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Tel Aviv

SUNDAY JULY 13 • ARRIVAL

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival into Israel, proceed through Passport Control, Immigration and Baggage Claim before meeting your driver in the Arrivals Hall. Depart the airport for **Tel Aviv**, Israel's cultural center and most cosmopolitan city. After checking into the hotel, take some time to unpack and unwind after the long flight.



Dan Panorama Hotel

This evening, enjoy an opening **cocktail reception** followed by **dinner** at a restaurant in the trendy Neve Tzedek neighborhood. JNF Chief Executive Officer, **Russell Robinson**, will join as a special guest speaker this evening.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

MONDAY JULY 14 • TEL AVIV



Yoga on the Beach

Early this morning, everyone is invited to join **optional yoga class** on the beach. Afterward, enjoy a delicious Israeli breakfast at the hotel.

Bike riding has become synonymous with Tel Aviv, so spend the morning exploring the city by bike. Start in the leafy Hayarkon Park and cycle through the Park, along the banks of the Hayarkon River and then to the sea front promenade, ending at the Tel Baruch Park. Stop along the way for a **falafel lunch**, before continuing down the famous **Rothschild Boulevard**. Proceed to **Rabin Square**, the place of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. End the ride in the trendy neighborhood of **Neve Tzedek**, Tel Aviv's first neighborhood, built in 1909.



Neve Tzedek

This afternoon, return to the hotel to shower and relax before heading out to **Independence Hall** to see where David Ben Gurion announced the independence of the State of Israel.



Jaffa

This evening, enjoy **dinner** in **Old Jaffa**, an 8000-year-old port city, and walk along the restored artist's quarter and stop at the ancient ruins. Hear from a special **guest speaker** from SpacEL, whose mission is to land the first Israeli spacecraft on the moon.

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Sderot Indoor Recreation Center



Aleh Negev



Be'er Sheva River Park



Ha'Tachana neighborhood

TUESDAY JULY 15 • NEGEV DAY

Following breakfast, drive south toward the Negev. Stop in **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. Meet local residents, who will share what life is like living in Sderot and explain how the **Indoor Recreation Center** has impacted their lives and city. Pending confirmation, Mayor David Buskila will provide an update on the current social, political and economic climate in the Sderot.

Proceed 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. The only facility of its kind, Aleh Negev provides residents and outpatients with a wide variety of innovative treatments, occupational training, special education and programs for families. Continue on a tour of the facility to see the new hydrotherapy pool, animal petting zoo, and therapeutic riding camp.

Following **lunch**, drive through **Be'er Sheva**, the capital of the Negev. See the **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the city and turn the Negev into an attractive place for a new generation of Israelis to call home. Learn how this innovative urban renewal project is becoming an anchor for tourism and commerce and transforming Be'er Sheva into a green, vibrant, modern city.

Return to Tel Aviv for an evening at leisure. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, explore the city or join the group at one of Tel Aviv's hottest nightclubs in the trendy Ha'Tachana neighborhood of the city.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

WEDNESDAY JULY 16 • NORTHERN ISRAEL



Jeep Tour

Following breakfast and hotel checkout, drive north for an exciting **jeep tour** through the **Golan Heights**, one of Israel's most beautiful and strategic regions. Begin at **Mitzpe Gadot**, a former Syrian base and site of particularly harsh battles during the 1967 war. Follow the footsteps of Israel's IDF Soldiers and walk through an old army bunker and see what life was like for soldiers manning the outpost.



Golan Heights

Proceed to **Mt. Bental**, one of Israel's most strategic observation points overlooking Syria and then continue through the "Valley of Tears" to the **Oz 77 Memorial**, named after 76 soldiers who sacrificed their lives in some of the fiercest battles of the Yom Kippur War. At an observation point over the city of Kuneitra and Syria, discover, first-hand, the strategic importance of the region as you overlook the expansive Hula Valley below.

Afterward, continue to the award winning **Golan Heights Winery**. Following a tour, enjoy **lunch** followed by a special **tasting** of the spectacular wines produced here. Afterward, dine on homemade bread and fresh cheeses during a **cheese tasting** with a cheese monger from a local dairy farm.



Wine tasting and lunch

This afternoon, visit the mystical city of **Safed**. Stroll through the alleys of this ancient city and learn about the origins of Kabbalah, the Rabbis that lived here and the artist community that remains. Meet a local **Kabbalah expert** for an interactive experience and in-depth Kabbalah overview. Stop at **Amuka**, a famous prayer spot for unmarried people. It is said that one who prays here will find a spouse within a year!



Safed

Afterward, continue to the **artist quarter** along Gallery Street for some time to shop and explore the local galleries.

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant. This evening, head to **Hamat Gader** for a night swim in the mineral hot springs.

Overnight, Kibbutz Hotel, Northern Israel

THURSDAY JULY 17 • JERUSALEM



Planting a Tree



9/11 Living Memorial



Old City of Jerusalem



Western Wall Tunnels



Ben Yehuda Street

After breakfast and hotel checkout, begin the drive to **Jerusalem**. Along the way, stop at **Neot Kedumim**, an eco-tourism site and “living museum” that recreates the physical setting of the Bible in all its depth and detail. Following a tour, each person will have the opportunity to **plant a tree** with your own hands and contribute to JNF’s ongoing afforestation efforts in Israel.

Proceed to the **9/11 Living Memorial**, built in memory of the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Designed by award winning Israeli artist Eliezer Weishoff, the memorial depicts the World Trade Center and Pentagon through sculpture and landscape architecture. It is the only place outside of New York that recognizes the names of the people who were killed on 9/11 as well as their countries of origin.

Afterward, take a tour of **Ammunition Hill**, site of the famous Six-Day War battle. Walk through the battleground and bunkers on a tour that follows the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here. See the new “Seam-Line” multimedia show about the Six-Day War and reunification of Jerusalem. End at JNF’s Wall of Honor, honoring Jewish veterans from around the world.

This afternoon, head to Jerusalem’s **Old City** for a walking tour. After entering through the Jaffa Gate, head directly to the **Western Wall**, the last remaining retaining wall that enclosed the Temple Mount in the Second Temple Period. Continue to the **Southern Wall Excavations** and see the original steps that lead to the Temple Mount. Afterward, take a walk down the **Cardo**, the main street in Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

Tonight, take an exciting night tour through the **Western Wall Tunnels**, an incredible labyrinth of tunnels, arches and passageways that expose Jerusalem’s rich history, archeology and topography.

The remainder of the evening will be at leisure. Consider a stroll down **Ben Yehuda Street**, Jerusalem’s open-air pedestrian mall filled with cafes, shops and the sounds of musicians playing their instruments on the street.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

FRIDAY JULY 18 • JERUSALEM



Yad Vashem

Today begins with an emotional visit to **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum & Memorial**. 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. During a tour, meet a **Holocaust survivor**, who will share her personal story and experience.



Mahane Yehuda Market

After this emotional visit, head to the colorful **Mahane Yehuda Market** and join local Jerusalemites in their weekly tradition of shopping for Shabbat in the bustling market. During a special tour, meet the lively vendors, who will captivate you with their personal stories while you taste their Israeli grown vegetables, spices, freshly baked breads, cheeses and more.



Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel

Later this afternoon, return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat. Early this evening, head to the Kotel for Kabbalat Shabbat. Tonight, enjoy a **farewell Shabbat dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight, Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

SATURDAY JULY 19 • SHABBAT



Masada

Today is at leisure in honor of Shabbat. Options include Shabbat services, relaxing at the hotel or an optional day trip to Masada and the Dead Sea.



Dead Sea

The **optional day trip to Masada and the Dead Sea** will depart the hotel in the morning and drive via the Judean Hills along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth. Continue to **Masada**, the mountain fortress built by King Herod, where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans. Learn about the history story of the Jewish fighters before a cable car ride (or a hike) to the top of the Herodian Palace Complex. Tour the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogues, water cisterns, mosaic floors and Roman baths.

Descend the mountain to the depths of **Dead Sea**. Take a swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea or simply relax at the beach. Return to Jerusalem early this evening. This evening, transfer to the airport for return flights to the USA.

Overnight, En Route