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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND *Your Voice in Israel*

SUNDAY MARCH 26 • ARRIVAL / TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon individual arrivals, transfer to the **Sheraton Hotel** in Tel Aviv.

Our journey will officially commence with an **opening lunch** at noon at a local restaurant in **Sarona**, a former German Templar colony that has transformed into a thriving urban neighborhood located in Tel Aviv. Afterward, partake in a walking tour of the area. See the beautiful outdoor gardens and the one-of-a-kind Sarona Market, Israel's largest indoor culinary market that offers every flavor of contemporary cuisine under one roof. Leading the tour will be **Noa Gefen, Executive Vice-Chairman for the Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites** (SPIHS). Hear about the work and partnership between JNF and SPIHS that has been preserving and restoring important historical sites throughout Israel.

Sarona

Later this afternoon, visit the **Israeli Medical Association (IMA)**, a workers' organization representing Israeli physicians, and learn about how this independent, apolitical organization seeks to advance the cause of physicians and medicine across the nation. Meet with key board members and doctors who will discuss health care in Israel, the IMA Ethics Bureau, and the relationship between Israel and doctors from around the world.

Israeli Medical Association

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant in Tel Aviv with a **special guest speaker** from **The Office of the Chief Scientist**, an organization that works to assist in the development of technology in Israel as a means of fostering economic growth by encouraging technological innovation, entrepreneurship, and research and development collaboration both nationally and internationally.

Sheraton Hotel

Overnight, Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

MONDAY MARCH 27 • GALILEE

Galilee Medical Center

Following a delicious Israeli breakfast and hotel check-out, depart to Nahariya for a visit to the **Galilee Medical Center**. Expanding its accessibility to include much needed medical care, the hospital plays a pivotal role in the development and growth of the region. Hear from **Doreet Freedman, Vice President of Partnerships & Development** at **Nefesh B'Nefesh (NBN)**, who will discuss the ambitious Frontier Physician Program - a NBN initiative that sponsors doctors to move to the region in partnership with JNF. Meet with top physicians at the hospital to learn about their work and hear how they established themselves as medical pioneers after making Aliyah to Israel through Nefesh B'Nefesh.

Rosh Hanikra

Afterward, continue to the gleaming white cliffs of **Rosh Hanikra** for a tour of these artificial tunnels and view caverns, carved out by the pounding waves of the Mediterranean. The grottoes and caves at Rosh Hanikra are the result of thousands of years of the power of the sea. After a short yet exhilarating cable car ride down the cliff face, explore these incredible formations as you embrace the unique landscape and atmosphere.

Ziv Medical Center

Enjoy a **boxed lunch** en route to **Tzfat.** Upon arrival, tour the **Ziv Medical Center,** the leading trauma center in the north. With its close proximity to the borders of Lebanon and Syria, the medical center has created a long-standing cooperation between the hospital and the Israel Defense Force (IDF). Meet with **Dr. Salman Zarka, General Director**, who will discuss how Ziv Medical Center has played a crucial role in improving the health of all the residents of the north, a population comprised of a wide mosaic of cultural and religious backgrounds, as well as the medical relief provided for Syrian war victims.

Tzfat

Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring the mystical city of **Tzfat.** Stroll through the alleys of this ancient city, see the breathtaking views and enjoy clean mountain air. Discover the artistic side of Tzfat with a visit to the famed artist colony in the heart of the city.

Tiberias

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant in Tzfat before proceeding to your overnight accommodations in Tiberias.

Overnight, Kibbutz Lavi, Tiberias

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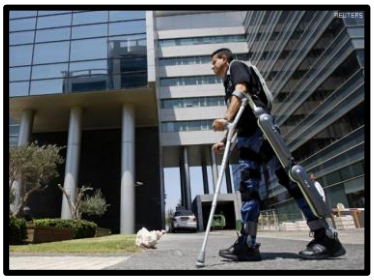
TUESDAY MARCH 28 • JERUSALEM


ReWalk™

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, depart toward Jerusalem. En route, stop in Yokneam for a visit to the **Argo Medical Technologies** to learn more about the **ReWalk™ exoskeleton suit**, which has fundamentally changed the health and life experiences of individuals living with spinal cord injuries.

Ammunition Hill

Arrive in Jerusalem for a visit to **Ammunition Hill,** site of the famous Six-Day War that reunified Jewish Jerusalem. Enjoy **lunch** on site before taking a tour through the battlegrounds and bunkers to follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here. See the "Seam-Line" multimedia exhibit about this fierce battle and the reunification of Jerusalem. End at JNF's **Wall of Honor**, which commemorates Jewish veterans from around the world.

Chagall Windows

Continue to the **Hadassah Medical Center** to learn about the groundbreaking research taking place and how it is impacting the future of medicine. During a tour, see the **Chagall Windows**, designed by artist Marc Chagall, for an in-depth look at the 12 exquisite stained-glass windows depicting the blessings that Jacob, on his deathbed, bestowed to each of his 12 sons.

Kotel

The remainder of the day will be spent in the **Old City of Jerusalem.** Explore the historic **Jewish & Christian Quarters**; see the original steps that led to the Temple Mount at the **Southern Wall Excavations**; and take time for silent contemplation at the **Kotel**, where Jews from around the world gather and pray.

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant in Jerusalem that will include an engaging **speaker panel** with representatives and doctors from various medical start-up companies in the area.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29 • NEGEV

Aleh Negev village

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, depart south for a visit to **Aleh Negev,** a one-of-a-kind rehabilitative village that provides high-level medical services and unparalleled care to children with severe cognitive and physical disabilities. See the various therapeutic services and beautifully landscaped grounds that were strategically constructed to positively stimulate the senses by using natural herbs and flower gardens. Leading our tour will be several physicians who work at Aleh, who will discuss the medical technology and practices they use on patients.

Home hospitality lunch

Enjoy a delicious **home hospitality lunch** with local Ofakim resident **Osi**. Hear her captivating story of growing up in the area and the challenges of living near the border.

Halutza

Afterward, we will continue south for a visit to **Halutza,** founded by a group of people whom were forced to evacuate their homes during Israel's disengagement from Gaza in 2005. See how this formerly uninhabitable area is flourishing with the establishment of new communities, greenhouses filled with fresh produce, fields of organic crops, and a state-of-the-art **Medical Center**.

Arrive in Mitzpe Ramon by early afternoon and check into the luxurious **Beresheet Hotel**.

Beresheet Hotel

Spend the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure. Considering indulging in an optional **spa treatment*;** enjoying the hotel's 5-far facilities and scenic view of the nearby Ramon Crafter; and having **dinner** in the main dining hall at your own pace.

(**Additional cost: Not included in tour price and should be scheduled on own in advance)*.

Overnight, Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

THURSDAY MARCH 30 • ARAVA/DEPARTURE

Central Arava Medical Center

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, begin today with a tour of the **Central Arava Medical Center** in Sapir. In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council and the Israeli government, JNF has built a world-class medical center to replace the dilapidated clinic and provide quality care to local residents and workers. Meet local doctors who will explain how the medical center is improving the quality of life and care for those who need it most.

AICAT Students

Continue to the **Arava International Center for Agricultural Training (AICAT),** a leading authority in sophisticated arid lands agricultural studies and training, as well as a central platform for global collaborations in the agriculture arena. See this 10-month work-study program at work and hear about how students from Asia bring their education back to their home countries and return as goodwill ambassadors for Israel.

Lab at Yair R & D

Visit the **Yair Research and Development Station,** a leading scientific research and development center where scientists are working hard to find solutions to the challenges of desert agriculture. Alongside the extensive agricultural research taking place, Yair is also home to the Arava Center for Drug Discovery, where scientists focus their research on botanical drug discovery. Tour the facility and learn about the new medical innovations taking place, as well as the water technology advancements used to improve the quality of life in the Arava.

Yerucham

Boxed lunch will be provided en route to **Yerucham**. Upon arrival, visit the new groundbreaking **Simulation Center**. Afterward, take a drive-through tour of the city. See how JNF is developing the area with the construction of a new park and various housing sites while hearing an update on the city's overall progress.

Enjoy a special **farewell dinner** at a restaurant en route to Ben-Gurion Airport for return flights back to the U.S.

Overnight, En route