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SUNDAY MARCH 26 • ARRIVAL/TEL AVIV



Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon individual arrivals, transfer to the Sheraton Hotel in **Tel Aviv**, Israel's most modern and cosmopolitan city situated along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.



Sarona

Our journey will officially commence at 12:00pm with a **welcome lunch** at a restaurant in **Sarona**, a former German Templar colony that has transformed into a thriving urban complex in Tel Aviv. Afterward, take a brief walking tour to see the beautiful outdoor gardens, new restaurants and cafés, and the one-of-a-kind Sarona Market- now Israel's largest indoor culinary market. Meet with **Executive Vice-Chairman Noa Gefen** of the **Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites (SPIHS)**, who will discuss how the partnership between JNF and SPIHS has been working to preserve and restore important historical sites throughout Israel.



Israeli Medical Association

Later this afternoon, visit the **Israeli Medical Association (IMA)**, a workers' organization that represents Israeli physicians, to learn about how this independent, apolitical organization seeks to advance the progress 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.



Sheraton Hotel

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.

Overnight, Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

MONDAY MARCH 27 • GALILEE



Galilee Medical Center

Following a delicious Israeli breakfast at the hotel, check-out and depart for the **Galilee Medical Center**. Expanding its accessibility to include much-needed medical services and care, the hospital plays a key role in the development and population growth of the region. Meet with top physicians **Dr. Yoel Anouchi** and **Dr. Eli Kalfon**, who will discuss their work as orthopedic surgeons and share their personal stories of moving to Israel with the help of JNF-partner organization **Nefesh B'Nefesh (NBN)**. Hear about the unique *Frontier Physician Program*, a NBN initiative that sponsors talented, skilled physicians in an effort to combat the doctor shortage facing the area. Pending confirmation, meet the renowned **Dr. Masad Barhoum**, **General Director** of the medical center and first Israeli-Arab to ever run a major hospital in Israel.



Rosh Hanikra

Afterward, visit 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

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

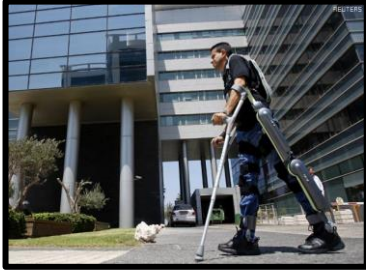


Tzfat

Spend the remainder of the afternoon on a walking tour of the mystical city of Tzfat. Stroll through the ancient alleyways, take in the breathtaking views, and explore the famed artist colony in the heart of the city. Afterward, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in the area.

Overnight, Kibbutz Lavi, Tiberias

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

Upon arrival into **Jerusalem**, partake in a traditional Shehecheyanu ceremony on Mt. Scopus, which provides a rare vantage point overlooking the holy city.

Proceed 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. See the famous **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. Pending confirmation, meet with the Chief of Staff at the hospital.



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 with special guest speakers.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29 • NEGEV



Aleh Negev village

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, depart south and visit **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. During a tour, see the various therapeutic services and beautifully landscaped grounds that were strategically constructed to positively stimulate the senses with natural herbs and flower gardens. Hear from physicians who will discuss the advanced medical technology and practices used on patients. Afterward, meet with **General Doron Almog**, Chairman of Aleh Negev, who has played a pivotal role in creating a future of hope for Israel's disabled population.



Home hospitality lunch

Enjoy a tasty, authentic **lunch** at the home of local Ofakim resident **Osi**. Hear her captivating story of growing up in the area and the challenges of living near the border.

Continue south for **Halutza**, founded by a group of modern-day pioneers who 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, organic greenhouses, and a state-of-the-art **Medical Center**.



Halutza

Early this afternoon, arrive in Mitzpe Ramon and check into the luxurious **Beresheet Hotel**. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace. Consider indulging in an optional **spa treatment***, exploring the hotel's 5-far facilities, or simply taking in the breathtaking views of the surrounding area. **Dinner** will be at leisure in the main dining room of the hotel.

Later this evening, enjoy a special **star gazing** activity under the night sky of Mitzpe Ramon, often referred to as "nature's planetarium".

Overnight, Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

***Additional Cost-** not included in tour price. Reservations must be booked in advance at www.isrotelexclusivecollection.com/beresheet_spa/.



Beresheet Hotel

THURSDAY MARCH 30 • ARAVA/DEPARTURE



Ramon Crater

Early this morning, embark on an optional jeep tour ride at sunrise of the **Ramon Crater**, the world's largest erosion crater (or "makhtesh"). Take in the breathtaking views of this geological phenomenon and ride along the same spice route that ancient merchants traveled thousands of years ago.



Central Arava Medical Center

Check-out of the hotel and depart for Sapir to see the brand-new **Central Arava Medical Center**. In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council and the Israeli government, JNF built this world-class medical center to provide quality care to the surrounding community, generate new employment opportunities, and replace the formerly dilapidated clinic. Meet with local doctors and residents, who will discuss how the center has impacted their lives and the region.



Yerucham

Following **lunch**, continue to the developing city of **Yerucham**. Pending confirmation, visit the one-of-a-kind military **Simulation Center**, the main medical simulation center of the IDF. Afterward, take a brief tour of the city and see firsthand the groundbreaking projects underway that are creating new employment, housing, and recreation opportunities.

Proceed to **Be'er Sheva**, the capital of the Negev, for a drive-through tour of **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the city. Learn how the river park has transformed from a wasteland and dumping ground to an anchor of recreation and tourism.



Be'er Sheva River Park

Our journey concludes with a **farewell dinner** in the area before transferring to Ben-Gurion Airport for return flights back to the United States.

Overnight, En route