

Jewish National Fund
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Daily Itinerary

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 22: ARRIVAL / JERUSALEM

Welcome to Israel! If participating in the optional Pre-mission in Poland, you will have a group transfer arranged upon arrival to Ben Gurion Airport.

Our journey will officially commence with an **opening dinner** this evening at a local restaurant in **Jerusalem** with a special guest speaker.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



Ammunition Hill

MONDAY OCTOBER 23: JERUSALEM / CENTRAL

Following breakfast at the hotel, begin the day at **Ammunition Hill**; site of the most pivotal battle of the Six-Day War. Walk through the battlegrounds and bunkers to follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here. See the multimedia film that tells the story of this fierce battle that reunified Jerusalem and visit the new, state-of-the-art **Six-Day War Museum**.

Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's "shuk" at **Mahane Yehuda Market**. Enjoy an interactive **spice tour** with a renowned Israeli chef before having lunch on own at one of the many local food stands, cafés, or restaurants.

Later this afternoon, visit **Mount Herzl**, site of Israel's national cemetery. See the newly constructed **Hall of Remembrance**; a structure comprised of over 23,000 bricks, each one bearing the name of a fallen soldier.



Mahane Yehuda Market

Enjoy **dinner** this evening with special guest **Joe Hyams**, CEO of *Honest Reporting*. Afterwards, you have the option of embarking on a night tour of the new "Behind the Scenes" **Tunnel Tour**, an experience that allows participants to see the newly discovered underground excavations at the Western Wall. Alternatively, consider touring the new after-hours display which portrays modern day heroes, scholars, and musicians in a contemporary, graffiti-style art.



Kotel

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



Be'er Sheva River Park



Beresheet Hotel



Special in Uniform



JNF Skate Park



Stargazing in Mitzpe Ramon

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24: NORTHERN NEGEV

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, depart south to the Negev.

Visit the new **NetGev Hub** in Hura, an innovative training center that is revolutionizing employment in the area. Enjoy a catered **lunch** with representatives from **Tor HaMidbar**, a JNF-partner organization that aims to generate socioeconomic and entrepreneurial opportunities for local residents in the region.

Continue with Tor Hamidbar for an interactive walking tour of the Old City of Beer Sheva. Visit the **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the city. See the progress of the 23-acre manmade lake, the 12,000 seat amphitheater (now the largest outdoor venue in Israel), and more.

Proceed to the luxurious **Beresheet Hotel** with downtime to relax, or choose to indulge in the hotel's 5-star Spa facilities*. Enjoy **dinner** at leisure in the main dining room this evening. (**Additional Cost- Not included in mission price.*)

Overnight: Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25: MITZPE RAMON

Early this morning, consider an exhilarating **jeep tour ride** through the majestic Makhtesh - the largest erosion crater in the world. Discover the colorful landscapes and hidden treasures of this geological phenomenon and see the ancient formations that date back to over 220 million years ago.

See JNF's **Special in Uniform** program at work at an air force base in the area. Hear personal stories from IDF soldiers about how this unique initiative integrates special needs youth into the Israel Defense Forces and assists in preparing them for careers following army service.

Spend the afternoon in the **Old Hanger** area, also known as the "Spice Quarter;" a new cultural hub lined with boutique shops, galleries, and cafés. Explore this developing area and hear from **Donna Horwitz**, Director of Nefesh B'Nefesh's *Go South* initiative, who will provide an overview on the progress of Israel's southern region as well as Nefesh's strategic partnership with Jewish National Fund. Enjoy **lunch** at a charming café that serves tasty, organically-certified food.

Later on, visit the new **JNF Skate Park** in Mitzpe Ramon, which has provided local families and youth with new opportunities to gather for recreational activities. Afterwards, visit the local **Fire Station**, a JNF initiative that has helped ensure the safety and security of residents in the surrounding area. Meet with local firefighters and hear about the progress of Israel's fire and rescue efforts.

Following **dinner** with a special guest speaker, enjoy a **stargazing activity** led by **Green Horizons**, a youth leadership group that uses outdoor activities to educate Israel's next generation.

Overnight: Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon



Overview of Ein Avdat Park

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26: NEGEV / DEPARTURE

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, enjoy a hands-on learning experience at **Ein Avdat National Park** led by expert educators from the Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI). See firsthand how AMHSI uses the land as its classroom while touring this UNESCO World Heritage Site that encompasses the remains of one of the famed ancient Nabatean cities. Wrap up with a pleasant **picnic lunch** at the park before continuing the drive north.

This afternoon will feature an exclusive tour of the **SodaStream** factory in Lehavim. During an exclusive tour of the facilities, see how they bring together employees of various ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities and learn about the challenges it faces as the biggest employer of the Bedouin community in the Negev.

Proceed north to **Kibbutz Erez** near the Gaza border, home to a growing community of 120 families. See the new housing sites made possible by JNF's Housing Development Fund.

Our journey concludes with a **farewell dinner** before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for departure flights.



SodaStream