



Israel: A Women's Perspective
A Journey for Jewish Women Highlighting Heroines Past & Present
Led by Kayla Ship
July 15-25, 2019

Itinerary is Subject to Changes

Monday, July 15 **BRUCHOT HABA'AOT-WELCOME TO ISRAEL**

- Check-in at hotel from 3pm.
- 6:00pm Rendezvous at the hotel for Program Orientation and Introductions with Tour Educator, Kayla Ship
- Opening Program in Old Jaffa, entry point for pilgrims and *olim* for centuries.
- Welcome Dinner at Local Restaurant

Overnight: *Carlton, Tel Aviv*

Tuesday, July 16 **COSMOPOLITAN TEL AVIV**

- Relive the exciting and momentous period of the Independence War by hearing the personal story of Tzippy Porath, a New York native who fought in the Haganah before making *aliyah*.
- Study session with one of Israel's finest teachers, Dr. Rachel Korazim. "When Longing Meets Reality"-using Hebrew poetry and songs, she'll trace the longing for Eretz Yisrael from the early years of Zionism to the present.
- Lunch break (on own)
- Explore the weekly arts & crafts fair of Nahalat Binyamin
- Program with Arous El Bahar, which works to empower Arab women in Jaffa
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: *Carlton, Tel Aviv*

Wednesday, July 17 **A VOICE CALLS OUT IN THE DESERT**

- Meeting with Shirin Har-Natufi or Mariam Abu-Rugayeg, Arab women who are pushing the envelope in their respective communities to empower women. Shirin is the inspiring principal of an Arab high school in Lod. Mariam is the founder of "Desert Daughter", a line of cosmetics and lotions based on Bedouin healing remedies from nature.

- Enjoy a home hospitality North African lunch in the home of one of the “Culinary Queens of Yerucham”. Hear our host’s personal story of how her family arrived in the development town of Yerucham in the 1950s.
- Continue to Ein Bokek, located on the shores of the Dead Sea.
- Check-in and time to float in the Dead Sea and enjoy the hotel’s spa and pool. (Treatments may be ordered in advanced for a fee).
- Dinner at hotel

Overnight: *Isrotel, Dead Sea*

Thursday, July 18 *LOWEST POINT ON EARTH*

- Morning at leisure to enjoy the Dead Sea and spa.
- *Optional morning excursion to Masada. Ascend Herod’s mountain fortress by cable car to explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. Descend by cable car. Return to hotel to pick up the rest of the group.*
- 11:00 Check-out and depart.
- Lunch at Kibbutz Kalya
- En route to Jerusalem, meet Ethiopian women who tell their personal stories of walking through the desert to Sudan to wait for months in refugee camps before being airlifted to Israel by the Mossad.
- Check-in at hotel.
- Time to freshen up.
- Group Dinner at local restaurant with female Israeli Rabbis who will share their experiences of being Spiritual Leaders in Eretz Yisrael.

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Friday, July 19 *THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!*

- Morning Speaker from “Women of the Wall”.
- Visit the City of David, where Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago. Text study on the story of David and Batsheva and its lessons for Jewish Political Morality and Teshuvah.
- Ascend to the Jewish Quarter for lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Cardo.
- Challah-baking workshop
- Time to prepare for Shabbat.
- We’ll enjoy our own Kabbalat Shabbat service at the Ezrat Yisrael (egalitarian Kotel) prayer space with a guest Chazzanit (song-leader). Then we’ll visit the Kotel Plaza as Jews and visitors from around the world welcome the Sabbath.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Shabbat, July 20 *SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM*

- Shabbat morning services at local synagogues or enjoy a morning at leisure.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore Jerusalem.
- (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5).

- We rendezvous in the late afternoon to meet with representatives of the “Women Waging Peace” organization, which is seeking to change the dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Group Havdalah
- Enjoy the Tower of David's "Night Spectacular" sound & light show projected on the walls of the museum.
- Dinner (on own) at Mamilla.

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Sunday, July 21 **A JEWISH DEMOCRATIC STATE (?)**

- Morning speaker from IRAC the Israel Religious Action Center, the leading civil and human rights organization addressing issues of religion and state in Israel.
- Meeting with Judge Sharon Lari-Bavli of the Jerusalem Magistrates Court who ruled on the Women of the Wall case.
- Enjoy lunch at Café Shalva an inclusive coffee shop at the Shalva National Center which provides programs and services for those with disabilities and their families.
- “The Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) World” from the perspective of Rochi Ibenboim, a Hassidic woman who founded an organization to prepare other women to enter the workplace.
- Return to hotel for break.
- “Facets of Israeli Society” with Helen Gottstein.
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Monday, July 22 **ISRAELI HEROINES**

- Visit the Mt. Herzl Cemetery, including the graves of former Prime Minister Golda Meir, and fallen IDF hero, Hannah Senesh.
- Visit the beautiful Chagall Windows at the Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem. Tour with Barbara Goldstein, Deputy Executive Director of Hadassah's office in Israel.
- Lunch break (on own)
- Meeting with female Member of Knesset.
- “Shuk & Cook” program in Machaneh Yehuda. Tour the market with a local chef to buy ingredients that you will then cook together for dinner.

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Tuesday, July 23 **PIONEERING WOMEN**

- Depart Jerusalem for the Galilee.
- At the Kinneret Courtyard, learn about the many pioneering women of the Second Aliyah, who helped realize the Zionist Dream.
- Lunch break (on own) in Tiberias
- Learn more about the Sephardi Jewish heroine, Dona Gratzia, a businesswomen and philanthropist from the 16th century.
- Ascend the Golan Heights.
- Outlook over Syria from Mt. Bental. Briefing on the fateful battles of 1967 and 1973 and the current security situation in Syria.
- Continue to hotel for check-in and dinner.

Overnight: Hagosherim Kibbutz Hotel

Wednesday, July 24 MYSTICS AND MOUNTAINS

- Begin the day in the mystical city of Zefat. Explore the synagogues of the mystics and trace the development of Zefat as a center for Kabbalah to the expulsion from Spain.
- Meet artist and glassblower, Sheva Chaya.
- Shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and artist colony.
- Enjoy lunch and wine-tasting at the Adir Winery.
- Return to hotel for a break before dinner.
- Evening: In-depth security briefing on Israel's Northern Border, including Hizbullah and Syria, by Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, former IDF intelligence officer.

Overnight: Hagosherim Kibbutz Hotel

Thursday, July 25 WESTERN GALILEE

- Morning at leisure to enjoy the pool or spa facilities.
- 11:00am Check-out and depart.
- Lunch break (on own) en route.
- Visit Kibbutz Sdot Yam. Learn about Hannah Senesh, who made aliyah as a teen and volunteered during World War II to paratroop behind enemy lines to save Hungarian Jews but was captured and killed.
- Stroll through the Ein Hod artist colony.
- Summary and conclusion session
- Farewell Dinner
- Transfer to airport for departing flights

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