

### **Friday, 9 September, 2022**

- Arrival in Israel
- Our mission will begin with a special visit to the Kotel in the evening and view Kabbalat Shabbat, the Jewish ritual of welcoming the Sabbath with a recitation of special Friday evening prayers.
  - These prayers have been recited by Jews around the world for centuries, and consist of silent prayers, singing, and spontaneous dancing.
  - A meeting point for Jews of diverse backgrounds, Friday night at the Western Wall also provides a unique opportunity to observe the traditions and attire of different Jewish groups, as well as listen to their different melodies.
- We will then go to the King David for our opening Shabbat dinner.
- Overnight: King David hotel, Jerusalem



### **Saturday, 10 September, 2022**

- Special walking tour of Talbiya, a Jerusalem neighborhood that is a microcosm of the Middle East.
  - The tour will be led by a historian who grew up in the neighborhood and he will tell the stories of the houses and the people who lived in them and through

these stories we will learn the story of the beginning of the State of Israel and the history of Jerusalem over the last century.

- We will come together for Havdalah followed by a walk to Ben Yehudah. The pedestrian mall.
- Overnight: King David hotel, Jerusalem



### **Sunday, 11 September, 2022**

- In the morning we will depart the hotel and go to the Old City where we will have a special visit to the Tunnels under the Western Wall, an underground tunnel exposing the Western Wall in its full length.
  - What visitors see of the Western Wall today is only a small part of what existed during the Second Temple Period. Archeologists have uncovered layers of the wall underground through years of excavation. In this tour you will visit some of the oldest parts of the wall, and the most exciting part is where you can see the largest stone which was discovered in the wall. This stone, 13.6 meters long, 4.5 meters wide and 3.5 meters high, weighs 570 tons.
- We will then continue to walk through the streets and alleyways of the Jewish Quarter and visit the Cardo the ancient main road of the city dating back to Byzantine times which has been beautifully excavated and restored.
- After lunch we will head out to the National Memorial Hall for Israel's Fallen dedicated to the soldiers who gave their lives establishing and defending the State of Israel
- Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: King David hotel, Jerusalem



### **Monday, 12 September, 2022**

- In the morning we will check out of hotel and depart to the north
- On our way to the north we will visit our first IDF base.
- Our next stop is Safed, located in the Upper Galilee Safed is known for being the “City of Mystics” and one of Judaism's Four Holy Cities. Safed is also the city of Kabbalah and you can find many small artisan shops and galleries along its beautiful 16th century cobbled streets
- From Safed we will drive to Kibbutz Lavi and check in to our hotel
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi hotel



### **Tuesday, 13 September, 2022**

- The best way to experience the beautiful mountainous landscape of the Golan Heights is via off road jeep tour. We will board our jeeps and head out on dirt roads to view the nature and wildlife of the area.

- We will learn about this region which borders Syria as well as Lebanon and plays an important strategic role in Israel's defense.
- Our jeep tour will end at the peak of Mount Bental, a dormant volcano overlooking a panoramic view of Israel, Syria and Hermon Mountain. On the top of the mountain we will walk through the trenches and tunnels of an old IDF bunker and learn about the Yom Kippur war.
- We will then continue to visit our second IDF base.
- We will then head out to one of the local wineries in the Golan Heights and get a taste of the Israeli wine industry with a visit to a family owned boutique winery. Here we will enjoy a tour of the winery and of course have a guided tasting of several wines.
- After the winery visit we will head out to the hotel where we will have dinner.
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi hotel



### **Wednesday, 14 September, 2022**

- In the morning we will check out of the hotel and drive through the Galilee to our third and final IDF base visit.
- We will then make our way to Tel Aviv for a special Flight Simulator experience. In a state of the art facility we will learn the basics of piloting a fighter jet and go on a mission as a full squadron.
- Evening tour of Carmel Market with dinner at a Market restaurant
- Overnight: Royal Beach hotel, Tel Aviv



### **Thursday, 15 September, 2022**

- This morning we will learn about the economic miracle of Israel termed “Start-up Nation”. We will learn why Israel’s Hi-Tech industry is the locomotive of Israel’s economy and the special relationship between the IDF and this industry.
- Our day will continue with a visit to Jaffa, one of the oldest port cities on the Mediterranean coast dating back to the 15th century BC.
  - Known for its narrow cobbled streets and alleyways, Jaffa is a great place to just walk around both in the daytime and nighttime and take in the smells, sounds and atmosphere. The Jaffa Flea Market is truly one of a kind with its treasure trove of antiques, handmade and secondhand items as well as restaurants bars and street food.
- In the evening we will have a special closing dinner
- Overnight: Royal Beach, Tel Aviv

