

HADASSAH



Israel Together: Mothers & Daughters

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Day 1: Sunday, December 6, 2020: DEPARTURE

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

Day 2: Monday, December 7, 2020: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive in Israel and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We begin in **Old Jaffa** with a **co-existence tour** as Jewish and Arab guides lead us side by side. We trace the different historical narratives as we explore the possibility of creating a common future and shared society.
- Next, we visit the home of scholar **Rachel Korazim** for a discussion about mothers in the Jewish tradition.
- Later this afternoon, we check into our hotel and refresh before our **welcome dinner** this evening.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 3: Tuesday, December 8, 2020: A TASTE OF TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we stroll through **Neve Tzedek**, the first Jewish neighborhood to be built outside Old Jaffa.
- Next, we follow **Independence Trail** for a walking tour through the **Ahuzat Bayit** neighborhood, where the city was originally developed.
- We continue at the cutting-edge **Taglit Innovation Center** for a glimpse into Israel's advances in the high-tech fields of science, medicine, security and space in the interactive exhibition, followed by a meeting with one of Israel's up and coming entrepreneurs.
- This afternoon, we stroll through the **Florentin** neighborhood to see the artistic graffiti painted on the walls and buildings and learn how it is an important form of expression in the community.



- We experience the multi-ethnic weave of Tel Aviv as a chef leads us through the **Levinsky Market**, for a sensual immersion, engaging with the vibrant colors, smells and flavors that will be found in this bustling marketplace. We wander through the pyramids of spices, bright-colored exotic vegetables, nuts, olives, and delicious halva creations. Our chef will introduce us to the most characteristic ingredients of the local cuisine and to the Israeli food habits, while we prepare **dinner** together with our purchases.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 4: Wednesday, December 9, 2020: DIGGING INTO ISRAEL

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We begin our day at **Hadassah's Meir Shfeya Youth Village**, where we interact with the kids and staff and visit the village, including their working farm and winery.
- We continue to **Beit Guvrin** and participate in a hands-on archaeological dig, allowing us the opportunity to unearth remnants from Israel's ancient past.
- We continue to a nearby **Bedouin village** and meet with a local Bedouin woman to learn about female empowerment in their community while enjoying traditional **home hospitality**.
- We travel to **Mitzpe Ramon** to check into our resort and refresh before **Chanukah candle lighting and dinner** together this evening.



Overnight in Mitzpe Ramon

Day 5: Thursday, December 10, 2020: DESERT ADVENTURES

- We arise early and set out on a **sunrise jeep tour** into the **Ramon Crater**, watching as it bathes majestically in the first light of day.
- We return to our resort for breakfast.
- After breakfast, we stop at the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitor's Center** to learn about the area and former resident and astronaut, Ilan Ramon.
- This afternoon, we enjoy trying out **sand surfing** in the desert.
- We return to our resort for a relaxing evening, including lighting the **Chanukah candles** and enjoying **dinner** together.

Overnight in Mitzpe Ramon



Day 6: Friday, December 11, 2020: SOUTHERN EXPLORATION

- Breakfast and check out of our resort.
- Today, we travel to **Sde Boker** to view David Ben Gurion's gravesite and original hut.
- Our next stop is near Eshkol at the workshop of artist **Yaron Bob**. Struck by the terror of shell attacks, Yaron decided to transform something horrible into something beautiful, and so began his artwork known as "**Rockets to Roses**".
- This afternoon, we visit 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 from the self-picking farm and encounter flying strawberries, tiny orange orchards, racing pigeons and herbal gardens.
- We continue to the settlement of **Netiv HaAsara** located on the Gaza border, to see the **Peace Wall** and meet with local residents to better understand their experiences living here.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem**, stopping atop **Mt. Scopus** to say the "Shehecheyanu" as we look out over the **City of Gold** for the first time together.
- We check into our hotel and refresh.
- As the sun sets, we join together to light the **Chanukah candles** and welcome **Shabbat** at the **Kotel** with the people of Jerusalem, followed by **Shabbat dinner** at our hotel.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7: Saturday, December 12, 2020: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Free morning to attend Shabbat services or relax.
- This afternoon, we set out on a walking tour of **Rehavia and Talbiya**, upscale garden neighborhoods built in the 1920s-1930s.
- We return to our hotel for **Havdalah** and **Chanukah candle lighting**.
- This evening, we enjoy dinner on our own, followed by a **painting workshop**.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 8: Sunday, December 13, 2020: DISCOVERING JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit **Ein Kerem Hadassah Hospital** for a tour of the **Sarah Wetsman Davidson 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. We also visit the synagogue featuring the famed **Chagall windows**.
- Next, we visit **Emek Tzurim**, where we sift through the Temple Mount rubble. New and important finds are made here every day.
- We enter the **Old City** for a tour of the **Western Wall tunnels**, where we discover the archaeological wonders that once remained untouched for centuries.

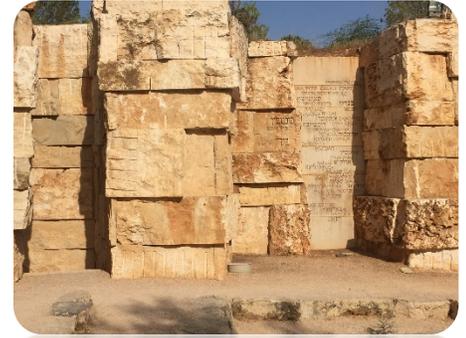


- We continue with a walking tour through the **Jewish quarter**, including time to shop in the **Cardo market**.
- From below the streets to above the rooftops, we **walk the ramparts**, providing us a birds-eye view into the different quarters.
- Later this afternoon, we enjoy a tour of several of Tel Aviv's **art galleries**.
- We return to our hotel for **Chanukah candle lighting** and a chance to refresh.
- Tonight, we visit the lively **Machane Yehuda** market for dinner and nightlife on our own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 9: Monday, December 14, 2020: THE YOUTH OF ISRAEL

- 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**.
- Free time for shopping and relaxing.
- This evening, we check out of our hotel and join together for a festive **farewell dinner** by "**Women Cook**" who come from different culinary traditions; Moroccan, Tunisian, Ethiopian and many more. This initiative was created to empower women and give them an opportunity to be economically independent and preserve their rich cultural traditions. We will also have time for reminiscing about all that we have experienced together on this journey.
- We transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flights back to the United States.



Day 10: Tuesday, December 15, 2020: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!

**itinerary subject to change*

