

FROM ANCIENT TO AWESOME MISSION: ISRAEL'S PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE WITH HADASSAH

ISRAEL

November 9–20, 2016

Led by Laurie Weitz & Aileen Bormel

This amazing tour includes...

- ▶ Uncovering the glorious past of the Temple Mount on a “hands on” archeological dig at Ein Tzurim
- ▶ Visiting the Yad Vashem Archive & discovering the newly found materials relating to the people & events connected to the Holocaust
- ▶ Visit a state of the art hi-tech facility such as Start Up Nation or similar
- ▶ In-depth visit to Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital & the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Center
- ▶ Visiting The City of Bases, Ir HaBadim, and meet with one of the commanders in charge
- ▶ Visit the upcoming Cyber Center in Beer Sheva
- ▶ Exploring the origins of Tel Aviv on a guided walk through Neve Zedek
- ▶ 4 nights at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 night at the Leonardo Hotel Negev, Beer Sheva
- ▶ 1 night at the Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon
- ▶ 3 nights plus LCO at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv
- ▶ Meals per itinerary
- ▶ Arrival/departure transfers with main group
- ▶ Entrance fees & portorage per itinerary



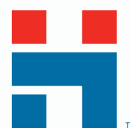
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Price per person	\$3,580
Additional Cost for Single Occupancy	\$1,350
Airfare price per person	\$1,026
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HADASSAH



Day 1, Wednesday, November 9, 2016: DEPARTURE

We depart on our afternoon flight and travel overnight to Israel.

Day 2, Thursday, November 10, 2016: WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, with assistance by an Ayelet representative - Welcome Home!
Travel up to Jerusalem.

Upon arrival in Jerusalem, we stop atop **Mt. Scopus** to recite a special "Sh'hekiyanu!" blessing overlooking the **City of Gold**.

Visit **Ein Tzurim** - a live archaeological site, where we have the opportunity for a hands-on dig. Join us in uncovering the glorious past of the Temple Mount. Sift through rubble that originated in ancient buildings from the Temple Period and learn about findings from archaeologists.

Lunch (on own) in the Jewish Quarter.

Enjoy some time at the **Kotel** and experience the special atmosphere.

Tour the **Western Wall Tunnels**:

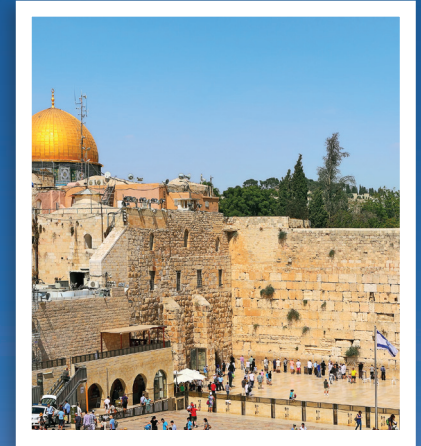
First Timers: Walk along the underground tunnel.

Second Timers: Tour the underground Mikvaot and area leading to the temple.

Check into our hotel

Enjoy a **welcome dinner** and orientation with Hadassah Leadership.

Overnight in Jerusalem



The Western Wall

Day 3, Friday, November 11, 2016: THE NEW CITY/WELCOMING SHABBAT

Breakfast at our hotel.

Visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, where we explore some of the newly found materials relating to places, people and events connected to the Holocaust, including:

First Timers:

The Avenue of the Righteous

The new Historical Museum

The Children's Memorial

Second timers:

Visit the **Yad Vashem Archive** and with an archivist, explore some of the newly found materials relating to places, people and events connected to the Holocaust.

The Art Museum

The Holocaust Film Archive

End the visit at Yad Vashem with a group Memorial service at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**.

Visit **Machane Yehuda**, Jerusalem's outdoor marketplace, filled with foods of every variety. Together we'll take part in the "shuk bites" program, allowing us to enjoy a varied taste of the marketplace in a fun and new way.

Time to relax in the market or at our hotel before Shabbat.

Oneg Shabbat at the Southern Wall with **Barbara Sofer**.

We welcome Shabbat at the **Western Wall** with the people of Jerusalem.

Shabbat dinner in a private room with Hadassah friends.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Machane Yehuda

Day 4, Saturday, November 12, 2016: SHABBAT SHALOM!

Breakfast at our hotel.

Free morning for Shabbat services or just to relax.

First Timers:

Guided **walking tour** through the historical and charming neighborhood of **Yemin Moshe**. Continue to the **Old City** where we explore the **Bazaar/Shuk**, the **Christian Quarter**, the **Via Dolorosa** and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Second Timers:

Participate in a Scavenger Hunt through the diverse Nachla'ot Neighborhood. It is one of Jerusalem's best-kept secrets. On this tour game, we will discover this colorful, surprising and eclectic neighborhood.

Havdalah with Barbara Goldstein on the rooftop of our hotel overlooking the Old City.

Day 4, Saturday, November 12, 2016: SHABBAT SHALOM! (Cont.)

Free evening in Jerusalem – enjoy a stroll along Ben Yehuda Street, through Emek Refaim Street or visit the Mamilla pedestrian walk, filled with shops and restaurants.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5, Sunday, November 13, 2016: HADASSAH AND CITY TOUR

Breakfast at our hotel.

This morning, we meet with **Gil Hoffman**, chief political correspondent for the Jerusalem Post, for an in-depth and entertaining look at Israeli current events. Continue with a visit to **Ein Karem Hadassah Hospital**, where we tour the **Mother and Child Pavilion**. We also visit the new **Sarah Wetsman tower** that recently opened, featuring the most modern hospital facilities in the region.

Walk along the **Cardo** with time to shop at **Hurva Square**.

Lunch (on own) in the Jewish Quarter.

First Timers:

Visit the **Ir David Excavations** just outside the Old City walls, where we wander through the carefully preserved archeological excavations dating back to the time of King David.

Explore the bunkers at **Ammunition Hill**, the official museum symbolizing the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem. Its new multimedia film helps visitors better understand the events and battles of 1967.

Second Timers:

For a different perspective, we enjoy a short **walk along the rooftops and ramparts** of the Old City.

Jerusalem Startup Hub – Visit the new Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation in Jerusalem. Located in the heart of the city, the Hub opened its doors in March 2013. JSH aims to be the center of start-up development in Jerusalem, a hub for break-through technological ideas from all over the world.

Dinner and fresh food workshop at **Eucalyptus** Restaurant.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6, Monday, November 14, 2016: MASSADA OR THE ESHKOL REGION

Breakfast at our hotel.

First Timers:

Drive to **Ein Gedi** & hike to the hidden waterfall as we watch the animals come to eat in the morning.

Next we enjoy an unsinkable swim in the healing salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.

Ascend to **Masada** by cable car and tour the mountain.

Walk down the Western ramp.

Visit a **Bedouin camp** for a short **camel ride** and traditional Bedouin hospitality.

Second Timers:

Drive south to the **Eshkol** region, bordering Gaza; visit the **Regional Center** for a security briefing at the Command Center. Visit a secure school on the border.

Enjoy a picnic lunch at the **“Salad Trail”** in the Eshkol region on the border with Gaza. See how Israeli innovation is literally making the desert bloom – with crops grown out of some of the most inhospitable sands imaginable.

Visit **Bnei Netzarim**, a **“Halutzit”**. (A new village that is in the process of being built on the Gaza/Egyptian Border). Talk to the people building a new life and a new family and who are literally, holding the border.

We end our day with a visit to exquisite blacksmith, **Yaron Bob**. Struck by the terror of shell attacks, Yaron decided to transform something horrible into something beautiful – and so began **“Rockets into Roses”**.

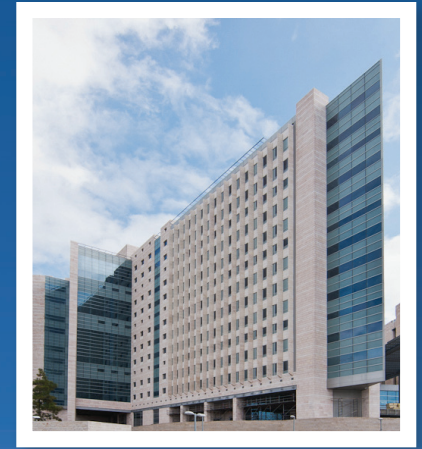
Drive to **Beer Sheva**, capitol of the Negev.

Check into our hotel.

Dinner together this evening at our hotel.

This evening, we visit an **Ethiopian absorption center** and meet the leaders of the community; view artifacts and see traditional dances.

Overnight in Beer Sheva



Hadassah Hospital



The Dead Sea



Day 7, Tuesday, November 15, 2016: BEER SHEVA - CYBER CENTER OF ISRAEL

Breakfast at our hotel.

This morning we meet with the **Mayor of Beer Sheva** to learn how the city became a Cyber Center of Israel and the world.

We enjoy a **bus tour of the Cyber Center** and visit one of the up & coming companies within the center.

Visit the **JNF/Hadassah** project of a park in the desert.

Continue to **IrHaBadim (The City of Bases)**. This long term plan involves moving IDF bases from areas of prime real estate around the country, to one central area providing housing and employment for military personnel. Visit the city and meet with one of the commanders in charge of this feat of large scale design.

First Timers:

Visit the unique original hut & grave of David Ben Gurion at **Sde Boker** deep in the heart of the Negev Desert. We learn about his dreams for the region, as we have seen them become realities.

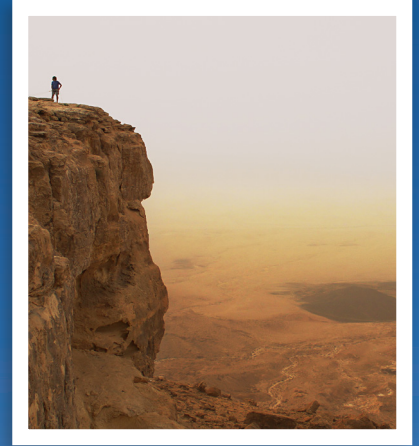
Second Timers:

Visit one of the local farms of **Ein Avdat**.

Dinner together this evening at our hotel.

OPTIONAL: Later tonight, we experience **star gazing** with a naturalist, marveling at the countless pinpricks of light in the black night sky

Overnight in Mitzpe Ramon



The Ramon Crater

Day 8, Wednesday, November 16, 2016: LIVING IN THE DESERT

OPTIONAL: Sunrise **Jeep tour of the Ramon Crater**, watching the sun reflect on the golden and red rock.

Return to our hotel for breakfast.

Time to enjoy the facilities and indulge in an optional spa treatment at the world class spa (on own).

OPTIONAL: Visit the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitors Center**, which combines exhibits to **Ilan Ramon**, Israel's first astronaut, along with information on the natural creation of this massive crater **OR** continue with time at the SPA.

Continue with a **tour and tasting at a local desert winery**.

Visit the Ort Navel high school in Ashdod that is sponsored by Youth Aliya.

Drive North to Tel Aviv.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 9, Thursday, November 17, 2016: STARTUP NATION

Breakfast at our hotel.

Meeting with young entrepreneur **Rony Rozen** to discuss her story, as well as Hi-Tech innovation in this Start-Up nation.

The Story of Tel Aviv, guided walk through **Neve Zedek** and what was **Ahuzat Bayit**, exploring the origins of the city of Tel Aviv, its people and places.

Continue to Tel Aviv's **White City**, one of the largest concentrations of Bauhaus architecture in the world.

Continue to the library in the city center - **Space for Entrepreneurship and Innovation**.

The Library provides a shared-working space and hub facilities for teams dedicated to developing internet startups and technology companies. In addition, The Library offers networking events, meet-ups, and professional infrastructure for young entrepreneurial visionaries. We will tour the sight and meet with some of these entrepreneurs.

We proceed walking to **Rothschild Boulevard**. In the past two years, the Boulevard has attracted major high-tech companies. We will visit the headquarters of a startup nation.

Visit one of the leading fashion designer studios of **Maya Negri**. Learn about the way they started a business from nothing in Tel-Aviv and now have world recognition.

OPTIONAL (not included in price): Evening at the **Nalaga'at Center**, a meeting place for deaf, blind and deaf-blind and the wider public that through an artistic and cultural experience engage in a dialogue. **Dinner at the Blackout Restaurant**, which invites you to an exceptional culinary experience that will trigger your senses; followed by a show.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Tel Aviv



Day 10, Friday, November 18, 2016: TEL AVIV FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Breakfast at our hotel

First Timers:

Palmach Museum, where we “join up” with the brave paramilitary unit from Israel’s pre-statehood days.

Uncover the secrets of the **Ayalon Institute**, where an underground ammunition factory played a pivotal role in Israel’s fight for Independence at the end of the British Mandate.

Second Timers:

Walk down the spiraling expositions of the new **Rabin Center**, dedicated to commemorating the life and work of Yitzhak Rabin with special exhibits.

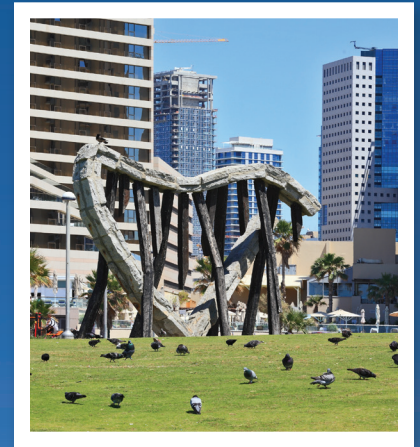
See a different angle of Tel-Aviv on a “**graffiti tour**”. Find out which streets turned into a gallery of art works and learn about the artists and their message: Do they want to be famous or prefer to remain unknown? What happens when a work of art is erased? Is this art? And what is graffiti in general?

Visit **Nachalat Binyamin**, the first and largest open-air craft market in Israel; also one of the most spectacular.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure (on own).

Shabbat farewell dinner with Hadassah friends in a private room at our hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Tel Aviv

Day 11, Saturday, November 19, 2016: SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

Breakfast at our hotel.

Free day for Shabbat services or just relax and enjoy the beach.

This evening, we join together for a closing **Havdalah service on the beach**.

Depart to the airport for our flight back to the United States.

Day 12, Sunday, November 20, 2016: ARRIVE HOME

We land back home in the U.S.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

** Itinerary subject to change. Tour does not include: Airfare (listed separately), any border taxes or visa fees tips to guides, driver and waiters (\$15.00 per person/day; pre-collected), travel insurance (highly recommended), or items of a personal nature. Note airfare departure taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until ticketed. Full payment is due 61 days prior to departure. CANCELLATION POLICY: \$100 per person charged if cancelled once booked, plus any applicable airline penalties. \$250 per person charged if cancelled 60-31 days before departure, plus any applicable airline penalties. 100% penalties apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure. All prices in USD.*

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