

HADASSAH



## From Basel to Jerusalem: From Dream to Reality Led by Roni Schwartz April 20-30, 2020

(As of 7/16/19)



### Day 1: Monday, April 20, 2020: DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flights to Switzerland.

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### Day 2: Tuesday, April 21, 2020: WELCOME TO BASEL!

- We arrive in **Basel** and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We begin with a walk in Basel's **Old Town** with its beautiful buildings, followed by a stop at the **City Hall** and the site of the **first Zionist Congress**.
- Next, we host a ceremony at the **Shoah Memorial**.
- Later this afternoon, we check into our hotel and refresh before our **welcome dinner** this evening.

### Overnight in Basel

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### Day 3: Wednesday, April 22, 2020: JEWISH HISTORY IN BASEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with a visit to the **Basel Historical Museum**, home to the most inclusive and diverse collection of historical and cultural artifacts on the Upper Rhine and one of the largest museums of its kind.
- Our next stop is at the **Shoah Memorial and Museum** at the **Synagogue de Saint-Louis** located just across the border in France.
- We continue to **Lengnau** to visit the synagogue and museum.
- Later this afternoon, we return to Basel for an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

**\*Note, those traveling on the Israel only tour depart the United States this evening.**

### Overnight in Basel

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#### Day 4: Thursday, April 23, 2020: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We transfer to the airport for our flight to **Israel**, where we are met by our local Ayelet Tours representative. Those on the Israel only tour arrive today and meet us at the airport.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem**, stopping atop **Mt. Scopus** to say the “Shehecheyanu” as we look out over the **City of Gold**.
- We take a **geopolitical bus tour** through Jerusalem and pass by the new American Embassy on the way to our hotel to check in.
- This evening, we join together for a **welcome dinner** joined by the **Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem**, who provides insight on politics in Jerusalem.

#### Overnight in Jerusalem

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#### Day 5: Friday, April 24, 2020: WE REMEMBER

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day at **Yad Vashem**, the national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Here, we explore some of the newly found materials relating to places, people, and events connected to the Holocaust, including:
  - Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations
  - Exhibit of children’s drawings
  - Children’s memorial
- We complete our visit at Yad Vashem with a group **memorial service** at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem’s military cemetery, we pay our respects at the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, followed by a stop at the new **Remembrance Hall**.
- We return to our hotel for time to relax and refresh.
- As the sun begins to set, we join together to welcome **Shabbat** at the **Kotel** with the people of Jerusalem, followed by a private **Shabbat dinner** at our hotel.



#### Overnight in Jerusalem

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#### Day 6: Saturday, April 25, 2020: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy the morning at leisure relaxing or attending Shabbat services on own.
- This afternoon, we set out on a walking tour to the **Mt. Zion Hotel** to see the **Cable Car Museum** used to secretly transport supplies for residents and defenders of the Old City and commemorating Israeli ingenuity during the War of Independence.
- Atop **Mt. Zion**, we take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the Western Wall, then walk to the bottom to visit the **Dormition Abbey**.
- We return to our hotel for **Havdallah**, marking the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week.



- Early this evening, we meet with Jerusalem Post Palestinian Affairs correspondent, **Khaled Abu Toameh**, for a lecture entitled “*A Snapshot of Palestinian Society*”.
- Dinner on own tonight.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

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#### Day 7: Sunday, April 26, 2020: ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit **Ein Kerem Hadassah Hospital** for a tour of the **Sarah Wetsman tower**, featuring the most modern hospital facilities in the region. We meet with staff and patients and take an in-depth look at this cutting-edge medical facility and how it has adapted to ever-changing needs.
- Next, we visit the **Knesset**, Israel’s parliament building, and **meet a member of the Knesset** to hear about the current state of affairs in Israeli politics.
- We continue to **Ir David, the City of David** to view the old and new excavations, followed by a viewing of the 3D movie about the history of ancient Jerusalem.
- We go underground in the **Old City** for a behind the scenes tour of the **Western Wall tunnels**, where we discover the archaeological wonders that once remained untouched for centuries, including some of the newest excavations.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

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#### Day 8: Monday, April 27, 2020: FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Today, we visit the **Supreme Court** and meet with one of the justices to learn about Israel’s judicial system.
- We continue with a walking tour through colorful **Nachlaot**, considered by many to be Jerusalem’s most pluralistic community, mixing the various streams of Orthodox Judaism with secular residents.
- Next, we visit the lively **Machane Yehuda**, where we take in the sights, smells and sounds of the bustling marketplace as we try some of Israel’s delicacies on our **tasting tour**.
- We travel to **Tel Aviv** and check into our hotel to refresh before **dinner** together at our hotel.
- Following dinner, we participate in a **ceremony** in honor of **Yom Hazikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day)** At the **Neurim Youth Village** and join the Jerusalemites in singing their songs at the **First Station**.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv

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### Day 9: Tuesday, April 28, 2020: THE ROAD TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we set out on a **jeep tour** along the **Burma Road** as our guide narrates the struggle for Jerusalem in 1948 and the stories brought to mind by the views of famous biblical sites along the way.
- Our next stop is at **Latrun**, Israel's outdoor armored corps museum, where we explore the tanks and artillery used by the Israeli Defense Forces throughout the country's history.
- This afternoon, we come together for a **Yom Hazikaron ceremony**.
- We continue with a tour of the **Rabin Center**, where the spiraling exhibits lead us through the modern history of the state and broader world history through the prism of the life of one of Israel's most beloved leaders, Yitzhak Rabin.
- This afternoon, we follow **Independence Trail** on a walking tour through the **Ahuzat Bayit neighborhood**, where the city was originally developed. We also watch a movie about the foundation of the state of Israel.
- Tonight, we celebrate the start of **Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Independence Day)** at a **dinner party** with our Hadassah friends.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv

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### Day 10: Wednesday, April 29, 2020: YOM HA'ATZMAUT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day in **Old Jaffa** at the home of scholar **Rachel Korazim** for a discussion entitled "*From Basel to Jerusalem*".
- We stroll through **Neve Tzedek** to see the artistic graffiti painted on the walls and buildings and learn how it is an important form of expression in the community.
- At **Trumpeldor Cemetery**, we see the final resting place of Shoshana Damar, Arik Einstein, Haim Nachman Bialik and others.
- We head to the beach to enjoy the exciting **air and boat show** in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut.
- Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon relaxing at the beach or exploring Tel Aviv on own.
- This evening, we check out of our hotel and come together for a festive **farewell dinner**, recalling all that we have experienced on our journey together.
- We transfer to the airport for our overnight flights back to the United States.



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### Day 11: Thursday, April 30, 2020: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.

**THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!**

*\*itinerary subject to change*

