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## Inspiring Moments

# A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins in awe-inspiring Israel. Soak up remarkable architecture, fascinating history, dramatic landscapes and diverse religious heritage. From Tel Aviv to Western Galilee to Old Jerusalem and beyond, your travel story will be packed with exceptional tales!

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

- ▶ Experience **Israel's diverse religious heritage** as you visit sites steeped in Islam, Christianity and Judaism.
- ▶ Tour cosmopolitan **Tel Aviv and Old Jaffa** on the Mediterranean coast.
- ▶ **Engage with a local Druze family** while enjoying lunch in their home.
- ▶ Discover **Jerusalem's** captivating ambience and Machane Yehuda market.
- ▶ Witness the stark beauty of the **Dead Sea**, a unique phenomenon.
- ▶ Savor **crisp falafels, refreshing wines** and other delectable flavors.
- ▶ Enjoy a home-hosted **Shabbat dinner**.

**Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,**

Join us for an eight-night journey that explores the multicultural traditions of the Israeli people, the ruins of ancient civilizations and the natural beauty of a land steeped in history. This tiny nation — a fascinating focal point for three of the world’s major religions — exudes spirituality while brimming with treasures and religious milestones.

Begin in Tel Aviv, a city rich with world-class museums and architectural wonders. Venture north to Caesarea, an ancient landscape that still echoes with the cries of victorious gladiators. Embrace opportunities to cruise the Sea of Galilee, witness Capernaum’s celebrated sites and wend Jerusalem’s symbolic, timeless ramparts. Plus, we’ll experience one of Earth’s most unique places, the hypersaline Dead Sea, and taste local wines, olive oils and regional cuisine. This enduring and evolving region awaits to bid you shalom!

Our dedicated team is committed to providing you a once-in-a-lifetime experience that features exciting excursions, stimulating lectures and ample leisure time, allowing you opportunities to make your own discoveries. Space is limited to ensure maximum traveling comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Regards from Westwood,



Christel Aragon  
Director, Alumni Travel

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**UNESCO  
World Heritage**

1. **Old City of Acre** (Akko)
2. **White City of Tel-Aviv** — the Modern Movement
3. **Biblical Tels** — Megiddo, Hazor, Beer Sheba
4. **Masada**
5. **Bahá’í Holy Places** in Haifa and the Western Galilee
6. **Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls**





### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Tel Aviv, Israel. 🌐

### Day 2 | Tel Aviv, Israel

Transfer 🔄 and check in to the Carlton Tel Aviv. Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

### Day 3 | Tel Aviv

**Discovery: Enchanting Jaffa.** Located just a few miles up the coast from Tel Aviv, Jaffa is one of the most enchanting, old-world places in Israel. Soak up the beguiling atmosphere as you stroll cobbled alleyways, browse a bustling flea market and chat with friendly, local artisans.

**Discovery: Neve Tzedek & Anu Museum.** Explore this artsy neighborhood featuring hand-craft shops and boutiques. Continue to the newly opened ANU - Museum of the Jewish People, the world's largest Jewish museum. Through video, art and more, visitors will journey through Jewish culture, history and civilization.

**Free Time:** During leisure time, visit a nearby restaurant for lunch or browse for unique wares.

### Day 4 | Tel Aviv | Caesarea | Akko | Tiberias

**Enrichment: Contemporary Israel.** Learn about key events that have shaped modern Israel.

**Discovery: The White City.** Tel Aviv boasts the world's largest collection of Bauhaus-style buildings with over 1,500 examples located throughout the city. Drive through this "White City" and admire the marvelous architecture.

**Discovery: Mediterranean Coast.** In Caesarea, an archeological park first settled in the fourth century B.C., witness Herod's grand Roman theater and the notable hippodrome, once home to gladiator games and chariot racing. Gaze at Herod's spectacular aqueduct and view the Crusader Wall and fortifications. Then delve into the area's history at a multimedia presentation.

Dig into a lunch of typical Israeli cuisine. During your time in Israel, you may eat fresh pita with tasty hummus; *shwarma*, a grilled lamb often served with bread; or *knafeh*, a shredded pastry with cheese and sweet syrup.

**Discovery: Ancient Akko.** Encounter the well-preserved, walled city of historic Akko. This old Arab locale near the Mediterranean Sea was a bustling port city for over 4,000 years. Today, the city's picturesque waterfront has magnificent





stone buildings, beautiful archways, and a maze of alleyways, churches and green-roofed mosques. Note the thick fortifications, imposing towers and splendid 18th-century ramparts of the Old City.

In Tiberias, check in to the U Boutique Kinneret Hotel by the Sea of Galilee.

#### Day 5 | Tabgha | Capernaum | Golan

##### **Discovery: Upper Galilee and Capernaum.**

Embark on a scenic cruise on the Sea of Galilee (weather permitting), and visit Tabgha, a fishing village on the northwest shore. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, believed by many to be the site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In Capernaum, visit an ancient synagogue with Jewish motifs and see the House of Peter, a home where Jesus is believed to have lodged.

**Discovery: Golan Winery.** Relish rich vintages during a tasting at a winery in the Golan Heights region. This area of Israel is recognized as one of the country's most favorable grape-growing regions.

#### Day 6 | Meggido | Haifa | Jerusalem

##### **Discovery: Tel Megiddo – A Focus on Archeology.**

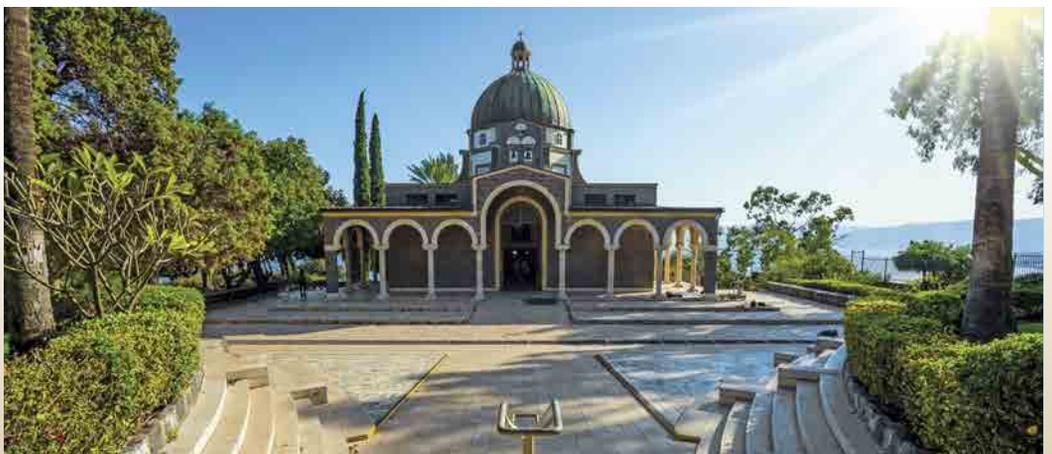
Explore the archaeological mound of Megiddo, a fascinating UNESCO World Heritage site. These impressive ruins have more than 25 layers of settlements! See the fortified cities and walk through an underground tunnel. This Iron Age structure once supplied the city's residents with water from a nearby spring.

**AHI Connects: Meet the People.** Indulge in an authentic Druze lunch with a local family in their home. Druze cuisine is characterized by special blends of spices such as turmeric, cumin, cinnamon and paprika.

**Discovery: Mount Carmel.** Haifa is Israel's third-largest city and a high-technology industrial center. From a terrace on Mount Carmel, revel in sprawling vistas of the city beyond. The pretty Bahá'í Gardens, comprised of 19 terraces, rest on the lower slopes of Mount Carmel.

Check in to the King David Jerusalem hotel.

Above: Aqaduct, Caesarea | Below: Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee





**Enrichment: *Is it Finally Time for a Peace Deal?*** Tonight, listen as an expert presents an assessment of Israeli-Palestinian relations during a fascinating lecture and discussion.

### Day 7 | Jerusalem

**Discovery: *In-depth Jerusalem.*** The ancient city of Jerusalem is the spiritual heart of three world faiths — Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Discover the many religious shrines, temples, churches and mosques housed in the Old City of Jerusalem. See Temple Mount and pause at the Western Wall. Walk along a portion of the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Enjoy panoramic views from the Mount of Olives and explore the interpretive Davidson Center.

Lunch on delectable falafels in the Arab Quarter, a neighborhood with narrow alleys and souks brimming with spices, textiles and leather goods.

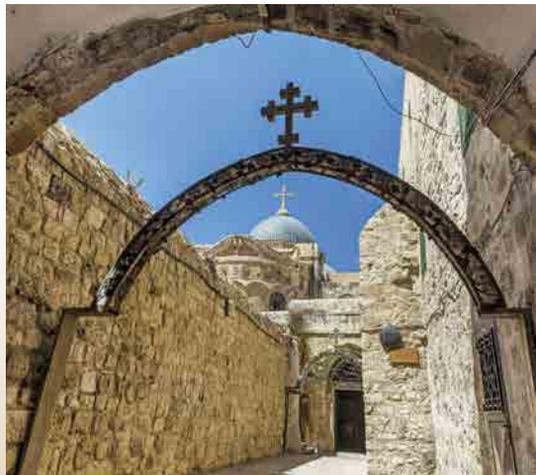
**Free Time:** You may wish to continue exploring Jerusalem's many wonders and inspiring sites.

### **AHI Connects: *Shabbat Dinner.***

Experience an authentic Shabbat dinner with a welcoming, local family. Learn about key concepts of this weekly observance and share *challah*, a delicious bread made with eggs.

### Day 8 | Masada | Ein Bokek | Jerusalem

**Discovery: *Judean Desert Drama and a Sea of Salt.*** Spend a poignant morning at the site of Masada, an isolated flatter rock overlooking the Dead Sea. Then descend 1,378 feet below sea level to Ein Bokek on the shoreline of the Dead Sea, the deepest hypersaline lake in the world.



Top: Masada | Left: Breadseller, Jerusalem | Above: Via Dolorosa



Surrounded by a barren expanse of painted mountainous desert, the Dead Sea is fed by the River Jordan, which flows from the Sea of Galilee. Relax on the beach or enjoy a swim. Savor lunch with a view near the Dead Sea.

## Day 9 | Jerusalem

### Discovery: A Poignant Monument.

Yad Vashem is Israel's memorial and place of commemoration for the millions who perished

in the Holocaust. Carved out of the hillside, the sprawling complex has 10 exhibition halls, each dedicated to a different chapter of the Holocaust. Tour the exhibition halls and galleries, and see the Hall of Names, a memorial to the lives taken during the Holocaust.

**Enrichment: A Survivor Speaks.** Join a question-and-answer session with a Yad Vashem guide and hear a personal account of his or her experiences during World War II.

**Free Time:** Craft your own itinerary at Machane Yehuda, a bustling local market. Shop at open-air stalls, sample local specialties or browse for colorful clothing and spices.

Gather this evening for a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers and share your favorite experiences from your time in Israel.

## Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

**Note:** *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈ Flights and 🚗 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

### A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

#### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats



Top: Dead Sea | Above: Market, Jerusalem

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.



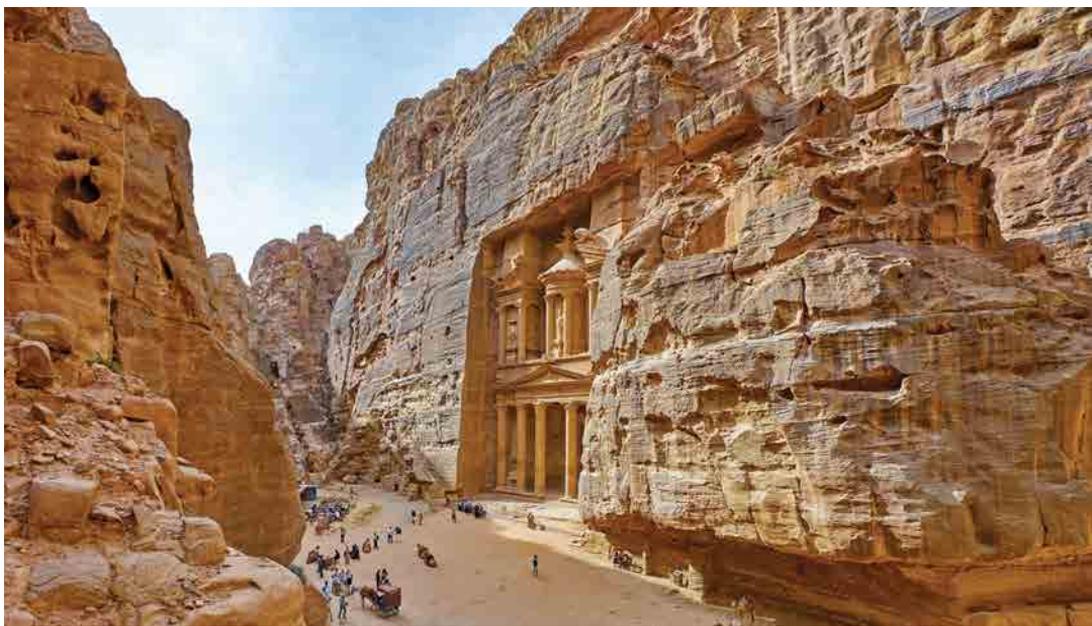
**U Boutique Kinneret Hotel**   
by the Sea of Galilee | Tiberias



**Carlton Tel Aviv** | Tel Aviv 



**King David Jerusalem Hotel**   
| Jerusalem



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## POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN JORDAN

Journey to Jordan for an educational and enthralling adventure. Enjoy three nights at the Kempinski Hotel Amman; daily breakfast, three lunches and one dinner; guided tours of Madaba and Mount Nebo, Petra and Jerash; services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; transfer from your hotel in Israel to your hotel in Jordan; baggage handling on all transfers; guide and driver gratuities; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price: \$1,575 per person, double occupancy; \$1,820 single occupancy**

# Israel ~ Land of Cultural Treasures

Trip #:7-27997W

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Once UCLA Alumni Travel receives this request, AHI Travel will contact you via email within three business days regarding your deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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**I/we would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).** Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

**I/we would also like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Jordan post-extension.**

**Full Legal Name** *(exactly as it appears on passport)*

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

**Single Accommodations**

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$1,345 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

**Flights**

- Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Tel Aviv, Israel, to depart from:

\_\_\_\_\_ Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class  Business Class  Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **January 2, 2023** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel. **Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://ucla.ahitravel.com/destinations/1743A?schooId=170>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.**

## PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** March 18-27, 2023

**Land Program dates:** March 19-27, 2023

## LAND PROGRAM

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\$5,245

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\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$495 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$1,345 (limited availability).

### Let us arrange your flights!

#### AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

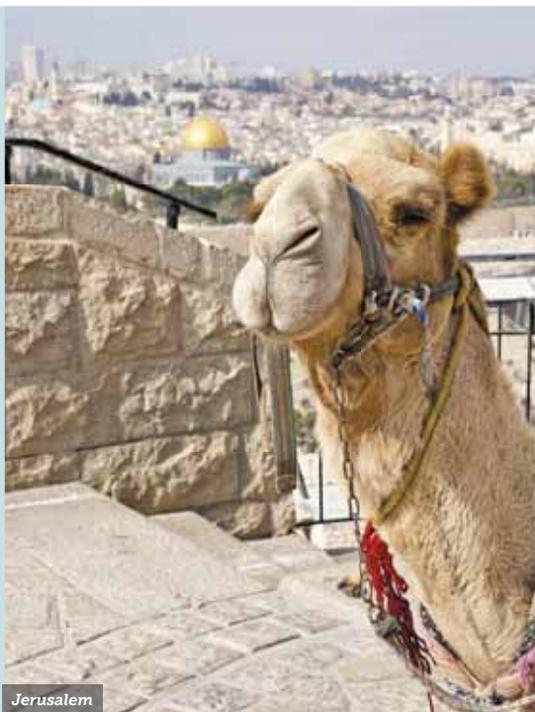
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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

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- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



Jerusalem



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# INCLUDED FEATURES

## **Accommodations** {with baggage handling}

- **2 nights** in Tel Aviv, Israel, at the first-class Carlton Tel Aviv.
- **2 nights** in Tiberias at the first-class U Boutique Kinneret Hotel by the Sea of Galilee.
- **4 nights** in Jerusalem at the deluxe King David Jerusalem.

## **Transfers** {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

## **Extensive Meal Program**

- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

## **Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**

- **Small Group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Explore Old Jaffa and the Neve Tzedek area.
  - See the “White City” during a tour.
  - Admire Caesarea’s ancient Roman ruins.
  - Visit Akko and the fascinating Crusader fort.
  - Witness the Sea of Galilee, Tabgha and the Mount of Beatitudes.
  - Visit a synagogue and the House of Peter.
  - Treat your palate to Israel’s delicious wines.
  - Gaze at Tel Megiddo’s UNESCO status ruins.
  - Browse Machane Yehuda, a vibrant market.
  - Enjoy a Druze lunch in a local family’s home.
  - Experience the highlights of Yad Vashem.
  - Take part in an authentic Shabbat dinner.
  - Encounter Masada’s poignant historic story.
  - Descend below sea level to the Dead Sea.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
  - Free time to pursue your own interests.
  - Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.



**Masada**

## **AHI Travel Expertise**

From your reservation to your return home, we’re here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### **Before you go:**

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

### **Once you arrive:**

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you’ll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
  - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We’ve specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they’re ready to share their passion for their country with you.
  - ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

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*Old Jaffa with Tel Aviv in the distance*

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