



JNF FUTURE: MISSION TO ISRAEL
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NOVEMBER 18 – 25, 2024

Day 1: Monday, November 18th

Shalom and welcome to Israel.

Transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Jerusalem.

Check in at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Welcome to Jerusalem - "Shehecheyanu" Ceremony at JNF Gateway to Ancient Jerusalem with tour including ziplining followed by a tour of the New City of Jerusalem.

Opening session - Understanding the Context: Looking back to October 7th and towards the future with your tour guide.

Welcome dinner at Piccolino Restaurant, Jerusalem, and an opportunity to explore Jerusalem's nightlife.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

Day 2: Tuesday, November 19th

Breakfast at the hotel.

"Israel Now" Military Briefing: Gain insights into contemporary Israel with an overview of Gaza and key battlefields from the Swords of Iron War by an IDF Spokesperson.

Visit to Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery and ceremony at the Memorial Hall for Israel's Fallen.

Discover the **Old City** of Jerusalem - the stories, traditions, and legends behind the stones in the ancient city with a historical, cultural, and archaeological tour. Walk the Jewish Quarter with it uncovered the Roman Cardo - the marketplace from the Roman era and The Western Wall, where the stones of the Second Temple are exposed. Continue to **Kotel Tunnels** to unveil hidden sections of the Western Wall. Walk through the Arab Bassar to see nowadays Middle Eastern life with its rich colors, flavors, and smells.

Lunchtime Delights: Rub shoulders with locals as you enjoy a delicious Falafel or Shawarma lunch at vibrant street stands.

JNF Project Visit: Explore the innovative developments in medical care at the Glassman Center of Herzog Hospital, including post-October 7th PTSD treatments.



Drive back to the hotel and enjoy a free evening.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

Day 3: Wednesday, November 20th

Breakfast at the hotel.

Journey south to **Kissufim** for a unique volunteering experience in agriculture projects and hear from survivors of October 7th. Visit to include participating in the writing of the Fenwick Sefer Torah for Kibbutz Kissufim.

Box Lunch

At the **Nova Festival site**, where party participants brutally murdered in October. 7, and meet with a survivor to hear his firsthand accounts of that fateful day.

Visit to Kibbutz Re'im and meet with Emergency Preparedness Chief, Ilan Cohen, and learn about the heroism of the Re'im security team and the new Sheltered Classroom being built by JNF Canada.

Visit **Sderot**, located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip and meet with **Mayor Alon Davidi**. See local JNF projects and see first-hand the proximity of Sderot to Gaza from the Gaza Overlook.

Drive back to Jerusalem.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight: Dan Panorama

Day 4: Thursday, November 21st

Breakfast at the hotel.

Travel south to **Aleh Negev**, a pioneering rehabilitation village, for a volunteering opportunity.

ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran: Volunteer and explore the innovative social centre, experiencing firsthand the inclusive community model it represents.

Tour of Kibbutz Nir Oz with Elan Isaacson, Security Chief of the Eshkol Region.

Visit one of our Future Donor's project sites in Nir Oz

Drive to Tel Aviv straight to your hotel for check in.

Enjoy a leisurely late afternoon exploring Tel Aviv, taking in its vibrant atmosphere.



Dinner at Florentina Restaurant in Tel Aviv with Jonathan Conricus, former IDF International Spokesman (TBC).

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 5: Friday, November 22nd

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Jaffa.

Morning Activity: Kickstart your morning with a rejuvenating **Private Yoga Class** or a thrilling **Krav Maga Session** on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv promenade, embracing the beauty of movement against the backdrop of the Mediterranean Sea.

Peres Center for Peace and Innovation: Gain insight into Israel's pursuit of peace at the Peres Peace Center, founded by the late Shimon Peres, former Prime Minister and President of Israel.

Visit JNF special project in Jaffa.

Enjoy free time at the bustling **Carmel Market in Tel Aviv**, immersing yourself in the sights, sounds, and aromas of Israeli street food. Indulge in tantalizing local delicacies that will tantalize your taste buds.

Nachalat Binyamin Walking Tour: Embark on a guided walking tour of Nachalat Binyamin, known for its vibrant artist open market. Discover unique handmade crafts, artwork, and souvenirs while experiencing the creative spirit of Tel Aviv.

Remainder of the afternoon, at leisure, for strolling and last-minute shopping

Optional Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony at the hotel.

Shabbat dinner at the hotel's main dining room.

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 6: Saturday, November 23rd

Breakfast at the hotel.

Shabbat Free Day: Enjoy a leisurely day at your own pace, embracing the tranquility of Shabbat in Tel Aviv. Whether you choose to relax at the hotel, take a leisurely stroll along the beach, or explore the city's vibrant neighborhoods, the day is yours to savor.



Evening: Gather in the evening for the Havdalah ceremony at the hotel, bidding farewell to the Sabbath and welcoming the new week with blessings and candlelight.

Day 7: Sunday, November 24th

Breakfast at the hotel.

Embark on a scenic drive to **Ben Shemen** Forest for a meaningful **tree-planting** experience, contributing to Israel's reforestation efforts.

Drive to Lechet and join us for a volunteer agricultural experience.

Visit **Nevo Winery**, where you'll enjoy a tour of their visitor center, indulge in wine tasting sessions featuring their exquisite wines, and savor a light lunch (TBD based on timing).

Drive back to our hotel in Tel Aviv and eat a boxed lunch.

Visit to Sheba Medical Centre, meet with hospital staff and injured soldiers. To include visit to Rachshei Lev to learn about the JNF renovation of family apartments and their impact on families with injured soldiers or children with cancer at the hospital.

Conclude your Israeli adventure with a memorable **farewell dinner** at the enchanting **Ewa Safi restaurant**, known for its delectable Moroccan cuisine and inviting ambiance.

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 8: Monday, November 25th

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer from the hotel to Ben Gurion Airport.

Late Check out from the hotel for those extending.