



2019 Leadership Mission to Israel

February 24 – March 3, 2019

(Subject to Change)

Mission Segment I: February 24 - 28

Sunday February 24 BRUCHIM HABAIM

- Check in-at at the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem from 3:00 PM
- Dinner with guest speaker **MK Avi Dichter: *Why the Nation State Law?***

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Monday February 25 JERUSALEM: CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Briefing with **Ambassador Dore Gold**, President Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, former Director of Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations.
- **Visit the new US Embassy in Jerusalem for a briefing with US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.**
- Lunch on your own
- **Head to the Knesset as a ZOA Delegation** led by **ZOA President Mort Klein** for meetings with Knesset members who have worked closely with ZOA on strengthening Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem, including **Minister Yoav Galant, and MKs Amir Ochana, Michael Oren, Sharen Haskel, Yehudah Glick.**
- **Keynote/Opening Dinner** with guest **Knesset Members/Cabinet Minister** (*Possibilities include Ayelet Shaked, Avigdor Lieberman, Naftali Bennet*)

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Tuesday February 26 GUSH ETZION & HEVRON - SECURING JERUSALEM'S SOUTHERN FLANK

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Briefing at Caliber 3, the leading **Counter Terror & Security** Training Academy in Israel
- Meet **Efrat Mayor Oded Revivi: *Are Settlements Really an Obstacle to Peace?***
- Lunch and wine tasting at the award winning **Gush Etzion Winery**
- Join **IDF soldiers** for a behind the scenes briefing and overview of the security situation
- Head to **Hebron** – meet leaders of the **Hebron Jewish community** learn about the challenges facing the residents of the Jewish community of Hebron
- Visit the **Me'arat Hamachpelah**, the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs
- Return to Jerusalem for dinner with **Jerusalem's new Mayor** and members of the **Jerusalem City Council**

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Wednesday February 27 FACING HAMAS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Join the **Yatar Elite Police Volunteer Counter Terror Unit** at the embattled Israeli communities on the border with Hamas controlled Gaza. **See first-hand the damage caused by the terror balloons and kites.**
- Visit **Sederot**, which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza.
- Lunch meeting and briefing with Sederot **Mayor Alon Davidi** and learn about the challenges facing the city and region

- Security briefing with **IDF General Bentzi Gruber** near Israel's borders with Egypt and the Hamas controlled Gaza area.
- Return to Jerusalem for evening and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Thursday February 28 **THE STRUGGLE FOR JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **"Legal Grounds"**. Session with ZOA Israel Office Director **Jeff Daube** for an in depth exploration of Jewish rights throughout the Land of Israel and in Jerusalem
- Join **Ateret Kohanim** for a behind the scenes tour of the Old City of Jerusalem and the struggle to maintain and expand the Jewish presence in what some call the Muslim and Christian Quarters.
- Lunch on your own in the Old City
- Join members of the **Knesset Caucus on Har HaZeitim** and Senior Security Officials for a tour of **Mt. of Olives**. *Learn about the leadership role ZOA plays in the USA and Israel to strengthen Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem*
- Head out with **Regavim** to get beyond the myths and slogans related to land distribution, ownership and use by Bedouin tribes and other Arab groups in the Jerusalem and Maaleh Adumim areas. **We will visit the E-1 area of Maaleh Adumim whose development has been blocked by international pressure.**
- Dinner
- **For those departing:** Continue to Ben Gurion Airport for flights to the USA
- **For those staying for Mission Segment II:** Drop off at the Inbal Hotel

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem (for those staying for Mission Segment II)*

Mission Segment II March 1 - 3

Friday March 1 **STAND WITH IDF SOLDIERS**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- See Jerusalem's northern "seamline" including visits to **Givaat Hatachmoshet** (Ammunition Hill) and **Nebi Samuel**
- Meet **IDF "Lone Soldiers"** who have come to Israel from all over the world to help defend the Jewish State.
- Lunch and shopping time on your own
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- **Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:01 PM**
- Head to the **Kotel** to greet Shabbat with song, dance and prayer
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat March 2 **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy the special atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem by participating in Shabbat services at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues or take time to explore the city on your own
- Session with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, *Former Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel
- **Late afternoon optional walking tour**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, *Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Connect to Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Tel Shiloh**, which served as the home of the mishkan (Tabernacle), and spiritual center of the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago.
- See **Amichai**, a community established by former residents of Amonah.
- Visit and lunch at **Ariel University**
- Visit the **Barkan Industrial Center**. *See co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians in action.*
- Head to a base of the **Border Police** and get a behind the scenes view of how the IDF trains its soldiers in **counter terrorism** to meet the security challenges in Binyamin and the Shomron.
- Dinner with guest speaker: Israel as "Start Up Nation"
- Continue to Ben Gurion Airport for flights to the USA

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- **Listed activities and speakers are subject to availability and confirmation.**
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