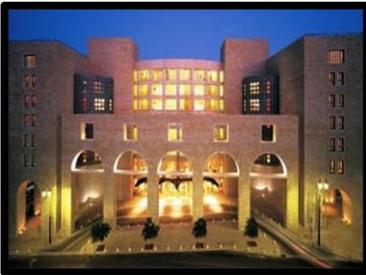


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Sunday November 4 • Arrival / Jerusalem



David Citadel Hotel

Welcome to **Israel!** This evening we will meet in the lobby of the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem. After a short introduction, we will board the bus and head to a special venue for an **opening dinner** and introduction to the mission. Several special guests will join us for the evening as well.

Overnight, David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday November 5 • Jerusalem



Israeli Fire Fighters

Following a delicious Israeli breakfast, we will depart the hotel and head to the new **Jerusalem Firefighters Visitor Center**. Ranked among the best firefighting and rescue services in the world, Israeli fire fighters are often the unsung heroes of Israel. After a tour of the station and visitor center, we'll meet with the **Commissioner of the Israel Fire Department** and the Government Minister in charge of Israel's Fire & Rescue Services for an insider briefing on security from the inside out. Afterward, we'll meet several fire fighters and fire scouts, who will share their experiences. They will then give us an exciting demonstration of their unique skills they use to save the land and people of Israel.



Gush Etzion

Following the tour, we will proceed to **Gush Etzion**, a place of historic and strategic significance and the site of one of the deadliest battles during the War of Independence. During a tour through the **Kfar Etzion Museum**, we will hear personal stories about the founders and defenders of Gush Etzion and learn about the critical events that led to their surrender. We'll go to an actual bunker where the defenders hid and learn about the return of the children to Gush Etzion in 1967. We'll also meet with **Oriya Dassberg**, Director of the Gush Etzion Tourism Authority for an update on Gush Etzion's activities and news.



Lone Tree in Gush Etzion

We will then continue to Neve Daniel, to meet with **Mayor Shaul Goldstein**, who has been living in Neve Daniel for the past 20 years. After providing us with an overview of the area, he will tell the story of his father, who fought in Neve Daniel during the War of Independence. Afterward, we'll head to the **Lone Tree** and how this tree became an important symbol of survival and of Gush Etzion itself.

Afterward, we'll enjoy **home hospitality for lunch** in the homes of several residents before we attend a **speaker panel** featuring a panel of experts from various walks of Israeli life. They will share their diverse perspectives on the geo-political issues dealing with the Jerusalem Seam Line, which separates Jerusalem from the West Bank. We will learn about the historical context, the current issues over the seam line and its implications for the future of Jerusalem. Finally, there will be an open discussion on how to work together peacefully in an increasingly complex and diverse society.



Caliber 3 Anti-Terror Facility

Following lunch, we'll continue to the **Caliber 3 Anti-Terror Training Facility** in Gush Etzion. Established in 2002, the Caliber 3 Company works closely with the IDF in the field of Counter Terrorism training. After a tour, we'll meet experts in anti-terror combat who will discuss how they train IDF soldiers and other Israelis to fight terror. They will then demonstrate their shooting and combat skills before giving us the option to learn how to shoot in an anti-terror attack ourselves!

This evening, we will return to Jerusalem and enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant.



Jerusalem

Overnight, David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday November 6 • Negev



New home in Givot Bar



Artist rendering of Carmit



Be'er Sheva River Park



Old City of Be'er Sheva



Pipes Bridge in Be'er Sheva

Today we will travel south to the **Negev**, the future of Israel, and visit the projects that are revolutionizing the land and lives of the people of the region. We'll begin at the new community of **Givot Bar**, located near Be'er Sheva. In partnership with the OR Movement, JNF has helped create a desirable community that offers a quality of life not available in Israel's crowded center. Givot Bar is now home to nearly 70 families and is expected to reach the 500-family mark in the next decade. During a tour, we will see the new community entranceway, synagogue and day care center as well as Wingate Park, a tranquil 15-acre central park, which will feature an Amphitheatre for performances and cultural events, a skating rink, walking paths, playgrounds and plenty of greenery.

We'll then meet several Givot Bar residents, who will share their experiences forging new lives in the Negev and discuss what life is like as a true modern-day pioneer.

We will continue to the future site of **Carmit**, the largest of the new communities being developed by JNF and partners from the OR Movement. Designed to attract a diverse population - new immigrants and native Israelis, religious and secular, Carmit will strengthen the economic and social fabric of the Negev and create a progressive community. We'll see the groundwork that is underway on the housing sites that will be home to 2,500 in the future, as well as the future entranceway, synagogue, community center, educational parks and playgrounds that will be built as well.

From here we'll proceed to **Be'er Sheva**, the capital of the Negev. Following a light lunch, we'll continue to the **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the entire city and bring 250,000 new residents to the city. Pending confirmation, we will meet with **Mayor Ruvik Danilovich**, the youngest mayor in the history of Be'er Sheva, who will share his vision for the future of Be'er Sheva. **Itai Freeman**, Director of the Be'er Sheva River Park, will then provide an update on the project and lead us on a tour of through the Park.

During the tour, we'll stop at the **Pipes Bridge**, a pedestrian and cycling bridge linking the Old City of Be'er Sheva to the park. We'll then see the progress of



Abraham's Well Visitor Center

the 12,000 seat **amphitheater**, which will be the largest open-air performance venue in Israel.

We will then continue to the future **Abraham's Well Visitor Center**, which will feature a multimedia museum where visitors will be able to walk through history in Abraham's footsteps. Our tour will conclude with an update on the 23-acre manmade **lake** that will use recycled water from the city to offer boating, bird watching and other activities. It will also double as a recycled water reservoir for park irrigation.



Ben Yehuda Street

Later this afternoon, we'll return to **Jerusalem** for the evening. We'll have the evening at leisure to enjoy dinner and Jerusalem's nightlife at our own pace. Consider a stroll down **Ben Yehuda Street**, Jerusalem's open-air pedestrian mall filled with cafes, stalls with funky jewelry and musicians playing their instruments on the street.



Mamilla Avenue

Alternatively, consider a stroll along **Mamilla Avenue**, designed by world-renowned Israeli architect Moshe Safdie, who made sure to retain the unique character of ancient Jerusalem while offering one of the best shopping experiences in the city. Acting as a bridge between modern and ancient, the avenue is lined with 19th century buildings, street performers, restaurants, cafes and many designer boutiques, and is often referred to the Fifth Avenue or Champs-Elysees of Jerusalem.

Overnight, David Citadel, Jerusalem

Wednesday November 7 • Coastal Region



LOTEM in Emek HaShalom

This morning we will drive north, along the scenic coastal route. Along the way, we'll stop at an ecological farm in Emek HaShalom to learn about **LOTEM Integrated Nature Studies**, the leading organization in Israel offering field trips, extracurricular activities and creative workshops to people with special needs. During a tour along an inclusive trail and through the inclusive park, we will see LOTEM's accessible wine and olive presses and the future site of an accessible "bakery."

We will proceed to the colorful **Druze Village** in the community of Daliya el-Carmel. We'll learn about Druze culture and customs and enjoy an authentic lunch in the home of a Druze family.



Carmel Forest re-growth

Afterward, we'll continue to the **Carmel Forest** to see the progress of the forest's rehabilitation and regrowth since the devastating 2010 forest fire, the worst in Israel's history. A **KKL representative** will update us on JNF-KKL's work to repair the vast ecological damage, rehabilitate the forests and prevent the spread of future fires. We'll then walk to the new **Carmel Fire Memorial**, which honors the names of the 44 people who perished in the Carmel Fire. We'll participate in a short Kadish and memorial ceremony in their memory.

Afterward, we will proceed to the luxurious **Carmel Forest Spa** to check-in. Later this afternoon, we'll have time to relax in the hotel's tranquil atmosphere, indulge in an **optional spa treatment** or enjoy some of the facilities that the hotel has to offer. This evening, we'll enjoy **dinner** at the hotel.



Carmel Forest Memorial

Overnight, Carmel Forest Spa, Haifa

Thursday November 8 • Coastal Region



Technology at Rafael Industry

We will begin our day with a visit to **Rafael Industries**, which designs, develops, manufactures and supplies a wide range of high-tech defense systems for air, land, sea and space applications. During a tour, we will see some of the innovative and cutting-edge technology that Rafael Industries provides to the IDF.

From here we will continue to the nearby **Haifa Naval Base** for an exclusive visit. Several soldiers will join us on a tour to see some of the sea vessels used by the IDF. We'll then enjoy **lunch with soldiers** who will share their experiences defending Israel's border at sea.



Carmel Forest Spa

Later this afternoon, we'll head to **Tel Aviv**, Israel's most cosmopolitan city. We'll have some free time to shop, relax or explore before we enjoy a special **farewell dinner** this evening. Following dinner, we'll transfer to the airport for our return flights to the USA.

Overnight, En Route