

HADASSAH



Hadassah's Majestic Negev & Start-Up Nation Extension

October 14-19, 2018

(As of 8/2/17)



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

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

Overnight Jerusalem

Day 2: Monday, October 15, 2018: ESHKOL FRONTIER REGION

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Travel to the **Erez crossing** to see how trucks with goods cross into Gaza every day from Israel.
- We continue 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**", 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 garden. We enjoy a **light lunch** here.

- We end our day with a visit to exquisite blacksmith **Yaron Bob's** workshop. Struck by the terror of shell attacks, Yaron decided to transform something horrible into something

beautiful- and so began "**Rockets to Roses**".

- Continue to **Mitzpe Ramon** to check in to our spa resort hotel and enjoy **dinner** together.

Overnight at Beresheet Resort & Spa, Mitzpe Ramon



Day 3: Tuesday, October 16, 2018: LIVING IN THE DESERT

- We set out early on a **sunrise jeep tour** of the **Ramon Crater**, watching the sun reflect on the golden and red rock.
- Return to our hotel for breakfast.
- Visit the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitor's Center**, which combines exhibits about **Ilan Ramon**, Israel's first astronaut, along with information on the natural creation of the massive crater.
- Continue to a local desert winery for a **tour and tasting**.
- Free afternoon at our spa hotel on the crater's edge.

Overnight at Beresheet Resort & Spa, Mitzpe Ramon

Day 4: Wednesday, October 17, 2018: BE'ER SHEVA – CYBER CENTER OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Visit the unique original hut and grave of David Ben Gurion at **Sde Boker**, deep in the heart of the Negev Desert. We learn about his dreams for the region and explore the ways they have become realities.
- Gain a deeper understanding of the life of the **Bedouin** in the Negev during a tour of the city of **Rahat**, including meetings with **Deputy Mayor Dr. Amer al-Huzayl** and **Dr. Sarab Abu Rabia-Quieder** of Ben Gurion University. We will address the challenges facing the Bedouin townships and explore the empowerment of women in Bedouin society.
- Stop at the **Sharon (Hiriya) Recycling Park**, named after the late Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon. The park was formerly a garbage dump and is now an environmental beacon and theme park for children focused on recycling..
- Travel to **Tel Aviv** to check in to our hotel.
- Dinner on own this evening.

Overnight at the David Intercontinental, Tel Aviv

Day 5: Thursday, October 18, 2018: START-UP NATION

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with "*The Story of Tel Aviv*", a guided walk through the **Neve Tzedek** neighborhood 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.



- Explore the ongoing story of the Jewish people throughout history all over the world at the newly renovated **Beit Hatfutsot – the Museum of the Jewish People**.
- Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring Tel Aviv on own.
- We enjoy a **farewell dinner** together this evening.
- 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.

****Majestic Negev & Start-Up Nation***

Beresheet Resort & Spa, David Intercontinental Tel Aviv;

\$1,665/person Double Occupancy (Add \$630 for single occupancy = \$2,295)

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

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

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