

The American Colony Hotel, a landmark fairytale get-away in the heart of Jerusalem, has been providing its luxurious hospitality services for more than 120 years. Personified by classic Arabian arches, elaborate furnishings and opulent suites, this elegant boutique hotel prides itself in offering guests an enchanting 'east-meets-west' experience in a distinctively tranquil and romantic setting. With state-of-the-art amenities for business and leisure travelers and the bygone grandeur of royalty in the Pasha's suite, the American Colony's ambience and splendour enchants its guests with the ultimate blend of modern conveniences and old world charm. Its lush gardens, world-class restaurants, rich theme-night entertainment offerings and quintessential style, have earned the American Colony its distinguished reputation as an 'oasis' where timeless elegance meets contemporary facilities to provide new and returning guests of all ages with an extraordinary experience.

The American Colony Hotel is recognized and respected by the hotel and travel industries. In addition to being voted "Best Hotel in the Middle East" for two consecutive years (2003-2004) by Condé Nast Traveler magazine, the hotel has also been nominated for the prestigious "World Travel Award" 2004, as "Best Hotel in Israel". In 1996, the hotel was awarded membership in the elite Relais & Châteaux association, whose qualifying establishments must exemplify par excellence the "5C's": Courtesy, Charm, Character, Calm and Cuisine. The American Colony Hotel is proud to have recently received Relais & Châteaux's Passion Trophy award for 2005. The Passion Trophy Award is given to properties who have distinguished themselves by their passion for excellence, their personal commitment and their creative vision. Those who have already enjoyed the magic of the American Colony have described the hotel as a private kingdom.

The American Colony hotel has hosted many renowned guests from all walks of life: Sir Winston Churchill, Laurence of Arabia, Sir John Gielgud, Lauren Bacall Peter O'Toole, Marc Chagall, Alec Guinness, Richard Widmark, Joan Baez, Richard Gere, Leon Uris, Donald Pleasance, John le Carre, Graham Greene and the Empress of Ethiopia, among many other celebrities and dignitaries, have all made the Colony their home away from home.

The hotel is within walking distance of all of Jerusalem's major sights and within ten minutes of the Damascus Gate in the Old City, with a 45-minute drive from Ben Gurion airport outside Tel Aviv.





Proud History



The rich history of the American Colony dates back to the late nineteenth century, following a series of tragic events that led Horatio and Anna Spafford, a devoutly Christian family, to leave their hometown of Chicago in 1881 in order to find peace in the holy city of Jerusalem and offer aid to families in distress.

Drawing strength through their faith and comfort from the words of the hymn "It is Well with my Soul," written by Horatio following the loss of his four young daughters in a shipwreck, the Spaffords, together with sixteen other members of their church, journeyed to Jerusalem and settled together in a small house in the Old City.

They were never missionaries, but aimed at living as the early Christians did, a simple life with everything in common. With their charitable door open at all times to both their Jewish neighbours and the Bedouin from across the Jordan River, they soon established good relations with the local population and became well known for their acts of benevolence and assistance to the community. People referred to them simply as 'the Americans.' Seventy Swedes living in the United States joined





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When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-bellows, fall, -
What can my doer, then, hast taught me to know
It is well, it is well with my soul -

Though Satan should buffet, - though trials should come, -
Let this blest assurance control, -
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul -

My sin, - oh the bliss of this glorious thought, -
My sin, - not in fact but the whole, -
Is nailed to the cross, & I bear it no more, -
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul -

And lead, O lead, O lead, when the faith shall be sight, -
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, -
The trump shall resound, & the Lord shall descend, -
- a song in the night, Oh my soul!

'the Americans' in 1894 followed by another fifty five two years later, and the now much larger group required a much larger home. The home they finally bought was initially designed as a palace for a pasha and his four wives. That palace would soon become The American Colony Hotel.

The seeds of the American Colony Hotel were sown in 1902, when Baron Ustinov (grandfather of actor Sir Peter Ustinov), finding the Turkish inns of the time unacceptable, needed suitable accommodations in Jerusalem to house his visitors from Europe and America. Before long, the American Colony emerged as a point of lodging for Western travelers and pilgrims whose expectations for high standards of luxury and service were not met by the establishments then existing in Jerusalem.

The American Colony Hotel has a unique place in Israel's history, having endured countless challenges and damage resulting from the area's involvement in a series of wars. It was the venue from which a 'white flag,'—made from a bed sheet from one of the Colony's hospitals that is currently displayed at the Imperial War Museum in London—was draped at the end of World War I to initiate the truce that freed Jerusalem from three centuries of Ottoman rule.

The Colony has always been known as a neutral island, remaining outside the turbulent politics of the land. Owned neither by Arabs or Jews, but by Americans, British and Swedes, it has always had friends from all sectors of Jerusalem's mixed society. An 'oasis' where Jews and Arabs comfortably meet, it is also a favorite haven for international journalists, high-ranking officers of the United Nations and diplomats from across the world.

The original founders retained their former home in the Old City and used it for charitable purposes, providing care to the needy and distressed with services that grew over the decades and today include medical, infant welfare and social work departments.

Although the hotels' active management by the Spafford's grandson, Horatio Vester, was handed over to Gauer Hotels of Switzerland upon his retirement in 1980, the American Colony is still owned by the descendants of the original Founders and its board of directors is composed of family members who remain closely involved. The Colony is a part of their family history, just as it is a part of the history of Jerusalem.



Our Luxurious Rooms

The American Colony consists of 84 rooms in three separate buildings:

The Main Building, the East House and the Palm House, each with its own gardens. In addition, there is a New Wing attached to the Main Building where the Executive rooms are located.

All rooms are designed to provide our guests with the utmost in luxury, comfort and convenience: Each room is fully air-conditioned and has direct dial telephone and voice mail service, Internet access (Broadband), a radio, television with in-house video, free room safe with personal credit card locking system, smoke detectors, full-stocked mini-bar, hair dryer, bathrobe, slippers and amenities tray. Wireless services are provided in public areas of the hotel as well.

The New Wing has been refurbished with all the amenities of a modern hotel, while maintaining the traditional elegance and charm of our 19th century residence.

Our Executive rooms are located in the newest part of the hotel. Each of these rooms is spacious and designed with charming local flavor and character. The fully modern amenities in these rooms comprise the perfect accommodations for business travelers.

The new furniture and decor of our remodeled rooms and corridors reflect the styles of successive periods in the American Colony's long history. Period photographs and intriguing artifacts depict the story of generations of Colony members and the times in which they lived. Each floor has its own unique historical theme:

1st FLOOR:

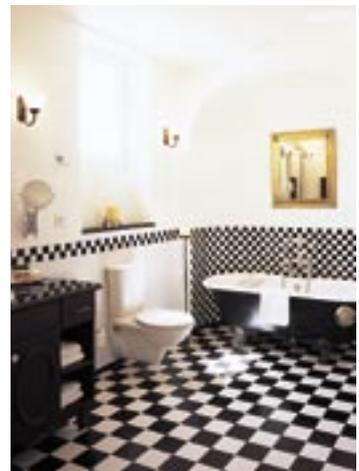
Characterizes the Swedes. These were the pilgrims from Sweden who joined the American Colony in 1896 and brought something of their own culture with them.

2nd FLOOR:

Characterizes the Spafford family from Chicago, who founded the American Colony in 1881. This floor is designed with an 'American touch' of that century.

3rd FLOOR:

Characterizes o the renowned WWI General Lord Allenby, whose soldiers were amongst those nursed by the American Colony when he led the Allied Forces into Jerusalem in 1917. This floor is decorated with a 'British touch.'



Our Luxurious Rooms

4th FLOOR:

Characterizes T.E. Lawrence, or 'Lawrence of Arabia,' a frequent guest of the American Colony in the 1920's. This floor is designed in classic 'Arabic style.'

The Main Building, East House and Palm House consist of very large Pasha Style Rooms, some of which were initially built to order for each of the Pasha's wives-- with painted, high vaulted ceilings, typical of the period. This architectural feature was designed to keep the rooms cool during the blistering summer season and reflect the unique charm of the hotel.

Our Suites, located in both the old and new buildings, each have a distinctive character of their own, yet all share something in common: a spacious sitting room, a large unique bathroom and meticulous attention to individual decor.

All rates are quoted in US Dollars and include a large buffet breakfast.

These rates exclude high season and are subject to change without notice.

Service charges are included in the rates; VAT (Value Added Tax) is to be added for local residents.

We accept Visa, American Express, Eurocard, Mastercard and Diners Club.

Personal cheques are not accepted.

Check in time is 2:00 p.m. and check out time is 12:00 noon.

For prices and additional information - including a virtual tour of the American Colony - please visit our website:

www.americancolony.com



Additional Services and Facilities

- *Free welcome drink upon arrival*
- *Currency Exchange*
- *Free English-Language newspaper*
- *24-hours room service*
- *Video on demand*
- *Laundry, pressing and dry-cleaning service daily*
- *Email & high-speed Internet access*
- *Secretarial service*
- *Baby cot & baby food upon request*
- *Baby-sitting service*
- *Doctor and Dentist on call 24 hours a days*
- *Fitness Center*
- *The Sauna*
- *Professional Masseur*
- *Barber shop and hairdresser, 100 meters from the hotel*
- *Heated outdoor swimming pool (May-October)*
- *Free parking on premises*



AMERICAN COLONY CUSTOMER SERVICE

Our Customer Service staff will make your stay as enjoyable as possible and is read to assist you with the following: general tourist information, flight reservations and confirmations, transport and transfers to airports, border crossings, etc., car rentals at competitive rates, city restaurant bookings, daily tours, limousine service, special private guided tours and more. Our experienced staff is always happy to discuss your requirements and help you as courteously and efficiently as possible.

GIFT BOX

Claire operates a small but beautifully fitted shop with her carefully chosen selection of gift items and memorabilia. These include the exclusive collection of signed, limited edition prints by Kosinski, as well as water colour miniatures, cards and fine jewelry, 'Ahava' Dead Sea mineral products, regional products and a variety of meaningful gifts for all tastes. Claire will also be happy to help you order a bouquet of flowers as a dinner gift, or assist you with other personalized gift needs.

MUNIR BARKAT "ANTIQUARIAN"

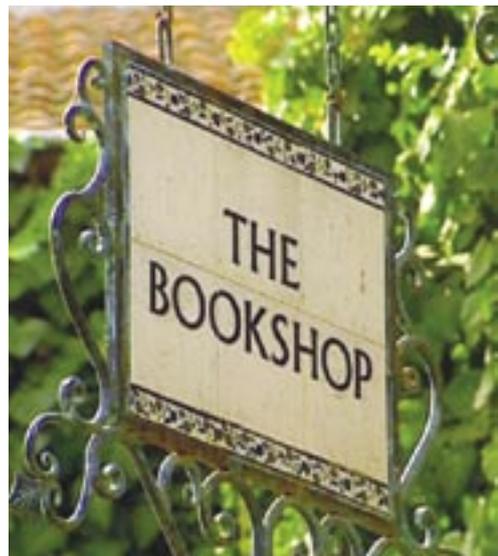
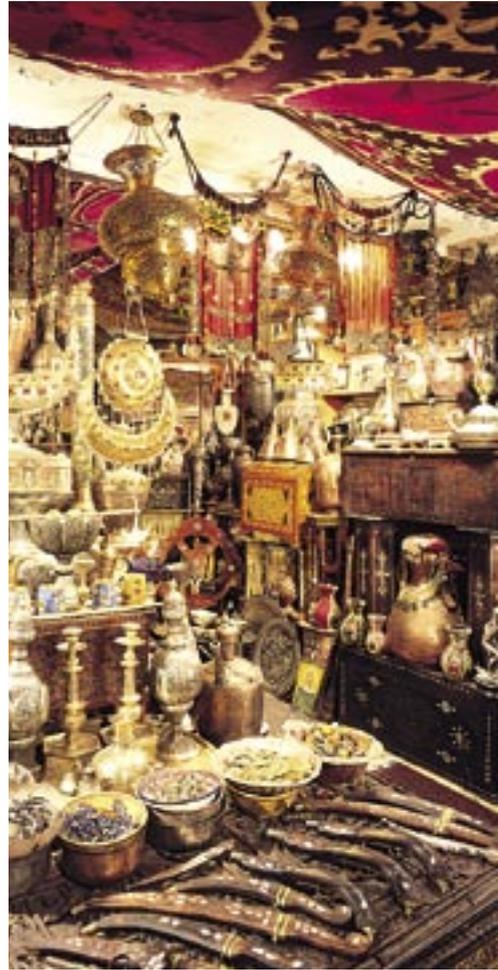
Facing the front entrance to the hotel, Munir will be happy to show you around his extensive shop, where you can find a large selection of antiquarian and oriental items, an exciting, exotic treasure trove worth exploring! Old Persian and Caucasian carpets, Russian icons, wall hangings, archeological pots, old Bedouin jewelry, Roman and Hebron glass, olive wood nativity sets abound.

MUNTHER'S BOOK SHOP

Immerse yourself in the region's history, politics, religions and cultures by reading some of the wide selection of books on these topics, conveniently available to you at Munther's Book Shop, across from the hotel's main entrance. Open daily between 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Munther's is a friendly place where you can browse through books on the region's history, including the book about the fascinating history of the American Colony Hotel, "Our Jerusalem." The store also has guidebooks, maps, posters, dictionaries, regional literature and the latest English bestsellers.

DALLAH RENT A CAR

For guests eager to shop, visit or explore the abundance of exciting tourism attractions in Israel by car, Dallah's Rent A Car service offers an on-premises wide variety of cars, 4x4's, mini and large vans to meet the needs of all our guests. To rent a car from Dallah's friendly, reliable service, simply ask at our Customer Service desk or when making reservations.



Delectable Dining & Drink

The American Colony is proud of its reputation for exquisite cuisine, superb service and the ambience you will enjoy in each of our dining facilities. We are particularly proud of our extensive, lush flower gardens, lovingly maintained by Valentine Vester, one of the founding family owners of the hotel.

Please note that all of our restaurants serve non-kosher food.

THE ARABESQUE

Continental and Arabic food is served, with a variety of frequently changing special dishes. Careful attention is paid to quality and freshness.

VAL'S BRASSERIE LOUNGE

Val's Brasserie is open from lunch through late dinner all year round. Situated beside the pool and the Cellar Bar, guests will enjoy favorite local dishes, continental specialties and quick snacks in a cozy and relaxing atmosphere.

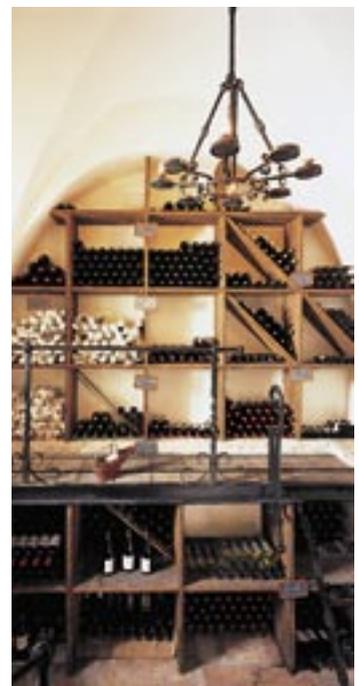
Afternoon tea, a British classic, is served here daily from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with tea, variety of sandwiches, scones with strawberry jam and fresh strawberries or English cake.

THE COURTYARD

This is the 'heart' of the American Colony Hotel, the famous, intimate courtyard where so many personalities have escaped the city to relax and where many films have been made. You will be captivated by the Turkish fountain and green tropical plants rustling gently in the breeze. Open when weather conditions permit, this is the perfect place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Treat yourself to cocktails in this romantic garden while savouring the fragrance of fresh flowers.

THE CELLAR BAR

An intimate and relaxing retreat, combining all the amenities of a modern bar with the ambience of the 19th century East. The Cellar Bar is still floored with the same warm pink stone that has been in place for the past 130 years. An enchanting place for visitors and residents, and popular meeting ground for journalists from across the world.



THE LOBBY

Relax and enjoy the pleasant surroundings. Light refreshments are available.

IBRAHIM'S SUMMER BAR

Our Summer Bar is located in the beautiful Palm House Garden, opposite the main entrance of the hotel. An equally enjoyable experience to share with friends in the cool of the evening, with drinks served by Ibrahim, our friendly, professional bartender.

THE PASHA'S ROOM & PASHA'S TERRACE

This stunning, noble room was once the salon of the former Arab owner of the house and is still adorned with its original decoratively painted ceiling. Accommodating private functions including cocktail parties, lunches or buffets.

THE WINE CELLAR

A rich repository of the finest selections of wines and bouquets, our Wine Cellar is always well stocked with a wide variety of domestic and imported wines and spirits, guaranteed to delight tall tastes and palates.



It is said that the world was created with ten measures of beauty, nine of which were claimed by Jerusalem. Jerusalem is a holy city, a city that has been a symbol of yearning and redemption for thousands of years, a city of religious devotion and emotion, and a site of historical importance. Embraced in its essence, visitors to Jerusalem are overwhelmed by a feeling of the spiritual and temporal, as they view the magical city with both eye and soul.

As the birthplace of Judaism and Christianity and as one of Islam's holy cities, Jerusalem is a city cherished by millions of people from all over the world. It is known by many names, such as the "Eternal City," the "Centre of the World," the "Faithful City," the "City of Peace," "Zion," the "Aelia Capotalina," and "Al Kuds."

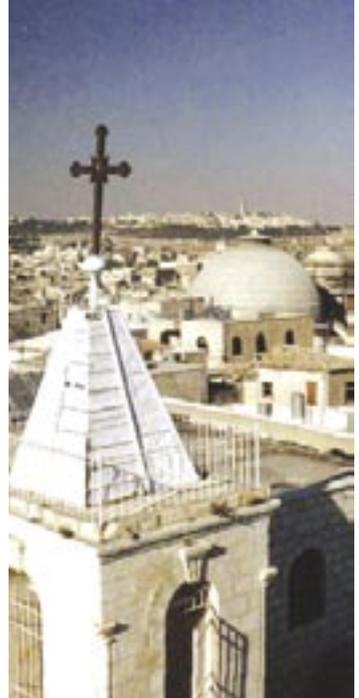
With its rich, colourful and tumultuous history, Jerusalem is a mosaic that offers its visitors a chance to journey through time and explore an intriguing mix of ancient and modern. An understanding of the empires and faiths of its many rulers, the waves of invasions and occupations and the religions and it has fostered provides visitors with a means for truly appreciating the city's abundance of holy sites, rich cultures, ethnic offerings and exciting new attractions.

JERUSALEM: A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY CITY

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land has long been enshrined in the traditions of the world's major monotheistic religions. Jews come to visit the tomb of the patriarchs and sages and the Walls of their ancient Temple, Christians come to retrace the footsteps of Jesus and the Moslems come to worship their holy shrines. Israel is a veritable kaleidoscope of history, civilization and religion. Wherever you roam, some momentous event is likely to have taken place there—and no holy pilgrimage is complete without a visit to the "Eternal City" of Jerusalem.

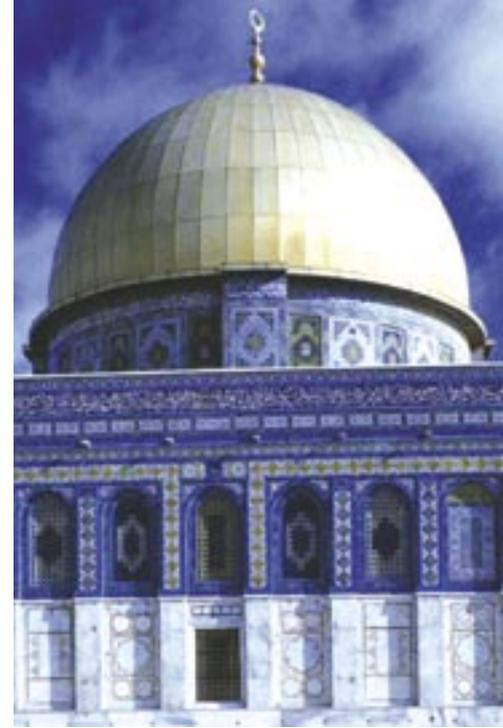
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

The holiest site in Christendom, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is believed to be the site of Jesus' Crucifixion and burial. The history of the church is revealed by its own architectural styles, which emerged from centuries of destruction and rebuilding. The church was first built in the 4th century AD upon the ruins of a Roman temple, after which it was destroyed by Moslem zealots in 1009 and restored approximately forty years later. A new wing was added by the Crusaders in 1099. The church was damaged again by an earthquake in 1927. Its intriguing carved stone portals are the handiwork of Crusader craftsmen from the 12th century.



THE DOME OF THE ROCK ON TEMPLE MOUNT

The Dome of the Rock is an especially striking mosque featuring a beautiful gold dome and remarkable mosaics. This wondrous site was originally built as a shrine in 691 AD in order to protect the rock on the Temple Mount from which, according to Moslem belief, Mohammed ascended to heaven on the back of his horse Al-Barak after meeting with the prophets who preceded him near the Holy of Holies of the Jewish people. The building was designed as an octagon within an octagon with a drum rising above to hold the gold-plated dome. Dazzling blue and gold ceramic tiles cover the upper outer walls, while the lower portion of the wall is covered in marble panels arranged to form symmetric patterns, a reflection of Byzantine art.



THE WESTERN WALL

The Western Wall is the most important site in Jewish history and the holiest place to the Jewish people. According to Jewish belief, the Wall is the sole remnant of the Second Temple that was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. Today the Western Wall is a place for prayer and meditation that is of great religious, historical and national significance.



MUSEUMS, CULTURE CENTRES & ART

Jerusalem contains a wealth of museums and cultural attractions, each of which offers visitors a different perspective on the history and culture of the city. Most, but not all sites charge an admission fee. It is advisable to verify entrance fees and visiting hours in advance.

YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

A visit to Jerusalem is a unique experience in a city that synthesizes the modern and ancient, with archeological finds attesting to its 3,000 year old history as well as the most modern facilities and state-of-the-art technologies. Its wealth of ancient sites complements the city's many lively cultural attractions. At any time of the year, something exciting is happening.



LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jerusalem's reputation as a town that goes to sleep early for lack of entertainment has changed dramatically in recent years, as it has evolved into a city that now offers abundant pastimes until the early hours of the morning, seven days a week, throughout the year. In addition to being rich in art and culture, Jerusalem is also a city of leisure and entertainment. Culture buffs can choose from a variety of concerts, dance, theater and folklore events. Film aficionados can enjoy the old and new in the local cinemas.



RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND PUBS

Jerusalem's culinary wonders include something to satisfy every palate. The city offers an abundant selection of Jewish fare and Middle Eastern delicacies, as well as a large variety of excellent French, Moroccan, Arabic, Italian, Hungarian, Chinese, Thai, dairy, vegetarian and health food restaurants. You can dine out elegantly or eat informally and inexpensively at a wide range of fast food eateries, falafel stands, cafes and pizza parlors. A significant number of restaurants serve kosher food.

TREASURE-TROVE OF GIFTS

Jerusalem offers an abundance of beautiful mementos and gift items at all prices. Visitors will find it hard to choose between a multitude of religious art objects, such as handmade candles, olive wood ornaments and crucifixes, portraits of saints and hand-crafted depictions of biblical scenes. There are Roman glass artifacts, modern and ancient ceramics, hand-woven goods, homegrown natural products and cosmetics, health-enhancing foods and spices, 100% cotton clothing, artistic t-shirts, as well as fine wines and ever-popular candies. Diamonds, jewelry and medallions of all styles and materials abound, with all Israel's souvenirs owing their unique appeal to the country's outstanding craftspeople.

FOREIGN CURRENCY AND VAT REFUNDS

Tourists who purchase goods (with foreign currency) exceeding \$50 in value at shops approved by the Ministry of Tourism are entitled to a VAT (Value Added Tax) refund upon departure from the country. This does not apply to purchases of tobacco products, electrical appliances, cameras, film or other photographic supplies.

Please be sure to obtain an invoice receipt from the shop, indicating the amount of VAT paid. On arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport or the Haifa Port, please refer to Bank Leumi.

At other departure points, the customs official will stamp the invoice and your refund, in the form of a cheque in U.S. dollars, will be sent to your address abroad, as indicated on the invoice.

CLIMATE

Mediterranean

LANGUAGES

English, Hebrew, Arabic



Since 1996, the American Colony Hotel has been a member of the elite Relais & Châteaux Association, specialists in the 'art of welcome' since its founding in 1954.

All Relais & Châteaux hotels take pride in lending an attentive ear to the needs of their guests, are renowned for their exceptional charm and personal touch and are situated in places where guests can discover the wonders of the hotel's surrounding countryside, local customs, traditions and region.

In August 2000, the Relais & Châteaux Association, together with Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. created the Luxury Alliance, providing the public with a single link to a collection of exceptional luxury brands.

To qualify for membership, all Relais & Châteaux hotels must reflect the Associations' spirit and exemplify its core values. These are known as the "5 Cs."

CHARACTER

Each Relais & Châteaux hotel has an individual style of its own, regardless of whether it is a châteaux, a manor, an abbey... This gives each property its unique "Character."

COURTESY

The art of welcoming guests and looking after them is an ongoing pursuit for "Courtesy."

CALM

The surroundings of these properties are quiet and peaceful. They offer guests relaxation and "Calm."

CHARM

Its interior and exterior is pleasant, constituting its "Charm."

CUISINE

The "Relais Gourmands" are particularly famous gastronomical highlights.

For more information, to receive your personal copy of the Relais & Châteaux International guide or to make hotel reservations, please visit: www.relaischateaux.com.



GAUER HOTELS OF SWITZERLAND

While the American Colony Hotel is still family-owned by descendants of the original founders, active management of the hotel was transferred upon the retirement of the Spafford's grandson, Horatio Vester, in 1980, to Gauer Hotels of Switzerland.

Gauer Hotels of Switzerland was founded in 1937 by the father of J.J. Gauer, now Chairman and owner of the company. J.J. Gauer is the General Manager of the Lausanne Palace & Spa Hotel, Switzerland, as well as the Chairman of "The Leading Hotels of the World."

The company owns, manages and acts as consultants to several distinguished five star hotels and restaurants in Switzerland and abroad, with prestigious labels including "The Leading Hotels of the World," "Relais & Chateaux," Swiss Deluxe Hotels and "Relais Gourmands."

Under the expert management of Gauer Hotels, the American Colony has undergone several stages of major renovations and improvements, with the most recent refurbishment completed in 2005.

The Colony is now recognized as one of the most welcoming, important and famous hotels in the Middle East.

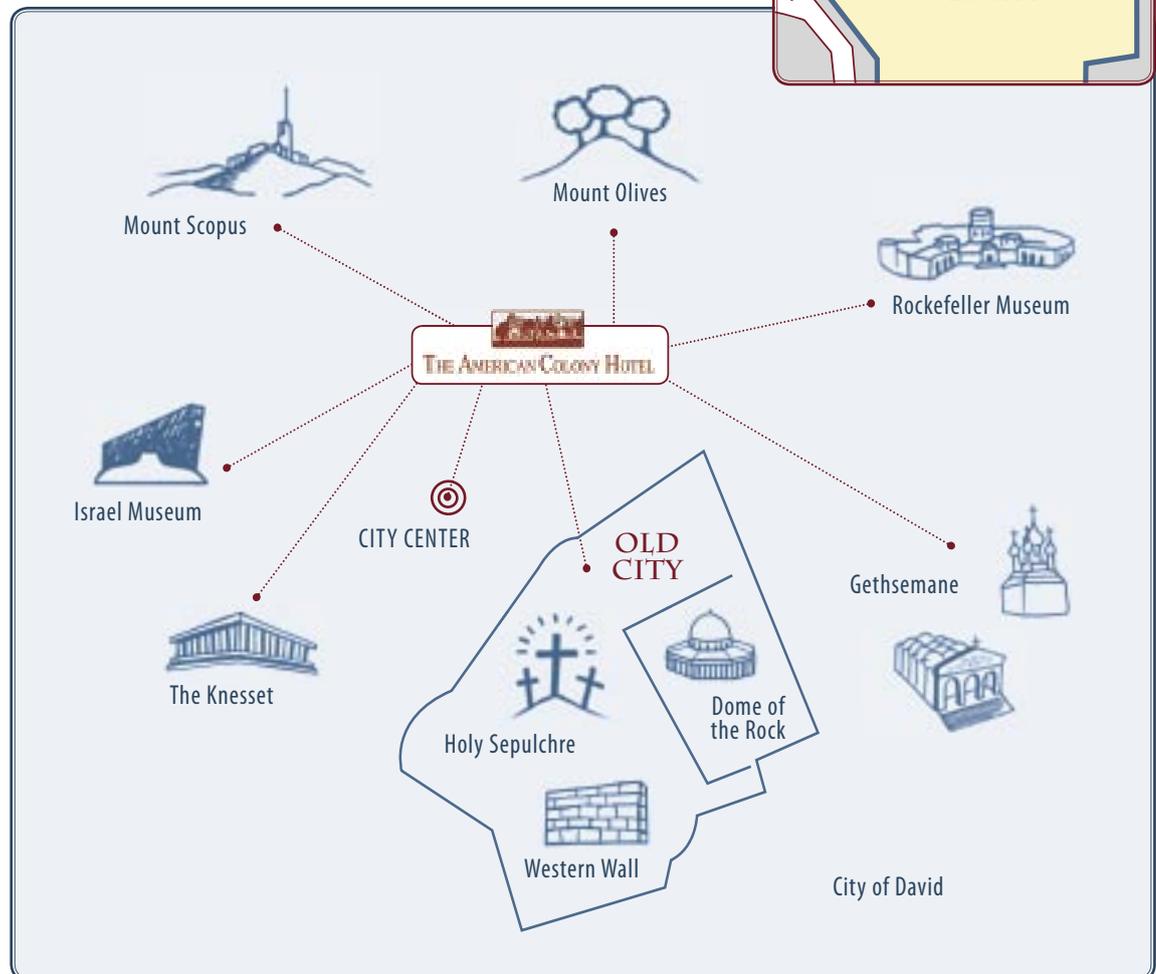
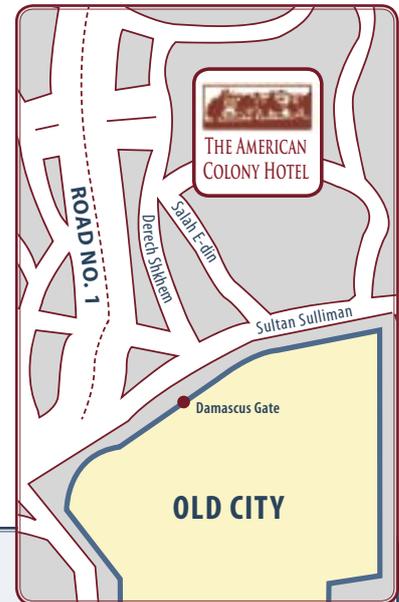


Our Location

The hotel is conveniently situated near the commercial and shopping areas of both West and East Jerusalem and within a 10-minute walk from the Old City of Jerusalem.

DIRECTIONS:

Upon approaching Jerusalem, take the first available left at the traffic light at the big green sign "Begin North." Continue downhill until exit marked "Dead Sea." At second traffic light turn right at small green sign marked "City Center." Follow the road straight, down the hill for about 1.5 kilometers, toward the town center. At the fifth traffic light turn left-at the junction marked with a brown sign pointing to the hotel.



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