

Itinerary Israel @ 75 April 23-30, 2023



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Sunday, April 23 - Arrivals/Jerusalem

- WELCOME TO ISRAEL!
- INDIVIDUAL ARRIVALS AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL
- OPENING DINNER AT NEFESH B'NEFESH

The stunning new Nefesh B'Nefesh Campus in Jerusalem located on Israel's National Mall and directly across from the Supreme Court, the Foreign Ministry, the Knesset, and the planned new Prime Minister's Residence. The Campus will place Aliyah at the forefront of the national agenda, has offices for employment services, and offers cultural experiences. Enjoy an amazing group dinner here to kick off the start of a unique and unforgettable week.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel in Jerusalem

Monday, April 24 – Jerusalem / Erev Yom Hazikaron

- 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 using original artifacts, testimonies, and personal possessions of victims and survivors.

- TRACK 1
 - MACHANE YEHUDA TOUR

Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's "shuk" (Hebrew for "market"). Wander around and taste from the many local vendors selling delicious cheeses, pastries, spices, and more.

- TRACK 2
 - OLD CITY WALKING TOUR

Embark on a comprehensive walking tour including the historic Jewish & Christian Quarters, the Kotel (also known as the Western Wall), where Jews from around the world gather for prayer and silent contemplation, and other fascinating sites.

- EARLY DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE START OF YOM HAZIKARON (ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL

DAY) AT AMMUNITION HILL

Attend a moving and meaningful ceremony in memory of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks in Israel. Listen to the country wide siren, signaling the start of Yom Hazikaron at Ammunition Hill, the site of the pivotal battle of the Six-Day War that led to the reunification of Jerusalem.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel in Jerusalem



Tuesday, April 25 – Jerusalem/Yom Hazikaron

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

YOM HAZIKARON MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join thousands of others, as the country comes together to mourn the loss of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks. The entire country stops their normal activities including work and school to devote the day to honor those we have lost.

NEOT KEDUMIM TREE PLANTING

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-USA's ongoing afforestation efforts.

▶ BBQ DINNER TO COMMENCE THE YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATIONS (ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY)

Witness the unique shift the country makes as Yom Hazikaron ends and Yom Ha'atzmaut begins. Celebrate Israel's 75th birthday like a true Israeli with a fun and festive BBQ dinner.

- RETURN TO JERUSALEM
- **OVERNIGHT:** Hotel in Jerusalem

Wednesday, April 26 - Yom Ha'atzmaut

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- BE'ER SHEVA RIVER PARK

The centerpiece of JNF-USA's efforts to create a renaissance for the city. Hear how this urban renewal project has served as an anchor of tourism and recreation. See the Pipes Bridge, the 12,000 seat amphitheater, and the site of the new World Zionist Village Campus.

CELEBRATORY CONCERT IN BE'ER SHEVA FOR YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Continue the birthday celebrations with an exclusive concert in Be'er Sheva!

- DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- **OVERNIGHT:** Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker



Thursday, April 27 - Negev/Arava or Gaza Envelope

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

TRACK 1

ARAVA

See JNF-USA's work in this area and visit the Arava International Center for Agriculture Training which provides professional agricultural training to over 1,200 students annually from 16 countries in Africa and Asia.

TRACK 2

GAZA ENVELOPE

Visit this region and learn about how JNF-USA helps improve the lives of those that live in the area that directly surrounds Gaza and how they are impacted by it

DINNER AT THE HOTEL

OVERNIGHT: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

Friday, April 28 – Central Negev

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

TRACK 1

YERUCHAM

One of six towns established in 1951 in the Northern Negev, located less than half an hour from Be'er Sheva. See the Yerucham Lake Park and learn about how JNF-USA is helping this town flourish.

TRACK 2

MITZPE RAMON

Visit this expansive, capitavting, and multi-cultural community in the most remote area of the Negev Desert. Learn how Jewish National fund is helping turn MItzpe Ramon's isolation and diversity into its greatest strength and opportunity for growth.

TRACK 3

RAMAT HANEGEV

Located in the heart of the desert and covering approximately 22% of the total area of the State of Israel, Ramat HaNegev is home to 15 diverse communities and about 8,000 residents. Learn about the Institutes for Desert Research and the International Agriculture Training Center (one of the world's most advanced renewable energy facility.

SHABBAT DINNER AT THE HOTEL

OVERNIGHT: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker





Saturday, April 29 - Shabbat

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- DAY AT LEISURE IN HONOR OF SHABBAT
- OPTIONAL MASADA/DEAD SEA DAY TOUR

The mountain fortress built by King Herod where religious zealots made their final stand against the romans. Relax and float in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth.

OPTIONAL HIKE WITH GREEN HORIZONS

A Jewish National Fund Partner Organization that works with Israeli youth in grades 5-12 to create a meaningful connection with the land through hikes and camping all designed to promote self-confidence, independence, social responsibility, and an appreciation for Israel's history.

- DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- OVERNIGHT: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

Sunday, April 30 - Center/North

- BREAKFAST AND CHECKOUT
- ADI NEGEV—NAHALAT ERAN

A one-of-a-kind rehabilitative village in Southern Israel that provides high-level medical services and unparalleled care to individuals with severe cognitive and physical disabilities.

- TRACK 1
 - 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.

- TRACK 2
 - MINKOV CITRUS ORCHARD MUSEUM

In 1904 Zalman Minkov who came to Israel during the First Aliyah planted the first orchard in Rehovot. It is now a museum that features a display that reconstructs the packing process in the early days of citrus growing.

FAREWELL DINNER AT AMHSI (ALEXANDER MUSS HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL)

The ultimate college prep study abroad adventure, AMHSI in Hod HaSharon serves as the only non-denominational, pluralistic, accredited academic program in Israel for English-speaking, North American High School students.

BUS TRANSFERS TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR RETURN FLIGHTS



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