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SUNDAY MARCH 26 • ARRIVAL/TEL AVIV



Tel Aviv



Sarona



Israeli Medical Association



Sheraton Hotel

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.

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.

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 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

En route to **Tzfat**, enjoy a boxed lunch prepared by Adelina, a tasty tapas restaurant known for its sophisticated cuisine that combines local Galilean ingredients with Spanish flavors.



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.

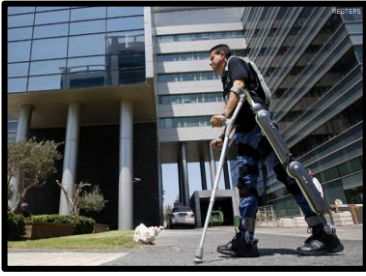


Tiberias

Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring the mystical city of Tzfat. Stroll through the alleyways of this ancient city, see the breathtaking views, and visit 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 a **special guest speaker**.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29 • NEGEV



Aleh Negev village



Home hospitality lunch



Halutza



Beresheet Hotel

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. 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 several physicians and discuss the medical technology and practices they use 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.

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.

Afterward, 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**. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure. 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. Have **dinner** at leisure at the hotel.

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

Overnight, Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

THURSDAY MARCH 30 • ARAVA/DEPARTURE



Ramon Crater

Early this morning, embark on an optional jeep tour ride 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

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, depart for Sapir to see the new, state-of-the-art **Central Arava Medical Center**. In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council and the Israeli government, JNF has built this world-class medical center to replace the dilapidated clinic and provide quality care to local residents and workers. Meet local doctors who will share how the medical center has provided much-needed services and support for the region.



Lab at Yair R & D

The remainder of the morning will be spent seeing and learning about the groundbreaking initiatives that are transforming the Central Arava from a barren desert to a cradle of innovation and world-class research & development. Visit the **Arava Center for Drug Discovery** in Hatzeva and meet with leading scientists in the field of botanical drug discovery. Afterward, take a brief tour of the **Yair Research & Development Station**, where scientists are finding cutting-edge solutions to the challenges of desert agriculture.



Yerucham

Following **lunch**, proceed to the rapidly developing city of **Yerucham** and visit the one-of-a-kind **Simulation Center**. Afterward, take a drive-through tour to see firsthand the exciting projects underway that are creating housing and employment opportunities for the community.

Enjoy a special **farewell dinner** before transferring to Ben-Gurion Airport for your return flight back to the U.S.

Overnight, En route