

# **Family Bnei Mitzvah Tour** December 21–29, 2021



# Remember the family. Come home for a visit.



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# **TUESDAY 12.21 – Arrival/Haifa**

**▼ TRANSFER FROM BEN GURION AIRPORT TO HOTEL** 

For those arriving on start date

- OPENING DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- OVERNIGHT: Nes Amim Hotel, Moshav Nes Amim

# **WEDNESDAY 12.22 – Akko**

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- **AKKO**

Steeped in medieval history, the former crusader city of Akko is now home to a brilliantly coexistent population of Jews, Christians and Muslims

WESTERN GALILEE NOW

Meet with Michal Shiloah, CEO of Western Galilee Now (WGN), a consortium of artisanal businesses, local entrepreneurs, and tourism operators, who will discuss how the center serves as one of many JNF initiatives that aim to attract and retain 300,000 new residents in the thriving region.

- LUNCH IN THE AREA
- KFAR MASARYK

An authentic Kibbutz experience in the Western Galilee with local Israelis.

- DINNER IN THE AREA
- OVERNIGHT: Nes Amim Hotel, Moshav Nes Amim

# **THURSDAY 12.23 – Golan Heights**

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- MITZPE GADOT LOOKOUT
- HULA VALLEY NATURE PRESERVE

An internationally acclaimed bird watching park in the Galilee. JNF, together with the Israel Land Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture, undertook the Hula Restoration Project to restore and develop this magnificent Nature Reserve, which has since become one of the world's preeminent bird sanctuaries.

- LUNCH IN THE AREA
- TZFAT

Known as one of Israel's holiest cities, Tzfat is a melting pot of culture, art, and religion.

- DINNER IN THE AREA
- OVERNIGHT: Nes Amim Hotel, Moshav Nes Amim



# FRIDAY 12.24 - Jerusalem

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT
- ATLIT DETENTION CAMP

Where thousands of Jewish immigrants were imprisoned during the British Mandate upon arriving into Israel.

#### NEOT KEDUMIM

Israel's Biblical Landscape Reserve. Plant a tree in the soil with your own hands at the Harvey Hertz-JNF Ceremonial Tree Planting Center and contribute to JNF's ongoing afforestation efforts in Israel.

- LUNCH IN THE AREA
- SHEHECHEYANU CEREMONY

A blessing celebrating special occasions in thanks for new and special experiences and events.

- KABBALAT SHABBAT AT THE KOTEL (WESTERN WALL)
- SHABBAT DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- OVERNIGHT: GRAND COURT HOTEL, JERUSALEM

# SATURDAY 12.25 - Shabbat

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- DAY AT LEISURE IN HONOR OF SHABBAT
- MORNING SHABBAT SERVICES OFFERED AT HOTEL
- OPTIONAL WALKING TOUR OF JERUSALEM NEIGHBORHOODS
- ISRAEL MUSEUM ON OWN
- LUNCH, DINNER, AND EVENING ON OWN
- **OVERNIGHT:** Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem



# **SUNDAY 12.26 – JERUSALEM**

## BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

#### **YAD VASHEM**

A sprawling complex of various exhibits, archives, monuments, and memorials which tell the story of the Holocaust from a unique, first-hand perspective through the eyes of the survivors.

# MAHANE YEHUDA MARKET FOR LUNCH ON OWN

Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's "shuk" (Hebrew for "market"). Taste delicious cheeses, pastries, spices and more.

#### OLD CITY WALKING TOUR

Embark on a comprehensive walking tour including the historic Jewish & Christian Quarters; the Western Wall (known as the Kotel), and other fascinating sites. Enjoy free time to walk around and shop on own.

#### WESTERN WALL TUNNEL TOUR

Tour the part of the Western Wall hidden from view by walking through ancient subterranean spaces with exquisite archeological findings.

## DINNER AT RESTAURANT IN JERUSALEM

**OVERNIGHT:** Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem

# MONDAY 12.27 - Masada/Dead Sea

# EARLY DEPARTURE

#### BREAKFAST ON BUS

## MASADA FOR BNEI MITZVAH CEREMONY

The mountain fortress built by King Herod where religious zealots made their final stand against the Romans. Participate in JNF's Torah Scroll Initiative, Be Inscribed. Have your own honorary letter written into a Torah by a Jewish Sofer (scribe), who spends his days in the ancient, glass enclosed synagogue atop Masada.

#### CAMEL EXPERIENCE AND LUNCH

Enjoy camel rides and an authentic Bedouin lunch.

#### DEAD SEA

Float in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth.

## DINNER AT HOTEL IN JERUSALEM

**OVERNIGHT:** Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem





# **TUESDAY 12.28 - Tel Aviv**

## BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

## AMMUNITION HILL

Site of the pivotal battle of the Six-Day War that led to the reunification of Jerusalem.

#### AYALON INSTITUTE

A clandestine bullet factory established by the Haganah in 1945. As the largest bullet factory during that time, it produced 2.25 million bullets from 1946-1948, in complete secrecy.

# NACHALAT BINYAMIN MARKET

A vibrant outdoor market with various vendors selling original, handmade items of art, ceramics, jewelry, and more.

#### WALKING TOUR OF JAFFA

One of the world's oldest seaports now home to a multiethnic community of Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

## DINNER AT RESTAURANT IN TEL AVIV

**OVERNIGHT:** Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

# WEDNESDAY 12.29 - Tel Aviv/Departure

## BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

## BEIT GUVRIN NATIONAL PARK AND CAVES

A spectacular archeological phenomenon that bears witness to the region's tapestry of cultures and evolution of more than 2,000 years.

## SDEROT INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

A signature project that has provided a much-needed sense of normalcy for residents living in the hard-hit town of Sderot, located less than one mile from Gaza.

## LUNCH IN THE AREA

#### BE'ER SHEVA RIVER PARK

The centerpiece of JNF's efforts to create a renaissance for the city. See how this urban renewal project has served as an anchor of tourism and recreation.

## FAREWELL DINNER

#### BUS TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT FOR RETURN FLIGHTS



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