UCG Israel Festival Tour 2023

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September 26 – October 8, 2023

11 Night Package

Itinerary

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - Depart Home City

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - Tel Aviv airport arrival usually late afternoon, Tour Welcome Meeting followed by dinner. (D)

Thursday, September 28, 2023 - Touring starts with Caesarea Maritime, Megiddo. After lunch we will visit Nazareth before checking into our hotel near the Sea of Galilee. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 29, 2023 - Today, we will visit the first century excavated village of Madgala, the first century Jesus boat that was discovered in the Sea of Galilee then on to Capernaum where we will visit a synagogue where Jesus taught, and return to the hotel via a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (without the gale force winds written about in Matthew 8:24) (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 30, 2023 - We will have morning & afternoon services as the Feast of Tabernacles begin. Dinner out of the hotel is planned at Magdalena Restaurant. (B,D)

Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Morning services will be followed by a visit Tel Hazor, Hagoshrim. After lunch we will visit Tel Dan, Cesarea Philippi, Banais Springs & Golan Heights. Dinner at Deck's Restaurant. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 2, 2023 - Morning church services and check-out of the hotel then *up to Jerusalem*, en route visit Beit She-an, and Israel Museum (Dead Sea Scrolls & 1st Century Model). (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - Early morning visit to City of David, Hezekiah Tunnel, Pool of Siloam, Davidson Center and Temple Institute. Time for lunch in Jewish quarter, return to the hotel for afternoon service, followed by a visit to the Mount of Olives, Garden Gethesamne and Western Wall. You'll have time this evening for exploring the city on your own. *Evening Optional Activity: Jerusalem Light & Sound Show at Tower of David —See, hear and experience the innovative Sound and Light Show, the Night Spectacular, screened among the ancient remains and the backdrop of the Tower of David. Advanced group booking is required - please sign up early ($19pp). (B)*

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - Early morning services. A day to explore Jerusalem on your own. *Knowing that many in the group are second time visitors we have made this day optional. The tour will include Jericho or Qumran, Masada. After lunch we'll all enjoy time in Masada as well as a Dead Sea Float. (Cost: $149 pp w/lunch).* Dinner will be at the hotel for all. (B,D)

Thursday, October 5, 2023 - Early morning touring to the Temple Mount and Pool of Bethesda, return for a morning Church service (at hotel) followed time in the Old City (Jewish Quarter) for lunch (self) and personal exploration of the Old City including shopping. Dinner is also on your own. (B)

Friday, October 6, 2023 - After services we'll visit the Garden Tomb, the traditional Via Dolorosa walk. We'll have time for personal exploration of the Old City (Arab streets) before returning for Shabbat Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Saturday, October 7, 2023 - 8th Day morning and afternoon services followed by a last visit to the Mount of Olives for scripture reading and group photo. A special group dinner is planned at Beit Shmuel. (B,D)

Note: Many night flights depart Israel between 11:00 pm and 2:00 am. It takes about 45 minutes to travel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv airport where you are required to allow at least 3 hours for check-in, security and boarding. Flights departing prior to 11:00 pm will cause you to miss the final meal celebration. There are very limited transfer services that will operate prior to sundown on a holy day. With the 8th day festival services this day and farewell dinner all hotel rooms for the group have been booked until Sunday, October 8th to allow for easier enjoyment of the holy day.

Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for flight home. (B)

Feast Hotels

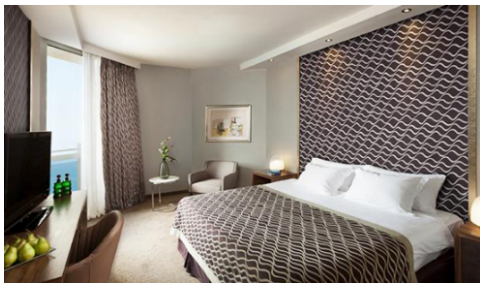
Tel Aviv Dan Panorama

Tel Aviv Dan Panorama, located across from a sandy beach with the warm, clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea, the Dan Panorama Tel Aviv Hotel sits midway between the modern city of Tel Aviv and the ancient port city of Jaffa.

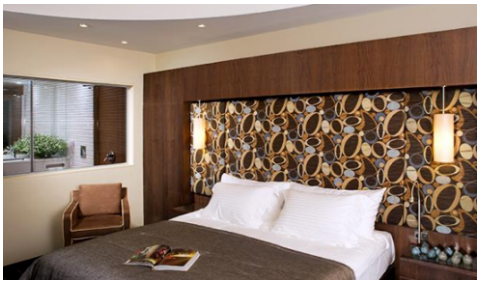
Tel-Aviv Room - standard with tour package

Furnished with contemporary flair and highlighted by splendid views, the Dan Panorama Hotel features elegantly appointed guest rooms. Guests can enjoy a host of in-house amenities: sun deck, premium leisure facilities, and the city's largest hotel pool. On the doorstep are boutique stores, and restaurants. On top of that, the hotel is within walking distance of almost any major attraction in Tel Aviv

There are upgrade options in Tel Aviv for you to consider:



Deluxe Plus Room - add $70 per room per night



Executive Room - add $92 per room per night

Room amenities include: A/C, LCD TV and radio, free wi-fi connection, two telephone lines, desk lamp, hot water pot, safe, mini bar, hairdryer, terrace/balcony (almost all with a view of the Mediterranean sea). The front office staff is experienced and knowledgable.

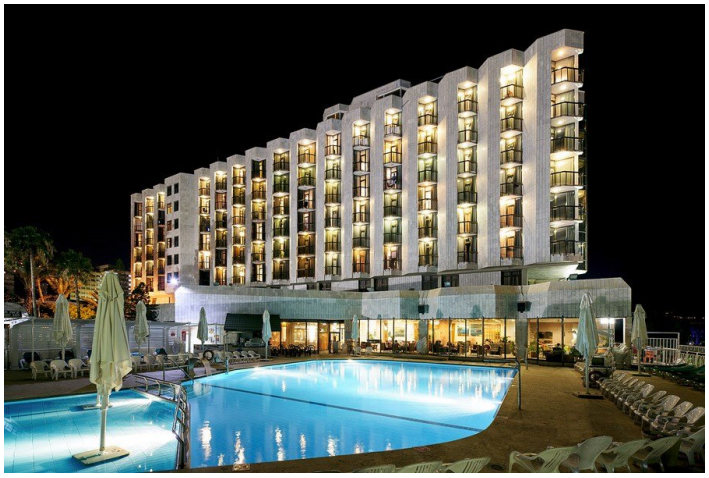
Feast Hotels

Caesar Premier Tiberias

The Tiberias Caesar Premier Leisure Hotel is located on the city's promenade, at a short walking distance from the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) - but still right at the heart of the city's shopping and entertainment centers. The hotel offers convenient access for local touring and sight-seeing in the Golan Heights and the Galilee. The hotel has 220 spacious, well-designed rooms, all with spectacular views towards the Kinneret and the Golan Heights.

The hotel boasts its own luxurious spa – the only hotel in the entire region with a Thermo-Mineral pool – as well as 20 treatment rooms, salt-water baths, a large gym, and a superb sauna.

Room amenities include: A/C, LCD TV, Coffee Set, Safe, Suitcase Stand, Dressers, Hairdryer and free Wifi.



Dan Panorama Jerusalem

The Dan Panorama Jerusalem is a city hotel with neighborhood views. It is well situated and centrally located, with just a 10 minute walk to the Jaffa Gate. Rooms have twin and double beds.

Jerusalem Room category amenities include: Cable Network News, Coffee/Tea Making Kit, AC, Free Wi-Fi Connection, Hair Dryer, LCD Screen, Refreshing Toiletries, Safety-Deposit Box, Telephone, Voice Mail & Radio. Iron and ironing board available upon request.

There are upgrade options in Jerusalem for you to consider:

Superior Room - All of the above amenities along with a marble bathroom. Additional cost to upgrade for our 6 night stay in Jerusalem is $260 for the room.

Deluxe Room - All the above amenities and extra spacious and tastefully decorated rooms. Well-appointed sitting area and workstation. Additional cost to upgrade for our 6 night stay in Jerusalem is $388 for the room.

Executive Room - All the above amenities, tastefully furnished and completely refurbished. Marble bathroom. Carmel Club Lounge free access (from age 18). Additional cost to upgrade for our 6 night stay in Jerusalem: $468 for the room.

Room upgrades have a limited availability. Book early due to the high travel season.

Main Festival Tour Inclusions:

- Meals Inclusive of beverages as is customary - alcohol is Not included. Soft drinks may be additional.
  - Daily Buffet Breakfast at hotels
  - Lunches
    28 September at Meggido (or similar)
    29 September
    1 October at Hagoshrim (or similar)
    2 October Box Lunch
    4 October at Qumran/Masada (or similar) (only included with optional day tour)
    Lunches Not Included to allow for personal exploration are: September 30 and October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
  - Dinners
    27 September at Tel Aviv Dan Panorama Hotel
    28 September at Caesar Premier Tiberias Hotel
    29 September at Caesar Premier Tiberias Hotel
    30 September at Madgalena Restaurant (or similar)
    1 October at Decks Restaurant (or similar)
    2 October at Dan Panorama Jerusalem Hotel
    4 October at Dan Panorama Jerusalem Hotel
    6 October at Dan Panorama Jerusalem Hotel
    7 October Farewell Celebration at Beit Shmuel (or similar)
    Dinners Not Included to allow for personal exploration are: 3, 5 October

Land Tour (two people in room) per person *USD $4121*
Land Tour Single Room (add to above) *USD $2115*
Airfare excluded
*Only 6 to 10 single rooms available, depending on the group size.

- Meeting Assistant at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to Dan Panorama Hotel when arriving at the prescribed group time. Individual transfers and assistance will be arranged for those arriving at alternate times - applicable fees apply. Departure transfers on Sunday, October 8, 2022 are included at prescribed group times.
- Porterage at hotels
- Full-time English/Hebrew speaking licenses Israeli professional guides - one per coach
- Full-time English/Hebrew speaking license drivers with AC executive coaches
- Entrance fees for all venues noted throughout (except optional tours)
- Gratuities for licensed guides and motor coach drivers. Gratuities for individual transfers and taxis are NOT included.
- Gratuities for wait staff at group meal venues are included
- Gratuities for room maids are NOT included
- Festival Services and Meeting Space

Festival Coordination by Charles & Jacque Melear

UCG Israel Festival Tour - 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24Sep	25-Sep	26 Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep
Early Arrival	**Atonement**	Early Arrival	Arrive by 5:00 pm	Main Festival Festival Tour Package		**Sabbath**
		Opt: Nazareth	Opt: Bethlehem			
1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4 Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct
Main Festival Tour Package						**Eighth Day**
8 Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct
Departure Day			Departure Day			**Sabbath**
Post Feast Jordan Tour			Flights from TLV			

Pre Feast Accommodation (September 23-26) and Optional Tours: (September 26 & 27)

Dan Panorama Hotel - Pricing is listed on page 6 by room type.

September 26, 2023: Nazareth, Zippori, Akko and Haifa - full day guided tour with lunch in Nazareth, entrances & tips $174 per person

September 27, 2023: Ella Valley, Herodion and Bethlehem - full day guided tour with lunch in Bethlehem, entrance fees & tips. $135 per person, based on minimum 25 people per bus

Optional Post Feast Jordan Tour October 8 – 11

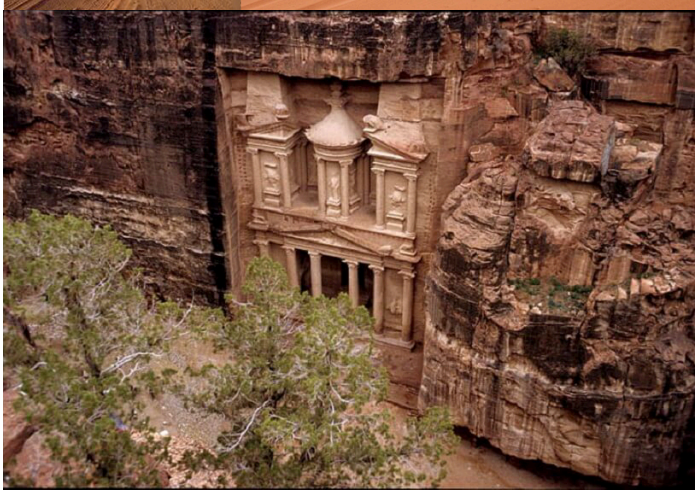
Sunday, October 8, 2023 - We plan to leave the large suitcases in storage in Jerusalem and have them delivered to Tel Aviv upon our return from Jordan. We head south to the Red Sea city of Eilat, Israel for lunch. Cross into Jordan (included are Israeli departure tax and Jordan entrance visa fee) at Wadi Araba Border Crossing. The Jordanian guides will escort the group into the beautiful desert for a *Wadi Rum Jeep Tour.* Picturesque landscapes and night time star gazing await at traditional desert camps Mazayan Rum or Rum Oasia Luxury Camps where we will dine and overnight. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 9, 2023 - The destination today is Petra originally known to its inhabitants as Raqmu or Raqēmō a historic and archaeological city in southern Jordan. Lunch with be in the Petra. We'll have an opportunity for a short horse ride. The balance of the day is for self-discovery in Petra. Dinner and overnight will be nearby at the Old Village Hotel & Resort or Hyatt Zaman Village. (B,L,D)

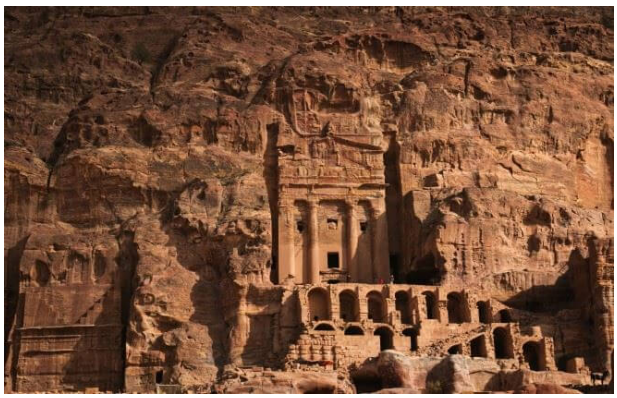
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - Today we head north to visit Mt. Nebo, Tal Al Hamman (a new excavation looking for Sodom & Gomorrah) and Al Maghtas Baptismal Site. The Jordanian guides will say goodbye as we embark for Israel via the Allenby Bridge King Hussein border crossing (Jordan departure tax included). The Israeli team greets you for the transfer up to Jerusalem and onto Tel Aviv, where we will again stay at the Tel Aviv Dan Panorama, with dinner included. It is only a 20 minute drive to the Tel Aviv airport. We plan to arrive at the hotel in time to re-unite you with your large luggage, time for re-packing, a shower, dinner (included at the hotel) and a nap should your flight leaves in the middle of the night or early morning hours of Wednesday. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - Breakfast at the hotel prior to your transfer to the Tel Aviv airport. (B)

Jeep Tour& Dune Drive



Cost: $**1198** per person (twin occupancy)
Single supplement add $**381**
Based on minimum group size of 44



Jordan Tour Inclusions:

- 3 nights hotel Accommodation at the above-mentioned hotels. Depending on the size of the group, they will be split between: Mazayen Rum Camp and Rum Oasia Luxury Camp in Wadi Rum and Old Village Hotel and Hyatt Zaman Village in Petra. Maid gratuity is NOT included.
- All tours and transfers in AC coaches throughout the program (48 Seater buses) - Israeli and Jordanian per itinerary
- All entrance fees to the above-mentioned sites
- Meals (all) - 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Private licensed English speaking guide throughout the program
- Escort tour services Jerusalem to Eilat, Jordanian license guides per itinerary, escort services Israeli border to Tel Aviv
- Departure Tax from Israel at Arava Border ($35.00 pp)
- Jordan Entry Visa (subject to nationality acceptance - most western countries are included, we will advise if a separate arrangement is needed)
- Jeep tour (for 2 hours) in Wadi Rum
- Departure tax from Jordan at King Hussein Border Crossing ($14.00 pp)
- Gratuities included for Israeli & Jordanian drivers, escorts and guides
- Tel Aviv departure transfers on 11 October are included at prescribed group times. Individual transfers and assistance will be arranged for those departing at alternate times - applicable fees apply.
- Luggage truck from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv

Pricing Summary

Pre Festival Tour Options

- Transfer Tel Aviv Airport to Dan Panorama Tel Aviv Hotel will be arranged on an individual arrival basis, please see costing estimate below.
- Dan Panorama Tel Aviv Additional Room Nights (Half-board = breakfast and dinner based on room occupancy)

Single Standard Room per night:	$363.00
Single Deluxe Room per night:	$427.00
Twin/ Double Standard Room per night:	$377.00
Twin/Double Deluxe Room per night:	$444.00
Twin/Double Executive Room per night:	$464.00

- Optional Day Tours - including English speaking guide, driver, admissions, lunch and gratuities. Tours require a minimum of 25 participants and will be exclusive for United Church of God - prices are per person.
  - September 26, 2023 (T) - Nazareth, Zippori, Akko, and Haifa: $174.00
  - September 27, 2023 (W) - Bethlehem, Ella Valley (David and Goliath battle place), Herodion Palace Site. $135.00

Main Festival Tour - Inclusions are listed in detail on page 4 (above).

Single Supplement (Standard Room) Tour Package:	$2115.00 amount to be added to package
Twin/Double (Standard Room) Package per person:	$4121.00

- Hotel Room Upgrades: Includes upgrades by type for 1 night Tel Aviv and 6 nights Jerusalem - prices are per room for the 7 nights described. Room upgrades are not available at this time for the Tiberias Hotel (4 nights).

Deluxe-TLV / Superior-JLM Room Package	$330.00
Deluxe-TLV / Deluxe-JLM Room Package	$458.00
Executive-TLV / Executive-JLM Room Package	$560.00

- Optional Tours: All tours describe in the itinerary unless specifically note are included. Each day is packed with essential tour sites. Only the following tours are optional to allow for customization for those who have been to Israel before. Prices listed are per person.
  - Jerusalem Light & Sound Show at Tower of David —See, hear and experience the innovative Sound and Light Show, the Night Spectacular, screened among the ancient remains and the backdrop of the Tower of David. $19.00
  - Full Day Tour to Dead Sea area - to include a visit to Jericho (conditions permitting) or Qumran, Masada table top mountain fortress. The day will include a float in the Dead Sea. Tour includes English speaking guide, driver, admissions, lunch and gratuities. Tours require a minimum of 25 participants and will be exclusive for United Church of God - prices are per person. $149.00

Jordan Post Festival Extension Tour - Inclusions are listed on page 5 (above).

Single Supplement (Standard Room) Tour Package:	$ 381.00 amount to be added to package
Twin/Double (Standard Room) Package per person:	$1198.00

Airport Transfers — A transfer on Group arrival day September 27, 2023 (W) is included and the departure day October 8, 2023 (S) and for those extending to Jordan on October 11, 2023 (W). A specific time will be arranged to accommodate the most travelers. For those arriving at alternate times individual transfers are able to be arranged at additional cost. Costing for 2023 is not firmly fixed. The following estimate is provided for your consideration.

- Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv Dan Panorama Hotel - prices are per vehicle.
- Israel also offers an assistance service inside the airport to escort passengers from the Gate, through immigration, baggage collection and to your driver. Surcharges may apply for night time transfers. Known as Smile - this service is able to be added to all transfers. It is mandatory to add this service on arrivals depending on the time of arrival and carrier. Driver gratuity is not included.
  - 4 seater (max 2 pax +luggage) $74 —including Smile service $108
  - 7 seater (max 4 pax +luggage) $79 —including Smile service $129
- Jerusalem Dan Panorama Hotel to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport
  - 4 seater (max 2 pax +luggage) $133
  - 7 seater (max 4 pax +luggage) $142

General Information

This custom-crafted tour is designed to operate with a minimum of **140** people and pricing may be adjusted for smaller group size. **Do NOT book airfare until operating minimum is reached.** The price reflects a discount for cash/check payment. **Fees apply for credit card purchases.** Pre or post hotel stay is possible at prevailing rates.

The **tour price includes** meals specifically designated and as you would expect **does not include** airfare, wines, liquors, telephone calls, other items of a personal nature or any expense items not specifically mentioned as well as insurance. The tour price does not include anything not mentioned in the itinerary. All prices subject to change until deposit received.

DEPOSIT/FINAL PAYMENT & CANCELLATION:

- Clients from 2020 tour - your deposit/payments have been rolled to the new 2023 tour. The effective deposit date for the 2023 Tour will be June 30, 2022, after which all funds received become non-refundable.
- Clients new to the 2023 tour making an initial deposit after June 1, 2022 are advised that the group has already reached an operating minimum and all deposits and payments become non-refundable as received.
- All Clients are advised to purchase travel insurance within 14 days of deposit date for maximum benefits as offered by the insurer.
- Deposit and Payments are requested bi-monthly, the total balance divided by the number months remaining until the final payment July 27, 2023. All payments become non-refundable each month as received. The penalty for canceling equals the amount paid at the time of cancellation.
- Group Airfare may be offered when airline schedules are available approximately 10 months prior to travel. Deposit and costs will be advised at that time.
- Travel insurance is offered Travel Gallery please inquire.

Cancellation and Refunds: All cancellations must be received in writing (email is acceptable), and after operating minimum is reached all payments become non-refundable as received.

Make Checks Payable to: **Travel Gallery, Inc.**

Mailed to**: PO Box 91416, Pasadena CA 91109-1416**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The program pricing and itinerary are subject to change. A full terms and conditions statement is provided along with the invoice for this program. This will include our standard terms covering Health Considerations, Travel Insurance, Responsibilities of Traveler and Tour Arranger, Travelers with Disabilities, California Seller of Travel required disclosure statements.

Travel Insurance: Strongly encouraged and will be offered at the time of deposit.

Responsibility: Travel Gallery, Inc. (TG) acts only as an agent for the passenger in coordinating tour services with other companies including transportation, sightseeing, accommodations, and tickets. TG assumes no liability for any baggage damage, property loss, personal injury, expense or death occasioned by any act, omission or default of any supplier providing tour services or of acts of God, strikes or any event beyond the control of TG. **The tour participant, by submission of payment, agrees to all of terms and conditions in their entirety as provided. Full responsibility statement is provided in the terms along with the invoice for the program.**

It is our intent to visit all sites mentioned, but due to the size of Festival crowds visiting Israel, the order, time spent and accessibility will be judged daily. No guarantee can be made or implied for access to all sites.

Important Notice

This UCG Israel Tour for the Feast of Tabernacles 2023 is designed as a historical education experience while observing the annual Feast. You can expect a fast-pace tempo differing from traditional festival sites.

The program is not ideal for families with children under the age of 9 due to extensive walking, multiple coach stops daily and professionally guided tour commentary throughout.

All participants should be in good health and capable of walking 4-5 miles daily, including easily getting on and off motor coaches with high steps, climbing hills and over rubble of archeological sites.

Highlights

Banais Springs
Beit She-an
Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee
Capernaum
Caesarea Maritime
Caesarea Philippi
City of David
Dan
Davidson Center
Dead Sea Float
Dead Sea Scrolls
Garden of Gethsemane
Garden Tomb
Golan Heights
Hazor
Hezekiah Tunnel
Israel Museum
Jericho
Jerusalem
Jesus Boat Museum
Magdala Excavation
Masada
Megiddo
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Beatitudes
Mt. of Olives
Pool of Bethesda
Pool of Siloam
Temple Institute
Temple Mount
Western Wall

PASSPORT REQUIRED
VALID THROUGH 4/13/2024

Booking Link
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