

Jewish National Fund  
**SUNSHINE TOUR**

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For Active Adults, 55+

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Jerusalem

## SUNDAY MAY 29 • ARRIVAL / JERUSALEM

Welcome to Israel! Upon our individual arrivals, meet your transfer driver and proceed to **Jerusalem**, the historical, cultural and religious hub of Israel.

Our tour will officially commence this evening with a **welcome dinner** at the luxurious **David Citadel Hotel**. **Tour Chair Hal Linden** will welcome us with opening remarks, followed by a brief introduction, and review the program for the coming days.

Overnight, **David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem**



David Citadel Hotel

## MONDAY MAY 30 • JERUSALEM

Following a delicious Israeli breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for a solemn visit to **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum & Memorial**. A sprawling complex of tree-studded walkways leading to museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, and memorials, 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. After an emotional tour, we will have **lunch** in the cafeteria at Yad Vashem.



Yad Vashem

This afternoon, proceed to **Ammunition Hill**, site of the famous battle during the Six-Day War. During a tour, follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here. Watch the new “Seam-Line” multimedia show about the Six-Day War and reunification of Jerusalem before ending at JNF’s **Wall of Honor**, which honors Jewish veterans from around the world.



Ammunition Hill

Afterward, return to the hotel to rest or spend time exploring **Mamilla Mall**. Designed by world-renowned Israeli architect Moshe Safdie, see how the space retains the unique character of ancient Jerusalem while offering one of the best shopping experiences in the city.



Mamilla Mall

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant. Hear from **Gil Hoffman**, **chief political correspondent and analyst** for *The Jerusalem Post* and host of the daily radio show *Inside Israel Today*, who will provide an update on the current political and cultural climate in Israel.

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## TUESDAY MAY 31 • JERUSALEM

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for the **Old City** of Jerusalem.

Begin at the **Mount of Olives**, which provides a spectacular view of the city to the west and of the desert to the east. Proceed to an exciting tour through the **Western Wall Tunnels**, an incredible labyrinth of tunnels, arches and passageways that expose Jerusalem's rich history, archeology and topography.

We will continue exploring ancient Jerusalem at the **Western Wall**, the last remaining wall that enclosed the Temple Mount in the Second Temple Period. Take a few minutes for prayer and contemplation before continuing to the **Southern Wall Excavations** to see the original steps that lead to the Temple Mount.

After a **falafel lunch** in the Old City, proceed to the **Jewish Quarter**, where echoes of history meet the voices of present day in this living testament to the Jewish presence in Jerusalem.

Later this afternoon, return to the hotel to rest or relax by the pool. Alternatively, consider taking an optional walking tour of **Ben Yehuda Street**, Jerusalem's open-air pedestrian mall filled with cafes, outdoor shops and the sounds of musicians playing on the street.

**Overnight, David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem**



Western Wall Tunnel



Old City of Jerusalem



Ben Yehuda Street

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 1 • NORTH



Beit She'an

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will depart Jerusalem and drive north along the scenic coastal route. Visit **Beit She'an**, one of the oldest cities in the world known for its impressive archaeological sites and historical ruins. See the progress of JNF's *Go North* Campaign, which has been revitalizing the region by generating social, cultural, and entrepreneurial opportunities.



Special in Uniform

Afterward, enjoy **lunch** at a local café with young leaders from the area. Hear about how they are working to make the area an attractive place to live for Israeli youth.

Later this afternoon, take an exclusive tour of **Ramat David Air Force Base**, one of three airbases in the Israeli Air Force, located in southeast of Haifa. See JNF's **Special in Uniform** program at work, an innovative initiative that aims to integrate youth with disabilities into the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and assist in preparing them for careers following army service.



Dan Carmel Hotel

Afterward, we will arrive at the hotel to check-in with time to relax and rest. This evening, enjoy a buffet-style **dinner** at the hotel.

**Overnight, Dan Carmel Hotel, Haifa**



Akko



Safed



Kinneret

## THURSDAY JUNE 2 • NORTHERN ISRAEL

Following breakfast this morning, we will depart for **Akko**, an underground crusader city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the new **JNF Western Galilee Visitors Center**, which will showcase the wide variety of tourist opportunities in and around the **Western Galilee** through a dynamic multi-media experience. As part of JNF's *Go North* initiative, see how JNF is revitalizing and growing the Galilee.

Afterward, we will proceed to the mystical city of **Safed**. Take a stroll through the alleys of this ancient city, see the stunning views and enjoy the clean mountain air. Discover the artistic side of Safed with a visit to the famed artist colony in the heart of the Old City. Enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant that overlooks the Kinneret.

This afternoon, take a leisurely **boat ride** on the **Kinneret**, Israel's main fresh water source, where we will see, first-hand, the true extent of Israel's water shortage. We'll learn about the current water crisis and hear how JNF is utilizing the most up-to-date water conservation and harvesting techniques to help preserve, recycle and develop Israel's water resources over the long term.

Continue to Haifa, where we will enjoy a buffet-style **dinner** at the hotel this evening.

**Overnight, Dan Carmel Hotel, Haifa**

## FRIDAY JUNE 3 • WESTERN GALILEE



Baha'i Gardens

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will see the breathtaking views from the **Baha'i Hanging Gardens**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site described as the “eighth wonder of the world.”

Afterwards, we will visit **Atlit Illegal Immigration Camp**, a detention camp during the British Mandate that imprisoned thousands of Jewish immigrants upon their arrival into Israel, which JNF helped restore in partnership with the Society for the Preservation of Israel's Heritage Sites (SPIHS). The tour will include the restored Galina ship, a replica of a ship that carried 122,000 “illegal” immigrants in defiance of the British blockade to Israel.



Atlit Illegal Immigration Camp

Following our tour, we will continue to the nearby **Tishbi Estate** for lunch and a **wine tasting** at the **Tishbi Winery**, which overlooks the estate's vineyards. Dine on local cuisine including fresh vegetables, homemade bread and fresh cheeses from the nearby Yaakov and Meiri Dairy farms. Taste some of the spectacular wines produced here before participating in a fun wine bottling activity.



Tishbi Winery

This evening, we will proceed to **Tel Aviv**, Israel's cultural center and most cosmopolitan city. After checking in, enjoy a nice **Shabbat dinner** in a private room at the hotel.

**Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**

## SATURDAY JUNE 4 • SHABBAT / TEL AVIV

Today will be at leisure in honor of Shabbat. Spend the day relaxing at the hotel, attending optional Shabbat service, or consider one of the following options:



Tel Aviv Beach

OPTION 1: Explore Tel Aviv on your own. Take a stroll along Tel Aviv's **beach**, situated along the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean. Sit at an outdoor café on the Tel Aviv promenade to watch (or participate) as Israelis and tourists come together for some festive folk dancing.



Tel Aviv Museum of Art

OPTION 2: Visit the **Tel Aviv Museum of Art**, Israel's leading museum of modern & contemporary art and home to one of the world's largest Israeli art collections.

OPTION 3: Take time to explore **Sarona**, one of Tel Aviv's most up-and-coming areas. See how this former German colony has transformed into a blossoming culinary scene with new urban complexes, hip cafés, trendy shops, tranquil parks and engaging playgrounds.



Masada

OPTION 4: Spend the day at **Masada** and the **Dead Sea**. The bus 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 of the Jewish fighters before taking a cable car ride to the top of the Herodian Palace Complex. Tour the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogues, water cisterns, mosaic floors and Roman baths. Afterward, descend the mountain to the depths of the Dead Sea. Take a swim in the buoyant waters or simply relax at the beach.



Havdalah

As the sun sets, mark the end of Shabbat by participating in the ritual of **Havdalah**, a service infused with music, symbols and meaning. Recite the blessings, sing the prayers and learn more about the role of spices in the service.

Dinner will be on own this evening.

**Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**

## SUNDAY JUNE 5 • NORTHERN NEGEV



Sderot Indoor Recreation Center

Following breakfast, we will head south to **Sderot**. Tour the **Sderot Indoor Recreation Center**, the largest indoor playground in Israel. See how this fortified facility has brought a welcomed sense of normalcy to the region, providing young people with a fun, secure place to simply be kids and parents with the peace of mind that their children are playing in a safe environment.



Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village

Continue 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. A revolutionary facility that has changed the face of rehabilitative care in Israel, Aleh Negev is home to over 500 residential adults with disabilities and serves more than 12,000 children and young adults with disabilities each year on an outpatient basis.



Be'er Sheva River Park

Afterwards, enjoy **lunch** at **Ossi's** home in **Ofakim**. Joining us will be the **Mayor of Ofakim, Zvika Greengold**, who was awarded the Medal of Valor, the nation's highest medal for heroism.

Following lunch, we will proceed to **Be'er Sheva**, the capital of the Negev. Drive through **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the city. Hear an overview and update on the project's amazing progress. Afterward, visit the new **Abraham's Well Visitor Center**, which showcases the life of the patriarch Abraham.



Abraham's Well

Depart to Tel Aviv and enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant. Joining us will be a group of **lone soldiers** who will share their personal experiences about leaving their family, friends, loved ones and homes in order to serve the State of Israel in the IDF.

**Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**



## MONDAY JUNE 6 • TEL AVIV



Palmach Museum

Following breakfast this morning, we will visit the **Palmach Museum**. Walk through a state-of-the-art multimedia experience that allows a glimpse into the fight for Israeli independence and the development of the renowned Israeli army.



Planting a Tree

Depart for **JNF's American Independence Park (AIP)**, which serves as the central location for commemorating American support of the State of Israel. Enjoy a nice, relaxing **picnic lunch** before participating in a **dedication ceremony** for those who have personalized plaques at the park.

Plant trees at **Neot Kedumim**, an eco-tourism site and “living museum” that recreates the physical setting of the Bible in all its depth and detail. We will head to the **Harvey Hertz-JNF Ceremonial Tree Planting Center**, which serves as JNF's primary planting center in Israel. Each person will have the opportunity to plant a tree and contribute to JNF's ongoing afforestation efforts in Israel.



Jaffa

Afterward, enjoy a walking tour of **Old Jaffa**, an 8000-year-old port city. We will walk through the winding alleyways, stop at the ancient ruins and explore the restored artist's quarter filled with galleries and boutiques. Take time to wander and shop.

This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of Tel Aviv's many fine dining options.

**Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**



Ayalon Institute

## TUESDAY JUNE 7 • TEL AVIV / EN ROUTE

Following breakfast this morning, we will visit the **Ayalon Institute**, a secret bullet factory established by the Haganah in 1945. As the largest bullet factory during that time, it produced 2.25 million bullets from 1946 - 1948, completely in secret.

Afterward, proceed to **Independence Hall**, where David Ben-Gurion declared the state of Israel 65 years ago. See how the building was restored to depict exactly how it looked on that memorable day of May 14, 1948.



Carmel Market

Continue to the **Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Fair** this afternoon for a festival of arts, crafts, pottery, and street performances. Pass through the **Carmel Market**, the most famous market in Tel Aviv, and capture all the liveliness and vibrancy of this bustling economic focal point.

This evening, we will enjoy a **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport for our return flights to the USA.

### Overnight, En Route