

# Israel

## The Four Corners of Israel

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### Monday, October 15, 2018

#### Arrival

- Arrival and assistance at Ben Gurion International Airport
- Depart for Northern Israel.
- From the Four Corners of the World, Stop at the **Caesarea Aqueduct** for a festive Welcome Ceremony.
- *Understanding Jewish Peoplehood*, continue to **Atlit**, site of a pre state detention camp established by the authorities of the British Mandate for Palestine at the end of the 1930s to prevent Jewish refugees from entering Palestine, with Murray S. Greenfield who was one of the US volunteers on the illegal immigration boats in the Pre-State days
- Check in to Galilee Hotel.
- Group dinner at the hotel.

#### Overnight: Galilee

### Tuesday, October 16, 2018

- Physical and Spiritual Security
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Israel's Northern Borders @ 2018*, geopolitical update with **Maj. Res. Sarit Zahavi**.
- Visit the Tel Dan Nature Reserve for a walk along the Dan River, one of Israel's major sources of water and the site of the famous Biblical city of Dan.
- Ascend to the Golan Heights.
- Drive along the Syrian border on **Jeeps**, exploring the complex relationship between Israel and Syria, with intelligence expert **Ilan Shulman**.
- Lunch on your own en route in **Katzrin**, followed by a visit to one of the **Golan's leading Wineries** for wine tasting.
- Conclude the day with a visit to **Safed**, and explore the quaint alleyways, art galleries, and synagogues of the mystical city of Tzfat, including a dialogue with **Kabbalistic artist**.
- Dinner at **Decks restaurant** in Tiberias including a boat ride in the Kinneret (weather permitting).

#### Overnight: Galilee



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### Wednesday, October 17, 2018

#### *A Mosaic of Israel*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Heart of New Jersey on the Ground:** Take part in an interactive experience with some of our Israeli partners and the people we touch.
- Get a unique insight into the realities of Arab women in Israel at the home of **Amna Kamaana**, who founded an organization for the empowerment of Muslim women.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Stop at **Neot Kedumim** for a special tree planting ceremony.
- Drive to Jerusalem and stop at the Haas Promenade for short Shehechianu overlooking Jerusalem with the traditional bread and wine.
- Check in to hotel, followed by time to freshen up.
- Enjoy a dinner of biblical cuisine at the **Eucalyptus Restaurant**, including a meeting with **chef Moshe Basson**, who specializes in preparing foods based on ingredients native to the Land of Israel.
- Optional late night visit to the **Machane Yehudah Market**, as it comes alive with music and food.

#### Overnight: Jerusalem

### Thursday, October 18, 2018

#### *The Layers of Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore the multi-ethnic weave of the **Old City**, beginning with the Ramparts Walk along the rooftops from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate, through the Jewish Quarter, including the Cardo, the Hurva Square and the Herodian Mansions, concluding at the Davidson Archeological Park.
- Lunch on your own.
- *All Jews are Responsible for One and Other*, JAFI or JDC site visit.



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### Thursday, October 18, 2018

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- Optional visits to the Museums of Jerusalem, choose one of the following possibilities:
  - The **Israel Museum**
  - The **Begin Museum**
  - The **Museum on the Seam**
  - The **Islamic Museum**
  - The **Bible Lands Museum**
  - The **Herzl Museum**
- Optional visit to the **Israel Museum** or free time in Jerusalem.
- Dinner on your own at the **Mamilla Mall**.
- View the **Jerusalem Night Spectacular** music and light show on the walls of the Tower of David, telling the story of Jerusalem in animation and music.
- Optional night guided visit through the **Western Wall Tunnels**. *(additional cost)*
- See how Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat with an optional late night visit to a challah bakery.

### Overnight: Jerusalem

### Friday, October 19, 2018

*The Layers of Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Israel and the Memory of the Holocaust* with scholar **Rachel Korazim**.
- Visit **Yad Vashem** with options for First Timers and Returnees.
- Free time at Machane Yehudah with lunch on your own, followed by free time to explore Jerusalem as it prepares for Shabbat, and your own Shabbat preparations.
- Kabbalat Shabbat as a community at the Kotel.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel with members of **Ruach Chadasha** and a **Shabbat Scholar**.
- *Optional evening walk through the streets of Meah Shearim to experience an Ultra Orthodox "Tisch"*.

### Overnight: Jerusalem



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### Saturday, October 20, 2018

#### *Shabbat in Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Free morning with and optional Synagogue Hop or services at one of Jerusalem's Synagogues.
- Lunch on your own with an optional opportunity for Home Hospitality Lunch at additional expense.
- Free afternoon to explore Jerusalem on your own or afternoon guided walks:  
**Options Include**
  - The winding alleyways of **Yemin Moshe**, the first neighborhood built outside of the walls of the Old City, using the poetry of **Yehudah Amichai** as a guide.
  - The **German Colony**, built by the German Templars in the late 1800s, with their unique buildings and stories that have become part of Jerusalem's lore.
  - The upscale neighborhood of **Rechavia**, originally modeled after the "garden cities" of Europe.
  - A guided walk through the **Christian Quarter** of Jerusalem.
  - The winding alleyways of the eclectic **Nachlaot** neighborhood.
  - The **Valley of Hinnom** to the top of **Mount Zion** and continuing to the Jewish Quarter, using the Bible and ancient archaeological remains as guides.
  - **Mount Zion, the Hill of Three Religions**, guided with poetry and midrash.
  - Bus Group **Tie in Session**.
  - Havdallah and **Israel @ 70 celebration at David's Citadel**, including a festive Israeli dinner.

#### Overnight: Jerusalem



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### Sunday, October 21, 2018

#### *The Lure of the Desert*

#### Option 1:

- Early morning departure for the **Dead Sea Basin**.
- Morning relaxation and float in the Dead Sea.
- Ascend Herod's mountain fortress of **Masada** and a guided visit through the last stronghold of the Zealots against the Romans. Study the texts of "Elazar Ben Yair and the Zealots of Masada" and "Yochanan Ben Zakai and the Rabbis of Yavneh" for an exploration of the questions that arise from the story and their symbolism in modern Israeli society. Descend via the Roman Ramp.
- Drive to Kfar Hanokdim.

#### Option 2:

- Early breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the south.
- *Rebuilding the Zionist Dream in the Negev*—socio-ethnic challenges facing the northern Negev, tensions with the Bedouin, balancing tradition and modernity. Meet Hura mayor **Dr Mohammad Alnabari** and learn about the extraordinary successes of his small city, the unfinished business that still beckons, and the serious challenges he and his community face, with representatives of Desert Stars hear the story of how they are working together to promote a better, more just and equal, Israeli society in the Negev.
- Continue to **Tel Arad** in the **Yatir Forrest** to visit the exclusive Yatir winery for wine tasting and a discussion with winemaker, **Eran Goldwasser**.
- Drive to Kfar Hanokdim.
- Experience Bedouin hospitality at the **Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Encampment** in the Judean Desert for a camel ride and traditional "hafla" lunch, followed by an opportunity to learn about the culture of the Negev Bedouin, their relationship to Israel, and the challenges facing their community.
- Visit to **Hatzerim Airforce Base** to meet with soldiers. (pending IDF confirmation)
- Drive to Tel Aviv and check into hotel.
- Free night to enjoy Tel Aviv, with dinner on your own.

**Overnight: Tel Aviv**



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### Monday, October 22, 2018

*Tel Aviv, The First Hebrew City*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *A Look at Israel 70 Years Young*, with scholar **Paul Liptz**.
- *Tel Aviv: the First Hebrew City*: Begin with a walk through **Neve Zedek**, one of the first Jewish neighborhoods outside of Jaffa and today a re-gentrified neighborhood replete with galleries, cafes and trendy shops and continue along Rothschild Blvd, exploring the once small community of Ahuzat Bayit where Tel Aviv began, and its development into both the **UNESCO World Heritage White City** collection of Bauhaus buildings and one of the great global innovation hubs, concluding with a visit to the **Taglit Innovation Center**, which showcases Israeli innovation.
- Visit **Independence Hall**, where the State , of Israel was declared.
- Lunch on your own at the **Allenby-Rothschild Market**.
- Continue to the Florentine neighborhood for a **Graffiti Tour**, unveiling some of Tel Aviv's urban secrets and trends.
- Conclude the day in Tel Aviv at the **Sarona** and **Sarona Market**, once a German Templar community and today one of Tel Aviv's newest and trendiest areas.
- Wrap up discussion, followed by a Festive Concluding dinner and depart for Ben Gurion Airport for return flight to the United States.

### Overnight: Flight/Tel Aviv

### Tuesday, October 23, 2018

*Arrival in the United States.*

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