsters.

Eastern Shore
Israel lies on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean sea. It has an area of about 8,000 square miles—roughly the size of New Jersey. It is about 280 miles long and from 6 to 70 miles wide.

Born 15 years ago, Israel has a population of about 2.3 million, including about 250,000 Arabs. Less than 40 per cent are native-born. There are Jews of more than 70 different nationalities in Israel—including immigrants from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas—and one hears virtually every language in the world. Some citizens, particularly those from Arab countries, cling to the dress and customs of their native lands, adding an exotic oriental touch to this predominantly western-culture nation.

Hebrew is the official language but Americans should

have no difficulty since most Israelis they will come in contact with speak English. In fact, English is a favorite subject in schools here. Virtually all road street and other signs are in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

Booklets, pamphlets and other informative material issued by the government tourist corporation or private travel and tourist agencies also are printed in English. The Jerusalem Post is published in English and

the national radio, Kol Israel, broadcasts regular news programs and other English-language features.

Four Regions
Israel has four seas, four different geographic regions and four climatic zones. The narrow sandy coastal plain along the Mediterranean is dry and sub-tropical except during the brief winter rainy season; the lush central highlands are cool and dry in summer, cold and rainy in winter; the low-lying Jordan valley is hot and

dry in the summer, mild and dry in the winter; the Negev is hot and dry in the summer, cold and dry in the winter.

The winter runs from November to March. But you can swim in the Red sea or the Sea of Galilee as often as not in mid-December and in the Mediterranean on all but the coldest days of the winter.

Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city with a population of 500,000, is the favorite seaside resort for tourists on

the Mediterranean. Rates at Class A hotels run from around \$7.25 to \$9.50 per person daily, two in a room, during the peak season (March 1-May 31). Other hotels and pensions include breakfast in rates which run as low as \$3 a person daily, double occupancy. Rates are reduced during the summer season (June 1-Oct. 31).

Most hotels, restaurants and cafes include a 10 per cent service charge on bills and tipping is not usually

expected. For the diehard golfer, Israel can offer but one 18-hole course — at Caesarea, north of Haifa. Caesarea was founded around 22 B.C. by King Herod the Great and the golfer can tour the ruins of the city's Hebrew, Byzantine, Roman and Crusader eras.

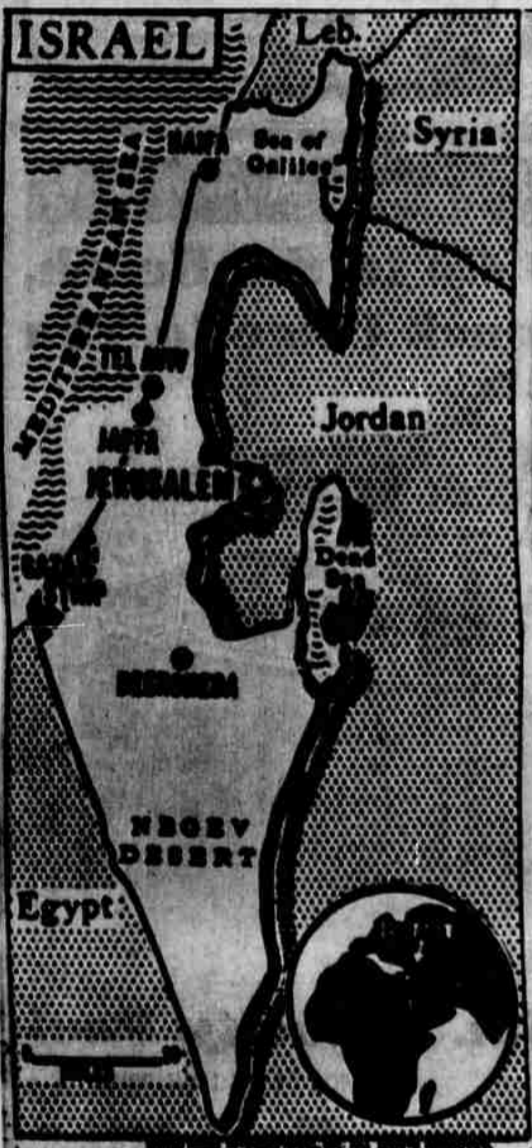
There are countless other biblical and historical sites from Eilat on the Red sea to the northernmost town of Metulla on the Lebanese border. There are Jerusa-

lem, Beersheba, Nazareth, Tiberias, Acre, Safad and Jaffa.

El Al Israel airlines flies six flights (including one non-stop in the peak season) each week from New York with Boeing 707 intercontinental jetliners. Other international air carriers also maintain regular service to Lydda airport. Israel's Zim lines, American and other steamship companies make Haifa a regular port of call on Mediterranean and other cruises.

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PARENTAL CONSENT NEEDED FOR CHILD'S MEDICAL CARE

It's a good idea to give written consent for necessary medical care if your child leaves home for a visit or a camping trip, or if you plan to be away for any length of time.

For example, a summer camp nurse may bring a boy into a hospital with an acute case of appendicitis. But the doctor may well hesitate to go ahead and operate without the parents' consent.

Is the doctor arbitrary, and is such permission just a legal technicality? No, he is well within his rights, though he may give first aid—but only for emergency treatment where a child's health or life may be at stake. He is likely to put off follow-up care until he can reach the child's parents.

Even an adult must request treatment and grant consent to medical care on his own before a doctor can give it to him. Children cannot do this. Consent Assumed.

By going to your doctor you show your willingness and consent to accept his treat-

ment. Your consent is assumed also when you ask for a house call by the doctor, or if as a result of an accident you come to a hospital for emergency treatment. If you are unconscious, the doctor may well give you emergency care, yet later he should get your consent to further treatment.

Minors cannot consent to medical treatment, and except in dire emergencies their parents or guardians must give it for them.

The consent should not be broadly or loosely phrased, but should be as specific as circumstances permit.

The principal reason for having the consent in writing is to avoid later misunderstandings. It is a protection both to the patient and physician.

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