



Jewish National Fund of Canada  
JNF University Mission  
April 27 – May 7, 2017  
Itinerary  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER



Thursday, April 27, 2017

Depart Toronto for Israel

Friday, April 28, 2017

Arrive in Israel on EL AL at 12:50pm. You will meet your guide and drive to Jerusalem. As you enter Jerusalem you will pause for a traditional Schecheyanu. Continue on for a walking tour of the famous, colourful Machne Yehuda open market to see Jerusalemites in their weekly tradition of shopping for Shabbat. You will become immersed in the bustling energy of the most famous market in Israel. Prior to Shabbat meet in the lobby of the hotel and take the bus to the Western Wall. You will experience sunset at the Kotel and enjoy “a moment of private time and reflection”. Walk back to the hotel with the group.

Shabbat Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Prima Kings – Jerusalem

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Sleep in and enjoy breakfast at leisure. Enjoy a 4-hour walking tour including Teddy Park, the Restorers of Jerusalem Project and the old city which includes a visit to the Tower of David Museum, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Via Delarosa as well as a visit to the Christian, Muslim, Armenian and Jewish Quarters.

Dinner at the hotel.

In the evening there will be an opportunity to watch the amazing Sound and Light show at the Tower of David Museum.

Overnight: Prima Kings - Jerusalem

Sunday, April 30, 2017

After breakfast visit Ammunition Hill (Givat Hatachmoshet), an area lying between the modern neighbourhoods of Ramat Eshkol and French Hill, which was the site of some of the 1967 Six Day War's bloodiest fighting. Your next stop will be Mount Herzl and visit to the grave of Shimon Peres for a moment, to pay tribute to one of Israel's founding fathers. On to Yad Vashem which is the memorial that honors both the holocaust martyrs and the “Righteous Amongst the Nations” who have been recognized for their compassion and courage when risking their lives to save the lives of Jews.

Dinner at the hotel.

Participate in an opening ceremony in Jerusalem for Yom Hazikaron.

Overnight: Prima Kings – Jerusalem

### Monday, May 1, 2017

After breakfast, and hotel check out, enjoy a special visit to the Western Wall Tunnels. As you depart Jerusalem and you head towards Canada Park for a bike ride in the park and a visit of the site. Continue on to the Judean Hills to a winery for a tour and wine tasting. Your next stop will be Latrun, the Israeli Army Tank Museum. Drive to Tel Aviv and check into your hotel.

After dinner at the hotel, along with many Israelis you will enjoy a Yom Ha'Atzmaut party on the Beach.

Overnight: Leonardo Basel Tel Aviv

### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

After breakfast visit Independence Hall where the establishment of the State of Israel was declared by David Ben Gurion. Your next stop will be Old Jaffa and Neve Tzedek, the first neighbourhood of Tel Aviv, built in 1909. Next you will watch the amazing Yom Ha'Atzmaut Air Force show the beach and then on to the Rabin Museum.

Dinner at Maganda restaurant

Overnight: Leonardo Basel Tel Aviv

### Wednesday, May 3, 2017

After breakfast and hotel check out enjoy your first stop of the day, at a tree planting centre where you will plant a tree with your own hands "planting your roots in the soil of Israel". Your next stop will be a visit to Kiryat Gat to visit an Ethiopian Project.

Continue on to Sderot for a special visit to the town, the police station to see the Kassam rockets that have fallen on the town over the years and the command centre. Drive South to Ein Ovdar for a hike in the area and then drive to the Arava.

Dinner in the hotel.

Hotel check in and overnight: Kibbutz Yahel

### Thursday, May 4, 2017

After breakfast your Arava day will begin at Paran Cliffs lookout, and then on to Zuqim. Next stop will be AICAT (Arava International Centre for Agriculture Training) agriculture without borders, hosting and teaching students from around the world.

Meet with Hanni Arnon of (AICAT) and group leaders and students at the faculty.

Enjoy a stop at Hatzeva for lunch at Bar Bamidbar. Visit the Vidor Centre and the R & D to meet researchers. Return to Kibbutz Yael.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Yahel

Friday, May 5, 2017

After breakfast and hotel check out, drive to the lowest place on earth known to man, the Dead Sea. Continue south to Massada, the site of the last stand by a group of Jewish Zealots against the might Roman Empire just 3 years after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. After lunch at the Crowne Plaza, enjoy a float in the unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea. You will then continue on to Ein Gedi for a hike in the natural desert oasis where King David (before he was king) kid from King Saul. Drive to Tel Aviv.

Dinner at the hotel.

Hotel check in and overnight: Leonardo Beach Tel Aviv

May 6, 2017

Enjoy a free Shabbat in Tel Aviv

Late check out at 7:00 pm.

At 9:00 pm meet in the lobby of the hotel to depart for the airport.

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for your return flight back home.

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Flight depart at 00:50 for Toronto