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FIDF National Mission to Israel Going Behind the Lines

■ NOVEMBER 10-17, 2023

■ Enter a truly immersive experience with an exclusive insider's view into the lives of IDF soldiers. Experience exhilaration and pride as you spend meaningful time with the courageous young men and women who protect the Jewish homeland.

Friday, November 10



Arrive in Israel!

Optional VIP assistance at the airport and transfer to Jerusalem for individuals upon request.

- Enjoy Shabbat dinner festivities at the hotel!

Overnight Stay:

The David Citadel, Jerusalem

Saturday, November 11

Delight in Shabbat walking tours exploring Jerusalem. Optional Tracks:

- **If Walls Could Speak** visit Yemin Moshe and Mahane Israel and hear the stories of the brave men and women that started a revolution by settling in the first houses located outside the Old City Walls.
- **Discover the Old City of Jerusalem** – immerse yourself in the stories, traditions, and legends behind the stones in the ancient city with a historical, cultural, and archaeological tour. The tour includes a walk through the Jewish Quarter including the uncovered Roman Cardo – the marketplace from the Roman era and the Western Wall, where the stones of the Second Temple are exposed.
- **Walk along** the route of the Ottoman Railway in Mesilla Park – a lively urban park that connects different neighborhoods of Jerusalem.

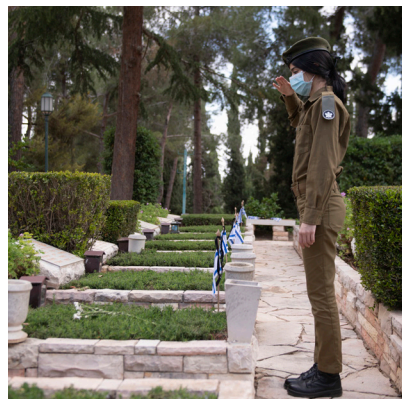


- **Experience visits to different sites** of the Christian and Muslim Quarters, including the eminent Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the exquisite Arab Bassar, where you will take in Middle Eastern life with all its rich colors, flavors, and aromas.
- **View the Old City** from above and get a taste of all four quarters as you walk along the Old City ramparts.

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Sunday, November 12



- **Travel to Mount Herzl** and the IDF Memorial Hall, Israel's National Cemetery, for a deeply meaningful and unforgettable ceremony.

- **Visit the Magav Unit** in Jerusalem, the Israeli Border Police.
- **A private meeting with Isaac Herzog**, President of the State of Israel, at the Official Residence.
- **Experience an evening dinner** at a local Jerusalem restaurant.

Overnight Stay:

The David Citadel, Jerusalem

Monday, November 13

- **Embark on a morning journey** to the IDF Southern Command's strategic border where we will meet with Brigadier General Avi Rosenfeld, the esteemed leader of the Gaza Brigade.
- **The Sky's the Limit** ... marvel in an afternoon visit to an Israeli Air Force base in the South (Hatzerim, Ramon or Nevatim). Meet courageous IDF fighter pilots.
- **Savor an exquisite dinner** at the hotel followed by a festive celebration.

Overnight Stay:
Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

Tuesday, November 14

- **Learn from a panel discussion** with Tal Ohana, Mayor of Yerucham and a senior officer of the IDF responsible for the relocation and development of the IDF moving to the Negev, moderated by FIDF CEO, Steve Weil.
- **Visit the Presidential Library** in Sde Boker, a joint venture of Ben-Gurion University and Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute, where hundreds of thousands of documents, diaries and protocols of Israel's first prime minister have been collected, and shed new light on the state's first days.
- **IDF in Action:** Visit one of the IDF's southern training bases: Shizafon (Armored Corps), Shivta (Artillery Corps), or Bislach (Infantry Brigade).
- **Meet the next generation of IDF commanders** at Bahad 1, IDF Officers Training Center, and enjoy lunch together.



- **When Gastronomy and Stunning Views of the Negev Meet:** enjoy a catered bespoke sunset dinner prepared by renowned Chef Iris Fulton with the best local boutique wine and a wide selection of home-made dishes incorporating fresh, local delicacies.

Overnight Stay:
Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

Wednesday, November 15



Overnight Stay:
Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

- **Travel to the IDF Campus** in the Negev and visit the Education and Heritage Centers for extraordinary insights into how the IDF is building out the region.

"It is in the Negev that the creativity and pioneer vigor of Israel shall be tested." - David Ben Gurion

- **Visit to Ashkelon** to see FIDF's Spirit Program - a program designed to strengthen a unit's cohesion, and provide time for rejuvenation.
- Attend a **celebratory FIDF IMPACT!** event.



Thursday, November 16

- **Attend a personal briefing** by Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General, Herzi Halevi at the IDF Headquarter (HaKirya).
- **Enjoy a curated tour and lunch event at the ANU Museum rooftop** including a meeting with wounded soldiers and/or bereaved families.
- *ANU is the largest Jewish Museum in the world that portrays the story of the Jewish people through various generations and up to the present time. The museum highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of Jewish communities in different periods of history.*

Overnight Stay:
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Friday, November 17

- Enjoy Breakfast at your hotel.*
- Prepare for individual check-outs.



Final departure from Israel.

