



Jewish War Veterans of the USA

32nd Mission to Israel

March 31- April 10, 2019



Join us on our 32nd Mission to Israel! Witness the wonderful achievements of this small Jewish country, America's friend and ally. We visit places other groups do not visit. Get updated briefings. Meet Israelis and their leaders. Enjoy fun and comradeship with fellow veterans. You do not have to be Jewish or a veteran to travel with us, so bring your family and friends!

Sunday, March 31: Overnight transatlantic flights from New York, Dallas, Atlanta, or the city of your choice.

Monday, April 1: Landing at Ben Gurion airport. Meet and assist by aviatours staff. Transfer to your **Tel Aviv** hotel (Herods or similar). Check in.

- We meet for dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday, April 2: After enjoying a buffet Israeli breakfast we drive to visit the **Independence Hall**, where David Ben Gurion announced the Declaration of Independence in 1948. We proceed to meet with **Tzevet** – the IDF veterans organization where we listen to a security brief. After lunch we drive to visit the **Haganah Museum** telling the story of the pre-military organization that defended Israel before the IDF was established. Back to our hotel for rest.

- Dinner on your own. The hotel concierge will assist with restaurants recommendations or ask your guide.



Wednesday, April 3: We depart Tel Aviv towards **Latroun** – Armored Corps museum and memorial site as well as the Jewish Warrior Museum. Continue to the **underground bullet factory** at Givat Hakibbutzim. This illegal factory was hidden under a laundry place during the British Mandate times. From here we proceed to the **Weizman Institute**, one of Israel's pride for scientific innovations that helps humanity and whose scientists received Noble prizes. We reach **Jerusalem** and check into our Leonardo Plaza hotel (or similar).

- We meet for dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, April 4: After our rich breakfast we ascend to **Mount of Olives** to enjoy the magnificent view of Jerusalem. Proceed to **Mt. Zion** to see the **room of the Last Supper** and **King David's Tomb**. We enter the Old City and walk the **Way of the Cross** which ends at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Afternoon visit to **Bethlehem** – birth place of King David and Jesus.

- Dinner on your own.

Friday, April 5: Today we visit **Yad Vashem** – the Holocaust Museum. Nearby is the new **National Memorial Center** (the Arlington of Israel). Proceed to the **Israel Museum** to see the Model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple times. Near by the original Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited. We continue to the **Davidson Center**, an archeological park that tells the story of the southern slopes of Temple Mount. Our last stop just before Shabbat is the **Kotel (Western Wall)**. Return to our hotel for rest.

- We meet for Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner.



Saturday, April 6: We head east towards the Dead Sea and stop at the **Tomb of Patriarch**. Further south we ascend **Masada** with a cable car. This is the palace-fortress built by King Herod. Here hundreds of Jews preferred a group suicide rather than falling into Roman hands. **We take a dip in the Dead Sea**, rich with minerals, nature's gift to your skin. We return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

- Dinner at the hotel.



Sunday, April 7: Depart Jerusalem towards the **Galilee**. Our first stop is **Nazareth** where we visit the **Church of Annunciation**. Continue towards the Sea of Galilee. On the way we stop for a tree planting. You now have a physical share in Israel. After lunch we visit **Kfar Nahum**, the synagogue where Jesus preached. **Tiberias** is next. Between the 2nd and the 10th centuries, Tiberias was the center for the Jews who remained in the Holy Land after the destruction of the second temple and the expulsion by the Romans. We will visit the **house of Donna Gracia** – a unique woman who took part in rebuilding the city. We check into our Kibbutz hotel Lavi.

- Dinner at the hotel.

Monday, April 8: We ascend the **Golan Heights**. Our first stop is at **Mitzpeh Shalom** where we understand the strategic importance of the Golan. Proceed to **Katzrin** to see remains of a Talmudic Jewish town. We continue to **Mount Bental**, previously an IDF bunker overlooking Syria. After a short briefing we return to our kibbutz hotel. After dinner enjoy a talk with a kibbutz member about life in a kibbutz.

- Dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday, April 9: Ascend to **Zfat**, where Kabbalah flourished before it was spread worldwide. This is also a center of local art. Not too far is **Misgav Am**, a kibbutz overlooking Lebanon. Here we get a short briefing about the situation in that front. We then head west towards the Mediterranean Sea. We stop at **Nahariya** to visit its hospital. Wounded Syrian refugees are treated here. After lunch we head south towards **Haifa** where we enjoy the panoramic view of the spectacular **Baha'i Gardens**. We end the day at the Herods Herzeliya hotel where we enjoy a farewell dinner. Those who fly home tonight will be transferred to the airport. Others will spend the night here.



- Dinner at the hotel.

Wednesday, April 10: Airport transfer. Your **flight home** will reach the USA in the afternoon or evening.

Welcome home! You have just returned from a lifetime experience!

Package includes:

- Round trip coach class tickets from JFK or DFW.
- Airport transfers in Israel for main group. Others will be quoted separately.
- Superior 4 star hotels (see program)
- Full Israeli buffet breakfast and dinner daily, except for 3 dinners on your own.
- Daily sightseeing tours in an air-conditioned deluxe bus with the services of a licensed English speaking guide (the wonderful Ronit!).
- All entrance fees to sites, taxes and service fees as per program.
- Helper for people who may need special attention
- Bottles of water on the bus
- Tips of \$14.00 per day, per person, for guide, driver, helper, and hotel restaurant staff.

Not included:

- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are not included in package cost.
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance

Cost: Based on double occupancy. Price includes air and land fare, and airport tax and fuel surcharge as known on June 26, 2018. (Airport taxes subject to increase based on oil prices until ticket is issued).

- Departing **New York with EL AL** - \$4499.00
(You may deduct \$149.00 if paid by check)
- Departing **Dallas Ft. Worth** with Air Canada - \$4250.00
(You may deduct \$265.00 if paid by check)
 - \$3289.00 for land fare only.
(You may deduct \$130.00 if paid by check)
- \$990.00 additional for single room supplement.
- Airline Business Class upgrade upon request. (approx. \$3,000.00; subject to availability when requested)
- Premium Economy Class upgrade upon request. (approx. \$1640.00; subject to availability when requested)

Travel Insurance: \$174.00 per person for Comprehensive Travel Insurance including cancellation fees. We highly recommend that you obtain travel insurance to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to medical reasons, illness, accidents and lost or damaged luggage. Buying insurance with your first deposit may waive pre-existing medical conditions. For more information please check with aviatours at: (800) 950-0747 or (516) 867-2200.

Payment Schedule:

- A \$350.00 deposit is required at time of registration. Purchasing travel insurance at time of registration is strongly recommended.
- 2nd payment of \$500.00 to be paid no later than October 15, 2018.
- Full payment for trip is due to JWV no later than January 31, 2019, to avoid a \$75.00 late fee. *You must pay in full by this date if you would like to take advantage of check payment discount.*
- Passports must be valid at least until October 10, 2019. American citizens do not need a visa to enter Israel.

Baggage: Only 1 piece of luggage of 50 lbs is allowed free of charge. The carry on should not exceed 16 lbs. For further luggage policies check your airline's website.

Cancellations Before Departure Date:

- up to 6 months (Sept. 30, 2018) - \$95.00 fee
- between 180 to 100 days (Sept. 29 - Dec. 23, 2018) - \$475.00 fee
- between 99 to 70 days (Dec. 22, 2018- Jan. 21, 2019) - \$675.00 fee
- between 69 to 11 days (Jan. 20-Mar. 19, 2019) - \$875.00 fee, plus the value of the non-refundable airline ticket
- Between 10 days to day (Mar. 21, 2019) of departure - no refund
- Only written cancellations will be considered.
- Name changes up to 100 days are acceptable for a \$125 charge.
- If you divert from the group, once your airline ticket is issued, it is non-refundable. Seats are limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

For more information about this trip, please contact Christy Turner at JWV Headquarters: (202) 265-6280 x417 or by email at cturner@jwv.org.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Cell _____ Home _____

E-mail: _____

I prefer to share a room with: _____

Military rank if you were in the military: _____

Are you a member of JWV? _____ If so, what Post? _____

Is this your first trip to Israel? _____ First trip with JWV? _____

So that we are able to accommodate your needs, please let us know of physical conditions or disabilities which may require special assistance.

Passport No. _____
Passports must be valid at least until October 10, 2019

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 mm dd yyyy

Date Issued: ____/____/____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____
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Please send your completed registration form along with payment, signed release, and color copy of your passport to:

Jewish War Veterans of the USA
 1811 R Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20009
 Attn: Christy Turner

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Christy Turner at:
 cturner@jwv.org • (202) 265-6280

JWV's 32 nd Annual Mission To Israel			
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	Cost	Qty	Total
Basic Tour departing on EL AL from JFK-NY	\$4499.00		
Basic Tour departing on Air Canada from Dallas Ft. Worth (DFW).	\$4250.00		
Single Supplement	\$990.00		
Land Charge only (trip excluding air fare)	\$3289.00		
Comprehensive Travel Insurance • Covers cancellations due to medical reasons up to \$4500.00. For more information visit: http://www.aviatours.net/Page/20	\$174.00		
Buying insurance with your first deposit may waive pre-existing medical conditions.			
Total Amount Due:			
If you pay by check, you may deduct amount listed from departure point:	From JFK -\$149.00		
Final payment must be made by January 31, 2019, to take advantage of deduction. Discount will be applied to final payment.	from DFW -\$265.00		

Total Amount: _____

- A \$350.00 deposit is required at time of registration.
- 2nd payment of \$500.00 is due October 15, 2018.
- Full payment is due no later than January 31, 2019, to avoid a \$75.00 late fee charge.
- You can still sign up to travel with us after the final payment due date, but be advised that **published price is guaranteed until November 26, 2018**. Call Christy Turner at 202-265-6280 for additional information.

I am paying this amount today: _____

I have enclosed a check Please make check out to Jewish War Veterans

Please charge my credit card for the amount of: \$ _____

Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Card #: _____

EXP: ____/____/____

Cardholder Signature: _____

If you would like to upgrade your airplane seat, please contact Mary Craddock at Aviatours mary@aviatours.net • (800) 950-0747 • (516) 867-2200

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Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Nature of Relationship: _____

Phone: () _____ Work () _____

Cell: () _____ Work Fax () _____

Fax: () _____

E-mail: _____

Mission To Israel Release

We have advised you that certain elements in the Middle East are attempting to stop the drive for peace and understanding through the means of terrorism and acts of wanton violence.

Israel and other forward thinking Nations are actively working together in an effort to create a safe and tranquil environment for tourists. However, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA is unable to guarantee your safety. While in the past we have not encountered any terrorism or acts of violence, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA cannot assume any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any death, injury, illness quarantine, loss, delay or other abnormality which may arise from this activity and tour.

By executing this Release, you and your heirs and parties-at-interest, waive any and all rights you may otherwise have to bring suit against the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, or any of its subsidiary or subordinate organizations or echelons, or any of its officials, employees, servants or agents in any courts wherever situated now and forever.

Participant

Witness
