

HADASSAH



Hadassah's Exploring Boundaries Extension

October 14-19, 2018

(As of 8/21/17)



Day 1: Sunday, October 14, 2018: END OF MAIN MISSION

- We bid farewell to our friends from the Hadassah Milestone Mission.

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 2: Monday, October 15, 2018: ISRAEL THROUGH THE TRUMP-NETANYAHU PRISM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we meet with **Gil Hoffman**, chief political correspondent for the Jerusalem Post, to discuss Israeli politics today.
- Visit the **Knesset** and meet with members from the ruling government coalition and the opposition.
- Explore the interplay between demographic, security and historical issues with the backdrop of the Jerusalem hills, as we take a guided **geopolitical tour** through Jerusalem.
- Drive to the top of the **Mount of Olives** for an introduction to the landscape of Jerusalem.
- Stop at Hadassah founder **Henrietta Szold's grave** to pay our respects.
- This afternoon, we are joined by **Retired Colonel Miri Eisin**, a former international media advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel and a former Israeli government spokesperson.
- **"Defining the Line on the Outskirts of Jerusalem"**: Drive to **Mt. Scopus** for a look toward Maaleh Adumim to the east and the Shuafat Refugee Camp to the north. Drive through the neighborhoods of **Pisgat Ze'ev** and **Beit Hanina**.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Spend the afternoon at the **Hartman Institute** learning about and discussing relations between Israel and the Diaspora, and how the dissolution of the Western Wall compromise has placed an unprecedented strain on the relationship.
- **Dinner** together this evening at a local restaurant with **Rabbi Michael Melchior**, an internationally renowned Jewish leader, thinker and activist, and former member of the Knesset.

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Day 3: Tuesday, October 16, 2018: FROM THE SHOMRON TO RAMALLAH

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- **“Israelis and Palestinians: When Reality and Fiction Meet”**: with Palestinian Affairs journalist **Avi Issacharov**, who also wrote and produced the highly acclaimed Israeli TV production of *Fauda*, a geopolitical thriller about Israelis and Palestinians.
- Depart for **Rawabi**, the new Palestinian city north of Ramallah, for a glimpse at this unique project, a synthesis between private enterprise and public resources to create a new urban reality in Palestinian society. Meet with developer **Bashar el Masri**.
- Visit **Ramallah**, the current capital of the Palestinian Authority, and meet with PA and/or financial leaders.
- **Lunch** together this afternoon.
- Visit **Shilo**, one of the flagship settlements of the Gush Emunim Settlement Movement, to meet with founder, **Daniella Weiss**.
- Close our day with the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**. We meet with **Akiva Tor**, head of the Bureau for World Jewish Affairs & World Religions.
- Dinner on own tonight.

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 4: Wednesday, October 17, 2018: ESHKOL: LIVING ON THE FROTIER



where we will participate in a unique hands-on agricultural tour, and witness how Israeli innovation is literally making the desert bloom with crops grown out of some of the most inhospitable sands imaginable. We will pick and taste fruits and vegetables straight from the kibbutz’s self-picking farm, and encounter flying strawberries, tiny orange orchards, racing pigeons and herbal gardens. We enjoy a **light lunch** here.

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we stop at the **Erez crossing** to see how trucks with goods cross into Gaza every day from Israel.
 - We travel south to the **Eshkol Regional Center** at the Command Center for a security briefing.
 - Visit Eshkol’s **elementary school**, an amazing fortified campus and educational center.
 - Drive along the border and see where and how close the Hamas tunnels were found to these frontier communities. We hear a briefing about Hamas and the current situation.
 - Our next stop is at the **“Salad Trail”**,
- Visit one of the **Bedouin “cities”** built today to learn about their growing population and the challenges of integrating a traditionally nomadic people into a modern society.
- Return to Jerusalem for dinner on own.

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 5: Thursday, October 18, 2018: OUR JERUSALEM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we meet with **Miriam Peretz**, the mother of two fallen IDF soldiers, and learn how she was able to make something good out of something terrible. Miriam has become a public speaker, teaching soldiers, bereaved families, and parents of incoming IDF soldiers and Jews around the world about the importance of her sons giving their lives to defend Israel.
- We meet with the **Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem**, and receive a briefing on where Jerusalem is today after 50+ years of reunification.
- Explore the amazing archaeological wonder of **Ir David (City of David)**, a meticulously preserved site dating back to the time of King David.
- Visit the moving **9/11 Memorial**, the only memorial to 9/11 outside of the United States, and pay tribute to those who perished on that fateful day.
- Visit the newly opened **Remembrance Hall** at **Mt. Herzl** in memory of over 23,000 fallen soldiers and victims of terror in Israel.
- Lunch on own this afternoon.
- Meet with a representative from **Shalom Achshav**, a non-government organization, liberal advocacy and activist group whose aim is to promote a peaceful two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Later this afternoon, we explore **Machane Yehuda**, Jerusalem's outdoor marketplace, filled with foods of every variety. We join together for a **farewell dinner** this evening at the market.
- Check out and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.



Day 6: Friday, October 19, 2018: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive in the United States this morning.

**Exploring Boundaries*

Inbal Jerusalem;

\$1,910/person Double Occupancy (Add \$560 for single occupancy = \$2,470.)

Rates above INCLUDE Pre-Collected Tips of \$80/person.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

**itinerary subject to change*



