

Jewish National Fund
International Spirit of Israel Tour

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OVERVIEW

Join JNF-KKL leaders from around the world for this unique opportunity to make history and take part in an unprecedented show of unity with Israel and the international Jewish community. Join this exclusive experience and be a tourist, not an observer.

We urge you to join JNF on this very special mission and to stand with Israel - now more than ever. Join together with JNF supporters and leaders from across the world and show your support for our homeland, the only democracy in the Middle East.

The mission will be a once in a lifetime experience where JNF supporters from around the world will come together for 3 very exciting mega events:

- A ceremony at the residence of the Honorary Reuven Rivlin, President of the State of Israel
- A visit to an Israeli Air Force Base and a party/concert with IDF Soldiers
- A massive rally to support the Be'er Sheva River Park with residents of Be'er Sheva, the border communities of Gaza and Israeli State Officials.

The rest of the mission will function like a normal JNF-USA mission, with our USA participants traveling together across Israel touring and seeing our amazing JNF partners and projects on the ground.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY MAY 13 – ARRIVAL / TEL AVIV

- Individual arrivals and transfers to hotel in Tel Aviv
- Opening dinner at local restaurant in Tel Aviv. Mission Chairs to give introduction and welcoming remarks, lead icebreakers with the group
- Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

THURSDAY MAY 14 – COASTAL REGION

- Breakfast at hotel and departure
- LOTEM or Usfiya Fire Station including tour, meeting with fire fighters & demonstration [TBD]
- Usfiya Park for Picnic lunch
- Ein Hod Artist Village
 - Tour including JNF Park and Visitor Center
 - Meet local artists/ residents
 - Time to explore and shop in galleries
- Atlit Illegal Immigration Camp tour including Galina ship
- Return to hotel in Tel Aviv with time to relax and freshen up before evening activities
- Evening: KKL Mega Event at IDF Base in Central Israel
- Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

FRIDAY MAY 15 – TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at hotel and departure
- Independence Hall tour including a special activity arranged by Noa Gefen, SPIHS
- Palmach Museum OR Ben Gurion House - TBD
- Nahalat Binyamin or Carmel Market tour including lunch on own
- Return to hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Shabbat dinner at hotel
- Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

SATURDAY MAY 16 – SHABBAT

- Day at leisure in honor of Shabbat
- Optional Shabbat services
- Optional day tour to Masada / Dead Sea (*additional cost, not included in price*)
- Evening at leisure & dinner on own
- Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

SUNDAY MAY 17 – JERUSALEM DAY

- Breakfast at hotel and check out. Depart for Jerusalem
- Old City walking tour including Western Wall, Jewish Quarter, Southern Wall Excavations, Cardo
- Western Wall Tunnels Tour
- Mt. Herzl
- Continue to hotel in Jerusalem
- Attend exclusive Jerusalem Day ceremony at Ammunition Hill, also attended by President Rivlin, Prime Minister and Mayor Barkat
- Following ceremony, dinner at local hotel in Jerusalem
- Overnight, Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Itinerary Subject to Change

MONDAY MAY 18 – NEGEV

- Breakfast at hotel and departure
- Sderot Indoor Recreation Center tour. Meet with Sderot Mayor and possibly Sderot residents
- Aleh Negev - Nahalat Eran tour. Pending availability, meet with Major General (Res.) Doron Almog
- Lunch in Be'er Sheva
- Be'er Sheva River Park overview and update
- Abraham's Well tour
- Evening: KKL Mega Event at the Be'er Sheva River Park
- Return to Jerusalem
- Overnight, Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

TUESDAY MAY 19 – JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at hotel and departure
- Yad Vashem tour
- Gush Etzion tour including new visitor center
- Afternoon activity with Green Horizons
- Evening: KKL Mega Event - State Event in Jerusalem
- Overnight, Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY MAY 20 – NORTH

- Breakfast at hotel and checkout. Depart hotel and drive north to Beit She'an
- Beit She'an tour and overview of Go North. Meet Mayor of Beit She'an for overview.
- Lunch in the Valley of Springs with Valley of Springs Mayor as guest speaker
- Golf Cart tour through Valley of Springs Park
- Optional swimming in Gan Hashlosha natural springs
- Dinner at local restaurant in Western Galilee with new Nefesh B'Nefesh olim as guests
- Check into hotel
- Overnight, Dan Carmel, Haifa

THURSDAY MAY 21 – NORTH/ EN ROUTE

- Breakfast at hotel and checkout.
- Spend the morning in Akko - tour Old City, learn about Go North, see new JNF Visitor Center. Meet Akko Mayor for overview
- Lunch in Akko at local restaurant
- Meet with Michal Shiloach for an overview of Western Galilee Now (and connection with Go North)
- Visit several local businesses, meet with entrepreneurs, learn about Western Galilee Now and Go North
- Farewell dinner at local restaurant in the Western Galilee and meet restaurant owners and chef.
- Transfer to airport for return flights to the USA
- Overnight, En Route