



Charleston Jewish Federation Mission to Israel

Optional Shabbat Weekend: October 12-13, 2018

Mission Begins: October 14-21, 2018

Friday and Saturday, October 12th -13th

While the trip officially begins on Sunday, we are pleased to offer a special Shabbat experience for those that arrive early. Shabbat dinner on Friday will be offered, and the option for an excursion to Masada (an ancient fortress with important significance in Jewish and Israeli history) and then on to the Dead Sea to enjoy lunch and relax at a Dead Sea Spa.

Accommodations: Jerusalem

Sunday, October 14th

Our mission will officially begin with an orientation to Jerusalem, The City of Gold. This day will feature an underground tour of the Western Wall Tunnels, lunch in the private dining room at the Knesset (Israeli parliament) with a guided tour and special guests, and an afternoon at the Israel Museum including a visit to the Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls)

Accommodations: Jerusalem

Monday, October 15th

We will begin to explore the high-tech side of Israel with a visit to the Cleveland Clinic to see world-renown medical innovations. The afternoon will include a guided visit to Yad Vashem (Israel's Holocaust Museum) with a private ceremony at the Children's Memorial, and visit to Mt. Herzl (the site of Israel's National Cemetery) and other important historical sites.

Accommodations: Jerusalem

Tuesday, October 16th

In the morning we will return to the Old City for a special tour of the City of David, including the Jewish Quarter, and some free time for shopping and meeting up with friends. In the afternoon we will drive to Tel Aviv to enjoy a free evening to explore the White City and dine on your own.

Accommodations: Hilton, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, October 17th

Tours of Tel Aviv will include Neve Tzedek (Tel Aviv's first Jewish neighborhood outside of the ancient Jaffo port), graffiti tour to hear about the "situation" literally from the writing on the wall, and a talk about the "Start Up Nation" with an entrepreneur. In the evening we will enjoy dinner and a cultural performance.

Accommodations: Hilton, Tel Aviv



Thursday, October 18th

We will start the day with a cemetery tour with Moti Zeira by the Kinneret. This will be followed by a border tour where the Syrian and Jordan borders meet with Israel. We will learn about Israel's role in the Syrian conflict in terms of its medical and humanitarian assistance. In the afternoon there will be option to use the fabulous spa facilities followed by a wine-tasting dinner in Israel's finest wine region.

Overnight: Hotel Elma, Zichron Ya'akov

Friday, October 19th

Today we will tour the Aaronsohn House (commemorates the World War 1 Jewish espionage network; the amazing story of the first Jewish underground). Next, lunch with the Druze community to learn about their way of life and Israeli identity. We will also see projects of JFNA's partner, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) focusing on co-existence in this area. We will experience a special Shabbat dinner hosted by our friends from our Partnership region in Hadera-Eiron.

Overnight: Hotel Elma, Zichron Ya'akov

Saturday, October 20th

We will visit Tzipori National Park (beautiful mosaics from the Roman and Byzantine periods) for a tour with the director of the park. We are planning an afternoon hands-on project in Hadera and then a fun cooking demo with our Israeli friends. With this being our last evening together, we will enjoy a special closing program.

Overnight: Hotel Elma, Zichron Ya'akov

Sunday, October 21st:

We will spend more time in the region focusing both on projects supported by the Jewish Agency for Israel and our partnership before heading to the airport and back to our other homeland, Charleston.

**Transfers to and from the airport are available for anyone arriving Friday-Sunday, October 12-14, to the King David Hotel, and to anyone departing on Sunday, October 21st. We will also be providing transportation support for those that want to stay for JFNA's General Assembly in Tel Aviv, October 22-24 as well.*

Additional cost for the hotel in Jerusalem for Friday & Saturday evening (10/12 & 10/13)

****Itinerary Subject to Change****