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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15 • ARRIVAL /JERUSALEM



Yad Vashem



Mt. Herzl



Old City of Jerusalem



Jerusalem

Welcome to Israel! Upon individual arrivals, transfer to the **Dan Panorama Hotel** in Jerusalem.

An **optional day tour of Jerusalem** will be offered to participants arriving early. The day tour begins at **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum & Memorial**. A sprawling complex of tree-studded walkways leading to museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, and memorials, Yad Vashem tells the story of the Holocaust from a uniquely Jewish perspective, emphasizing the experiences of victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies & personal possessions.

Following a light lunch, the optional tour continues to **Mt. Herzl** to visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and other Israeli dignitaries and leaders. Afterward, proceed to the **Old City** of Jerusalem for a **walking tour** through both the Jewish and Christian Quarters. Begin at the **Southern Wall Excavations** to see the original steps that lead to the Temple Mount. Proceed to the **Western Wall** and listen to the soft sounds of prayer and contemplation.

Continue to the Christian Quarter for a visit to the **Church of Holy Sepulchre**, believed to be the location of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Continue with a stroll down the **Cardo**, Jerusalem's main street more than 2,000 years ago. Afterward, enjoy some free time to explore the rest of the Old City's four quarters at leisure.

The program will officially commence this evening with a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant. Hear from a special **guest speaker**, who will give a talk on "Why Israel is the only Democracy in the Middle East."

Following dinner, attend a **dessert reception** with lone soldiers and recent olim before returning to the hotel for the night.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16 • JERUSALEM



City of David

Following a delicious Israeli breakfast, hear from a special **guest speaker** who will discuss Israeli land ownership laws and the current dispute over the land rights at the City of David.

Afterward, depart the hotel for **Ammunition Hill**, site of the famous battle during the Six-Day War. During a tour, follow the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here and see the new “Seam-Line” multimedia show about the Six-Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem. Afterward, continue to JNF’s Wall of Honor, which honors Jewish veterans from around the world. Pending confirmation, meet **Major Gen (res.) Ilan Biran**, who commanded the Golani Brigade during the Yom Kippur War and currently is the Chairman of the Board of Rafael - Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.



Ammunition Hill

During **lunch** with **Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, Rachel Azaira**, at her office in Jerusalem, learn more about the challenges between religious law and Israeli law in modern society (*pending confirmation*).

This afternoon, gain exclusive access to the **Supreme Court** for a VIP tour and meeting with a **Supreme Court Judge**.

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant. Pending confirmation, hear from **Carmi Gillon**, former Director of Shin Bet, Israel’s internal counterespionage and counterterrorist agency. Gillon was born into a well-known family of lawyers - his grandfather was the only Jewish judge to serve in the Supreme Court during the time of the British Mandate. His father was a state attorney and his mother was the Deputy Attorney General. He will discuss: “Israel’s use of Informants, Analysis and Counter Terrorism.”



Supreme Court

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Tel Aviv

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17 • JERUSALEM/TEL AVIV

Begin today with a visit to the **Ministry of Public Security Headquarters**, Israel’s chief law enforcement agency that oversees the Israel Police, Israel Prison Service and the Israel Fire and Rescue Services. Meet with **counterterrorism agents** for a discussion about the “Prevention and Response to Acts of Terror.”

Afterward, continue to **Tel Aviv** and enjoy a **networking lunch** with members of the **Israeli Bar Association**.



Neve Tzedek

Pending confirmation, visit the world-renowned **Iron Dome**, one of Israel’s main military defense systems. Deployed in 2011, Iron Dome intercepts short-range missiles and mortars in any and all weather conditions and can counter rockets fired from distances of 4 kilometers to 70 kilometers away.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon in **Tel Aviv** at leisure. Consider relaxing at a local café, exploring Tel Aviv on your own, resting at the hotel or participating in an **optional walking tour** through Tel Aviv’s neighborhoods.



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The **optional walking tour** will begin on **Rothschild Boulevard**. See some excellent examples of Bauhaus architecture, which was all but destroyed in the bombing of Germany during WWII. Continue to **Old Jaffa**, an 8000 year old port city, and walk along the restored artist’s quarter and stop at the ancient ruins. Proceed to **Rabin Square**, the place of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin’s assassination, before the final stop in **Neve Tzedek**, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1909.

Late this afternoon, visit the headquarters of **i24 News**, Israel’s leading internet news outlets. During a tour, learn about the media’s role and response to terror.

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant in Jaffa. Hear from a special **guest speaker**, who will discuss: “Cyber-Terrorism and Non-Conventional Warfare.”



Jaffa

Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv



Akko

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18 • COASTAL ROUTE

Following breakfast, depart the hotel and drive north along the coastal route. Along the way, visit the **International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (IDC)** in Herzliya for a tour and meeting with the school's director.

Continue north to **Akko**, an underground crusader city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Akko has a fascinating history, with a rare blend of influence from both the east and west and also serves as a unique meeting place of art and religion, as well as contemporary living cultures and communities. Take a tour through the Old City and explore the gates, towers, tunnels and secret passageways of this ancient city. Check out the Crusader fortress, stroll through the shuk and witness the impressive remains built by the Hospitaller Order of Knights in the 12th and 13th centuries. Visit the famous Akko Prison, built by the Turks and later used by the British to imprison members of the underground.



Akko

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant with **Mayor Shimron Lankri** to learn more about JNF's Go North initiative, a strategic plan for the development and revitalization of northern Israel. Mayor Lankri will share his vision for the city over the next decade (*pending confirmation*).

This afternoon, take an exclusive tour of a nearby **IDF Base** followed by a meeting with the base commander (*pending confirmation*).

This evening, enjoy a special **dinner** at the home of the US Ambassador in Herzliya (*pending confirmation*). Learn more about Israeli immigration laws and the current issues surrounding immigration: resettlement, absorption centers and the processing of illegal immigrants and refugees. Following dinner, return to Tel Aviv for the evening.



Tel Aviv

Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv



Sderot Indoor Recreation Center

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19 • NEGEV

This morning, depart the hotel and head south toward the Negev. Along the way, visit the IDF Home Front Command, which specializes in the field of civilian protection and takes charge in various emergency situations. Learn about this crucial military base that leads search and rescue missions in Israel and around the world, aiding in rescue and recovery from incidents such as terror attacks, floods, conflagrations and more.

Afterward, continue south to Sderot for a visit to **JNF's Sderot Indoor Recreation Center**, the largest indoor playground in Israel. This fortified facility provides Sderot's youth with a safe, secure place to have fun and simply be children. Take a tour and meet several Sderot residents to learn how the recreation center has impacted their lives.



Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village

Continue to **Aleh Negev**, a state-of-the-art residential facility that provides people with severe cognitive and developmental disabilities with high level medical and rehabilitative care. A revolutionary facility that has changed the face of rehabilitative care in Israel, Aleh Negev is home to over 500 residential adults with disabilities and serves more than 12,000 children and young adults with disabilities each year on an outpatient basis. Following a tour of the state-of-the-art facility, meet **General Doron Almog**, Chairman of Aleh Negev and former Commander of the IDF Southern Command, who will share memories of his late son Eran, who inspired him to become the Chairman of Aleh Negev (*pending confirmation*).

Afterward, proceed to the community of **Halutza**, where several communities have been established for the Gush Katif evacuees. Meet local residents, who will share their experiences living so close to the Gaza border during Operation Protective Edge. Afterward, meet with a **security expert** for a security briefing on the Gaza border.



Halutza

Begin the drive back toward the center. This evening, enjoy a **farewell dinner** before transferring to the airport for return flights to the USA.

Overnight, En Route