**NEW ORLEANS ISRAEL MISSION**

**June 5-11, 2017**

**DAY ONE: MONDAY, JUNE 5**

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| **TRACKS** | **FAMILY**  **Zalman** | **ART, ARCHITECTURE & MUSIC**  **Shai** | **ADVENTURE**  **Issy** | **HI TECH & MEDICAL**  **Yoram** |
| **12:00 pm** | **All: Visit Caesarea +**  **Lunch in Caesarea at Aresto Café (kosher Italian)** | | | |
| **Afternoon Activities / visits** | **2:00 pm**  Continue to the hotel for check in  Relax around the hotel pool or at the beach on the Mediterranean Sea across from the hotel | **2:15 pm**  Special **Archaeological tour of Caesarea** with a focus on both **Ancient Art & Architecture** | **2:15 pm**  **Archaeological tour** | **2:15 pm**  Visit the **Desalination Plant** in Hadera  **OR**  **Hi Tech visit in Tel Aviv**  **This actual site visit is TBD** |
| **4:00 pm** | Proceed to Tel Aviv to check into hotel | | | |
| **5:00 pm** | Check in | | | |
| **6:30 pm** | Festive Opening Dinner | | | |

**OVERNIGHT: DAVID INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, TEL AVIV**

**DAY TWO: TUESDAY, JUNE 6**

**Main dining room**

Breakfast

**8:30 am – Private room**

After breakfast speaker: **Aluf Benn,** editor in chief, Ha’aretz newspaper: **‘Israel Today Briefing’**

**9:30 am**

Depart hotel

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| **Morning activities / visits** | **Neot Kedumim ‘sheep herding activity’** | VIP guided tour of the **Architecturally Award Winning** **New Wing of the** **Tel Aviv Museum of Art –** VIP tour meet with **Amit Nemlich,** the Israeli architect whose company co-designed the museum for a discussion of: **“Architectural Highlights of the Tel Aviv Museum of Art”** | **JAFI-supported Surfing Activity** with “**HaGal Sheli”** *– “Helping disadvantaged teens catch a wave to a better life.”* | Depart Tel Aviv for Kiryat Gat  **World ORT Kadima Mada**  **YOUniversity,** a federation-funded pioneering after-school project for activities in science and technology |
| **12:30 pm** | **12:30 / 1:15 pm** (staggered) **Lunch:**  Guided by **Inbal Baum**, founder of “Delicious Israel” enjoy a guided tour of Levinsky Street Shuk with tastings | | | Lunch in **Intel cafeteria** |
| **Afternoon Activities / visits** | **OPTIONAL**: Visit the  **Stalactite Caves** (near Beit Shemesh)  Leisure time to relax around the hotel pool or on the Tel Aviv beach (across from the hotel) | **Bauhaus Architectural walking tour of Tel Aviv, “The White City”** including Rothschild Blvd culminating at  Habima Theater  Graffiti & Art Gallery Tour of Tel Aviv  with **Shirel Horowitz** | **Segway activity** on the Tel Aviv Promenade from the Port to Jaffa  Tour Jaffa | Visit **Intel, Kiryat Gat**  Meet with **Ilan Wagner** from JAFItogether with **“Onward Israel”** **Science & Technology “Go Tech” Interns** OR  **“Onward Tech Challenge Israel”** |
| **6:30 pm** | **Dinner in Maganda Yemenite restaurant** | | | |

**OVERNIGHT: DAVID INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, TEL AVIV**

**DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

Breakfast

**8:30 am**

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| **Morning activities / visits** | **9:15 am**  Rappelling, rock-climbing at the Shilat Cliff  **11:00 am**  Proceed to Rosh Ha’Ayin  **11:30 am**  Visit **Nofim Elementary School** in Rosh Ha’Ayin | **9:15 am**  Visit **Rimon School of Jazz** | **9:15 am**  **Sailing activity** in the Mediterranean | **9:30 am – Kiryat Ono**  Visit the **National Magen David Adom Medical Dispatching Center** with  **Yonatan Yagodovsky,** Director, MDA International Relations Department and **Dana Nagler**, Director of theDispatching Center |
| **12:00 pm** | **11:00 am**  Proceed to Rosh Ha’Ayin  **11:30 am**  Arrive in Rosh Ha’Ayin | | |
| **12:30 pm** | **Lunch in Rosh Ha’ayin** | | | |
| **2:15 pm** | **ALL: P2G Visit in Rosh Ha’Ayin**  **Conservatory + Hi-Tech Park** | | | |
| **6:00 pm** | **Dinner in Rosh Ha’ayin together with our P2G partners** | | | |

**8:45 pm**

Late return to the hotel

**OVERNIGHT: DAVID INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, TEL AVIV**

**DAY FOUR: THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

**Main dining room**

Breakfast

**9:00 am**

Check out

**9:15 am**

Depart hotel

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| **Morning activities / visits** | **10:00 am**  **Weizmann Institute of Science** (Rehovot)  Interactive visit in the **Clore Garden of Science**, a unique, entirely outdoor science museum, the only one of its kind worldwide!  **11:45 am**  Continue to Beer Tuvia  **12:30 pm**  Pizza or Falafel lunch - TBD  **1:10 pm**  Continue to the Ben & Jerry’s Factory Outlet in Beer Tuvia  **1:15 pm**  Visit the **Ben & Jerry’s Factory Outlet** in Beer Tuvia | **9:30 am**  **Maskit** visit: a luxury women’s ready-to-wear brand launched in Israel in 1954 by Ruth Dayan. Maskit was born out of an ideology to create work opportunities for new immigrants in the field of crafts.  **11:00 am**  Continue to Holon  **11:30 am**  VIP tour of the **Design Museum Holon.**  **12:30 pm**  Falafel lunch  **1:15 pm**  Proceed to Kfar Shmuel (near Gezer en route to Jerusalem)  **2:00 pm**  Visit with artist **Michal Rovner** in her country home that is also her Studio | **10:45 am**  **Mountain bike** adventure in the Angels Forest  **12:00 pm**  Continue to Beit Guvrin  **12:30 pm**  **Picnic lunch** in Beit Guvrin National Park  **1:30 pm**  **‘Dig for a Day’ activity at Beit Guvrin:** To really dig deep into the past, head out toward Beit Guvrin, where thousands of underground caves date back to the time of the Phoenicians. Become an Archaeologist for a Day and take part in the ongoing digs at the caves, which served as storerooms, burial crypts and safe havens during the time of the Bar Kochba revolt against the Romans. | **9:15 am**  Visit the Google Campus in Tel Aviv for a briefing about Israel’s remarkable 'Start-Up Nation / Israeli High Tech' story where you will  Meet with **Ed Frank**, CEO of Axis Innovation, who will introduce you to 3 young Tel Aviv Start-Up CEOs of three companies: one in Cyber, one in Smart City or “IOT” - Internet of Things, connected devices such as light bulbs with a sim card that allows people to control home or office lights from their phone, devices for water, etc OR “Fintech” - Financial Tech referring to innovations connected to financial services. |
| **12:00 pm**  **Lunch:** |  |  | **Lunch** in Google Campus with young Israeli Hi Tech Start Upentrepreneurs |
| **3:30 pm**  **Wine Tasting** visit in **Ella Valley Vineyards Winery** en route to Jerusalem |
| **Afternoon Activities / visits** | **2:15 pm**  Proceed to Beit Guvrin  **2:50 pm**  **‘Dig for a Day’ activity at Beit Guvrin:** Become an Archaeologist for a Day  **5:30 pm**  Proceed to Jerusalem  **6:15 pm**  Schecheyanu | **3:00 pm**  Special VIP visit at the **Sha’ar Hagai site of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv bullet train project**  **4:30 pm**  Proceed to Jerusalem  **5:15 pm**  Schecheyanu | **4:00 pm**  Continue to the **Tzuba Winery**  **4:45 pm**  **Adults:** Wine Tasting in **Tzuba Winery** en route to Jerusalem  **Kids**: **Galita**, well known for her chocolate factory in the Galil has opened a new **Chocolate Workshop** on Kibbutz Tzuba  **5:45 pm**  Proceed to Jerusalem  **6:15 pm**  Schecheyanu | **5:00 pm**  Proceed to Jerusalem  **5:45 pm**  Schecheyanu |
| **6:00 / 7:00 pm** | Check into your hotel and Dinner on own in Jerusalem  **Hostesses will provide a list of restaurants** | | | |

**OVERNIGHT: ORIENT ISROTEL EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION HOTEL, JERUSALEM**

**DAY FIVE: FRIDAY, JUNE 9**

**Main dining room**

Breakfast

**8:15 am – Private room**

Panel discussion: TBD

**9:15 am – OPTION AVAILABLE TO PAX ON ALL BUSES (per pre-departure sign up)**

Depart hotel for Yad Vashem

**9:45 am**

Jerusalem, Israel’s capitol, holds the museum that commemorates the disaster before its independence; the holocaust. **Yad Vashem**, Israel’s national Holocaust memorial museum, presents state-of-the-art exhibits and stories from the Shoah. While touring the museum we will hear testimonies from survivors, stories of doctors who aided in the camps, medical problems throughout the war and post holocaust, see original artifacts giving a multi-sensory experience. The complex includes other powerful exhibits such as, the new synagogue, the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles and Yad LaYeled, the chilling memorial to the one and a half million children who perished during the Shoah.

Guided tour of the museum by **Hazy Flint** one of Yad Vashem’s senior docents

**12:30 pm**

Depart Yad Vashem for downtown Jerusalem or back to the hotel

Lunch on own and leisure time in Jerusalem

**9:00 am - PAX ON TRACK BUSES:**

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| **Morning activities / visits** | **9:30 am**  Guided tour of **Kibbutz Tzuba** followed by fun at **Kif Tzuba**  **10:45 am**  **Kids**: **Galita**, well known for her chocolate factory in the Galil has opened a new **Chocolate Workshop** on Kibbutz Tzuba  **Adults: Wine Tasting visit in Tzuba Winery** | **9:30 am – 12:30 pm**  **Special VIP tour of the Israel Museum with Roni Peled**  **Roni** | **9:30 am**  **Visit Ir David with Hezekiah’s Tunnel** | **9:30 am**  **Hadassah Medical Center – New Wing**  Tour with **Professor Avi Rivkind, Head of Shock Trauma Unit** |
| **12:30 pm Lunch:** | **Lunch on own in Mahane Yehuda and Afternoon at Leisure** | | | |
|  | **5:15 pm**  Depart hotel for the Western Wall Plaza in the Old City  **5:45 pm - In the Western Wall Plaza area**  Visit the **Kotel**  **6:30 pm**  Proceed to Mercaz Shimshon in Beit Shmuel  **7:04 pm**  **Candle lighting** in **Mercaz Shimshon in Beit Shmuel**  **7:15 pm - On the Blaustein Hall Patio**  **Kabbalat Shabbat in Mercaz Shimshon** overlooking the Old City Walls | | | |
| **Shabbat Dinner:** | **Festive Shabbat dinner** in **Blaustein Hall** of **Mercaz Shimshon** ; will be joined **by Six Day War Veterans** | | | |

**OVERNIGHT: ORIENT ISROTEL EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION HOTEL, JERUSALEM**

**DAY SIX: SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

**Main dining room**

Breakfast

***VARIOUS SHABBAT ACTIVITIES (BY PRE-DEPARTURE SIGN UP):***

**OPTION 1**

Shabbat morning Synagogue Services with our rabbis and a day of rest

**OPTION 2**

**9:00 am**

Departure for Masada & the Dead Sea

**10:30 am**

Ascend Masada via cable car

Visit **Masada**

**11:45 am**

Descend Masada via cable car

**12:15 pm**

Proceed to the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Hotel, Ein Boqek

**1:00 pm**

Buffet lunch at the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Hotel

**1:45 pm**

**Swim at the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Hotel** on the shores of the Dead Sea.

**3:30 pm**

Return to Jerusalem (arrive approximately 5:00 pm)

**OPTION 3**

**9:00 am**

Depart hotel for a special **Archaeological** visit toHerodium. Herod the Great built Herodium (or Herodion) as both a palace and a fortress.  The Herodium sat on the flattened top of a hill that rises about 400 feet above the surrounding terrain. The roof and upper stories of the Herodium no longer exist; the remains of four towers, however, are still visible. Josephus describes the Herodium as follows, "The fortress...is naturally strong and very suitable for such a structure, raised to a (greater) height by the hand of man and rounded off in the shape of a breast.  At its intervals it has round towers....Within it are costly royal apartments made for security and ornament at the same.  Also, according to Josephus, after Herod died in Jericho, his body was taken to the Herodium and buried there "in a bier of solid gold studded with precious stones". 

Lunch at the hotel

Visit the unique collections and expansive grounds of the **Israel Museum**, the country’s national museum. Linger over the renowned international and Israeli art, the world’s most complete Judaica collections and the charming Billy Rose Sculpture Garden. You can also visit the Shrine of the Book, home to the exceptional archaeological finds of the Dead Sea Scrolls and other rare ancient manuscripts. The dome covers a structure that is two-thirds below the ground, and is reflected in a pool of water that surrounds it. The striking juxtaposition of the white dome and black basalt wall, precise and opposing geometrical shapes, creates a monumental effect and contributes an extraordinary phenomenon in the Israeli landscape. Admire the glory of Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago – in miniature – at the Israel Museum's open-air Second Temple Period model that recreates Jerusalem in 66 CE. In that fateful year, the Great Revolt against the Romans erupted, resulting in the destruction of the city and the Temple. The ancient city was then at its largest. The model thus reflects ancient Jerusalem at its peak, just before all was lost.

**OPTION 4**

**8:30 am**

Depart hotel to Ein Gedi

**10:00 am**

The landscape, climatic conditions and water sources at the **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** have created a unique ecosystem of springs, waterfalls and pools surrounded by lush greenery in a desolate desert setting. We will have the opportunity to hike up to and cool off in the refreshing pools and waterfalls of the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve. The stunning Ein Gedi oasis consists of two separate waterways: Nahal David (David’s Stream), where David took refuge from King Saul; and Nahal Arugot, where remains of a 6th-century synagogue were discovered.

Lunch in the Ein Gedi Kibbutz Guest House

**ATV activity at Mishor Adumim** (east of Ma’ale Adumim)

**4:00 pm**

Return to Jerusalem

**ALL:**

With the end of Shabbat, Jerusalem comes alive, and it’s all yours to explore. Head downtown for a stroll along the shops and cafeיs of the Ben Yehuda and Yoel Solomon pedestrian malls.

Leisure time for shopping and **dinner on own** in downtown Jerusalem

**9:30 pm - OPTIONAL (Extra cost for participants who choose to do these activities)**

After dinner activities:

1. **“Night Spectacular Sound & Light Show”** in the **Tower of David Museum**
2. **Night bike ride beginning in Mishkenot Sha’ananim, Yemin Moshe continuing to the Haas Promenade and down to the City of David & the Jewish Quarter of the Old City**

**OVERNIGHT: ORIENT ISROTEL EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION HOTEL, JERUSALEM**

**DAY SEVEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**Main dining room**

Breakfast

**8:00 am – Adventure Track**

Depart hotel

**9:00 / 9:30 am**

Depart hotel

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| **10:00 am**  **Morning activities / visits** | **9:30 am**  **Eretz Bereshit** with camel rides + Pita baking workshop  **11:30 am**  Continue toThe Jerusalem Biblical Zoo  **12:15 pm**  Visit The **Jerusalem Biblical Zoo** | **9:30 am**  VIP visit at the **Museum on the Seam**, a socio-political contemporary art museum located in Jerusalem  **10:45 am**  Continue to the Israel Museum  **11:15 am**  **VIP tour and visit of ‘Kikar HaMusica’ the new Hebrew Music Museum** | **9:00 am**  **Jeep Tour & rappelling activity in the Judean Desert**  **(near Ein Gedi)** | **10:00 am**  Meet **Yossi Abramowitz**, an American-Israeli human rights activist, educator and entrepreneur, recognized as one of the pioneers of the solar energy industry in both Israel and East Africa. Abramowitz is co-founder of the **Arava Power Company**, Israel’s leading solar developer. Nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize, Abramowitz heads **Energiya Global Capital**, an impact investment platform that advances environmental and humanitarian goals of providing affordable green power to underserved populations as a fundamental human right. |
| **12:45 / 1:15 pm**  **Lunch:** | Pizza / Pasta lunch in a Private room, at  **Caffit café, Botanical Gardens, Jerusalem** | | | At **Energiya Global Capital** |

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| **Afternoon** | Leisure time | Leisure time | Leisure time | Leisure time |
| **6:00 pm** | Check out of hotel & walk to Mishkenot Sha’ananim | | | |
| **6:30 pm** | **Farewell dinner** in the Mt Zion Hotel Courtyard overlooking the Old City with  **an Israeli Folk Dancing instructor** | | | |

**8:30 pm**

Transfer to BG Airport for return flights