



Tova Wald Boutique & Travel Events Ltd, is pleased to offer exclusive and custom made wine tours in Israel's four renowned wine regions. From Golan Heights in the north, through Zichron-Ya'akov, Judean Hills and Negev in the south.



For one day tour we would recommend to travel to the heart of the famous wine region of Zichron-Ya'akov on Mt. Carmel.

The western Carmel region is one of the most ancient wine production locations of the ancient world. Since biblical times The name "Carmel" is deviated from the name "Kerem-El", which in translation from Hebrew means "God's Vineyard". In ancient times this place was well known for its rich soils and one of the best places for agriculture, especially for growing olives and grapes:

*And I brought you into a fruitful land of Carmel, to eat the fruit thereof, and the best things thereof...
(Jeremiah 2:7)*

The Carmel area was famous for growing exceptional grapes and producing wines. Ancient wine presses, along with other evidences of ancient viticulture were found here. The wines from the Carmel region were considered to be of premium quality, exceptional in their taste and flavor. The region is often regarded as the Tuscany of Israel.

Tishbi Winery

We will start the day at ***Tishbi Winery***, located in the Nadiv valley on the southern slopes of Mt. Carmel, surrounded by vineyards. Founded in 1985, Tishbi Vinery was one of the first boutique vineries in Israel, and was often awarded internationally for its excellent wines. It started as small family vineyard and remains a family affair. The winery has a bakery and a restaurant situated under a vine pergola. Worth seeing is the alembic still for distilling brandy, purchased from the Cognac region of France. The Valrona chocolate tasting room is also a highlight. A tasting of fine chocolates with various wines is an excellent combination, popular for chocoholics.

www.tishbi.com



West of the Tishbi Winery is **Ramat Hanadiv** memorial gardens and Nature park. This natural gem is dedicated to the memory of Baron Edmond de Rothschild who was the benefactor of Jewish settlements in the area since the 1880's and the founder of the first winery. Ramat Hanadiv's vision focuses on the creation of sustainable interactions between man, nature and the environment. While the gardens are exquisitely landscaped, the surrounding nature park offers many trails and archaeological sites including ancient wine presses.

After a short drive up the hill we will arrive at **Zichron Ya'akov**, a charming little town which still has an atmosphere of pre-state Israel. It is situated on the top Mount Carmel, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. In 1882, settlers from Romania first arrived in "Zamarin" to put up their first tents and then houses. It was then that they took their first tentative steps toward viticulture, the start of a romance with wine that continues to this day.

Carmel Winery

Carmel's Zichron Ya'akov Wine Cellars, built in 1892, is the largest winery in Israel. On the premises, is a modern, state-of-the-art facility making small quantities of quality wines, from Carmel's finest vineyards. The most advanced, modern winemaking technology blends in with the historic 120 year old cellars. Baron Edmond de Rothschild adopted the farming village, changed its name to Zichron Ya'acov, in memory of his father James Jacob (Ya'akov) de Rothschild planted extensive vineyards and founded Carmel, Israel's largest winery. In 1892 he built the Zichron Ya'acov Winery and the famous deep underground cellars.

Our expert guide will lead you around the winery and talk to you about the winemaking process. Test your palate as you sample some of the produce.

www.carmelwines.co.il



The main streets of the Zichron Ya'akov, over 100 years old, the farm houses, their animal yards and barns have been renovated, some have been converted to luxury B&B, to shops, picturesque galleries and wineries.

Somek Vinery

Somek Vinery is such an establishment. The intimate winery is operating according to the 'Old World' philosophy - The Winery makes a point of using only grapes from the family vineyard, cultivated by the family since 1882. Somek Vinery is unique for its certificate from the Vegan Society for its vegan wine. Meet the winemaker, learn about winery production and flavors and taste their excellent wine.

www.somek-winery.co.il



Amphora Winery

We will descend from Mt. Carmel enjoying the spectacular vista, and travel north along the Carmel ridge to ***Amphora Winery*** situated in a gorgeous stone building set in the tranquility of rural surroundings. The owners believe in a continuous process of renewal and improvement. To produce its exquisite wines the winery makes use of top quality vineyards, accumulated knowledge, and the best technological equipment. We will taste their wine and their home made olives and cheese.

www.amphoraewines.com



On the way back to Tel Aviv, along the highway it is highly recommended to stop at the impressive Roman Ancient port city of Caesarea maritime. Visit the Theater, overview the impressive palace ruins of king Herod and the amphitheater. Complete by the tour at the 'Travel through Time' experience. From this magnificent man made port the wine of the region use to be exported all over the Roman world. In the renovated inner port it is recommended to end the day with Dinner and some local wine.



