

The Temple Nashville

Israel's Food, Wine, and Culture

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Wednesday, August 28, 2019

DEPARTURE

- Depart USA

Overnight: In Flight

Day 1: Thursday, August 29, 2019

BRUCHIM HABAIM - WELCOME! CONNECTION TO THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE

- Arrive at Ben **Gurion International Airport**, with assistance by a Makor Educational Journeys representative.
- Proceed to Jerusalem.
- Stop at the **Goldman Promenade** overlooking the Old City for an opportunity to recite the traditional *Shehecheyanu* blessing upon arrival in Jerusalem, followed by a short introduction to the city, with ice cream, seasonal fruits, and drinks.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Dinner, introduction and orientation to the program at **Anna**, located in Ticho House, a 200-year-old Jerusalem landmark that served as the private home-studio of artist, Anna Ticho, and eye hospital of her ophthalmologist husband, and currently part of the Israel Museum, where Ticho's work, as well as that of contemporary artists, is displayed in the restored building, nestled in a bucolic urban setting.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 2: Friday, August 30, 2019

THE SHABBAT TABLE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for a guided drive through the Talpiot neighborhood to the new **Embassy of the United States**.
- Visit the **Embassy of the United States** in the Arnona neighborhood and meet with a high-ranking government official for a discussion on the role Jerusalem plays in US-Israel relations.
- Continue to the **Agnon House**, home of author laureate Shmuel Yosef (Shai) Agnon, Israel's first Nobel Prize recipient, for a special program on Agnon's work and its significance in today's Israel.



- Conclude the morning with a short **Geopolitical Drive** along Jerusalem's southern boundaries, stopping at two strategic points overlooking **Bethlehem**, followed by lunch on own.
- Afternoon for rest and relaxation.
- Musical **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the **First Station**.
- **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel (private room).

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 3: Shabbat day, August 31, 2019

TASTES OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Shabbat morning for rest and relaxation or attending synagogue services, perhaps at a synagogue with different traditions.
- Visit the **Israel Museum** with a private tour of a special exhibit (*note: need to schedule; museum hadracha department is closed on Shabbat -- e.g. Judaica and Jewish Ethnography; the Dead Sea Scrolls; the Sculpture Garden; Archaeology*).
- Group will be taken somewhere for lunch on own.
- Shabbat afternoon rest (optional guided walking tour in the Old City).
- **Havdallah**.
- Dinner in Machane Yehuda at **Machanyuda** restaurant, followed by an **after-dinner tour** of the urban art on the closed gates and doors of the market shops and a special stop for unique desserts in the market.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 4: Sunday, September 1, 2019

JERUSALEM'S MEASURES OF BEAUTY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Responsibility of Power: Israel as a Jewish State and Regional Power*, with **Tal Becker**, Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute and the acting legal advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- *"Ten measures of beauty descended to the world, nine were taken by Jerusalem"* (Talmud, Kiddushin 49b): Guided **photography tour** of Jerusalem based on photographing people, views and off-the-beaten-path places in the city to ultimately form a collage of experiences and impressions, including lunch on own.
- Special visits to artists' workshops and galleries at the **Hutzot HaYotzer Artists' Colony**, followed by a **Culinary Workshop** at **Eucalyptus Restaurant** with Chef **Moshe Basson**.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 5: Monday, September 2, 2019

Listening to Narratives

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the northern West Bank and **Rawabi**, the new Palestinian city north of Ramallah, for a glimpse at one man's vision of translating the Palestinian hope for statehood into a concrete reality on the ground, including a possible meeting with developer **Bashar al Masri** to discuss the driving vision behind one of the more significant Palestinian responses to a new sense of peoplehood and desire for statehood.
- Depart for Gush Etzion, with a short geopolitical tour along the **Seam Zone Barrier** on the way.
- Lunch and wine tasting at the **Gush Etzion Winery**.
- Visit the new **Shorashim – Roots Dialogue Center**, which is dedicated to bringing Palestinians and Settlers together for dialogue and reconciliation, including meetings with founders **Ali Abu Awwad**, a former Palestinian militant, who served a number of years in Israeli jails, and **Shaul Judelman**, a settler from Bat Ayin.
- Among Jewish blessings, wine is the only liquid for which there is a blessing. Travel to the **Judean Hills**, the “Tuscany of Israel”, to learn about the vinicultural history of the region by visiting a 2000-year-old wine press and wine tasting with unique stories behind the wine: the people, the location, special processes/flavors.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Dinner and evening on own.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 6: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

COASTING ALONG

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.
- Drive along the coast to Zichron Yaakov.
- Visit the **Rothschild Gardens (Ramat HaNadiv)**, botanical gardens around the grave of Baron Edmund de Rothschild in Zichron Yaakov.
- Continue into the heart of Zichron Yaakov for **lunch and wine tasting** at the **Somek Winery**.
- Time for strolling and shopping in Zichron Yaakov.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Free time for rest and relaxation.
- For a grassroots Jewish-Arab cooperation, unlock the secrets of the Arab kitchen in a cooking workshop with **Nof Otmara**, from the Israeli-Arab village of Baka-al Gharbiya and a winner of the Israeli version of “Master Chef,” including dinner.

Overnight: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov



Day 7: Wednesday, September 4, 2019

FEEDING THE SOUL & GETTING INSPIRED

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- A **Partnership2Gether** morning in **Hadera region**, including **lunch**.
- Drive to **Yokne'am** to the **Yokneam Startup Village** and visit high tech businesses and meet with some of Israel's most interesting startup innovators and scientists, who lead the world in life-improving inventions. (<https://www.startupvillageyokneam.org/>)
- Return to the hotel for afternoon **spa time**.
- Dinner at **Oratorio Restaurant** in the hotel.

Overnight: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov

Day 8: Thursday, September 5, 2019

USING YOUR SENSES

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.
- Visit **Bat Shlomo Winery** with **Elie Wurtman**, serial entrepreneur and high tech investor/executive, who is active on several social and ideological initiatives, with an insight into Wurtman's pioneering spirit that led him to pursue the dream of early Zionists and replant the vineyards of one of the first Zionist vineyards.
- Proceed south to Tel Aviv's **Sarona** Market for a tour of the former isolated Christian Templar agricultural settlement and the current heart of Tel Aviv, transformed to become an exclusive commercial park, while preserving the character of the Sarona neighborhood.
- **Lunch on your own** in Sarona.
- Drive to Rishon LeZion and tour the **Agam Art Museum**, an impressively diverse and interactive museum, dedicated to Israeli experimental artist and sculptor Yaacov Agam, whose signature works stem from optical art and kinetic artwork.
- Return to Tel Aviv and check in to the hotel.
- Tour the Visitor's Center of the **Milk & Honey Distillery**, Israel's first whisky distillery and learn about the history and process of distillation, walk through the various stages of spirit-making – from grain to glass – and finish with a guided tasting.
- **Dinner** at a Tel Aviv restaurant.

Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv



Day 9: Friday, September 6, 2019

TEL AVIV ART SIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the **Tel Aviv Museum of Art** for an in-depth exploration of contemporary Israeli art with a senior art professional, focusing on how Israeli art trends have both reflected political realities and created them.
- Visit the **Ilana Goor Museum**, the museum / home of internationally renowned artist, designer and sculptress Ilana Goor, which exposes the building's former function as an early Jewish hostel that was built in the mid-18th century, as well as the exhibition of paintings, sculptures, and furniture of Israeli and foreign artists.
- Lunch on own in Jaffa and rest of the afternoon at leisure.
- **Shabbat dinner** at the home of retired diamond trader and world-renowned Judaica collector, **Bill Gross**, who has spent over 50 years amassing "collections within collections" and assembling together as many types of a particular item as possible, for example spice boxes from one Jewish community.

Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 10: Shabbat day, September 7, 2019

CREATING CULTURAL IDENTITY THROUGH ART& ARCHITECTURE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Tour **Beit Hatfutsot**, the Museum of the Jewish People that conveys the narrative of the Jewish people and the essence of the Jewish culture, faith, purpose and deed while presenting the contribution of world Jewry to humanity.
- Visit the **Chelouche Gallery for Contemporary Art**, located in the beautiful historic "Twin House" and the home for both emerging and established Israeli artists alongside international artists.
- Light lunch on own at the Chelouche Gallery bookstore-café, Tola'at Sfarim (Bookworm).
- Stroll down **Rothschild Blvd**, a quasi "open air Bauhaus museum", lined with many buildings designed by 1930's European immigrant architects and influenced by the work of the architectural "International Style".
- Afternoon at leisure.
- Farewell Dinner at **HaSalon**, the flagship restaurant of celebrity chef, **Eyal Shani**, who has helped to shape Israel's culinary scene.
- Proceed to **Ben Gurion International Airport**.

Overnight: Flight to US

Sunday, September 8, 2019

ARRIVE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES

