WESTPORT WOMEN'S ISRAEL MISSION

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Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO ISRAEL!!! TRAVEL TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Friday, March 12 2027

- **Welcome to Israel**!! Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by VIP representatives and escorted through passport control, baggage claim and customs
- Transfer to Tel Aviv
- **Welcome to Tel Aviv**! Overlook and welcoming in **Old Jaffa** as we look into the City of Tel Aviv - introduction to the trip
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Shabbat dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 2 - SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION) — Saturday, March 13 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning option - Visit the local **Masorti Community in Neve Tzedek** for Shacharit Services with Rabbi Arbib
- Lunch on own. Food can be acquired at the lobby bar in the hotel
- Explore the beautiful **Neve Tzedek neighborhood** & encounter the towering personalities who left their mark on the development of the city & the country. Love stories and more!
- Walk along the coast to enjoy the late Shabbat vibe and the **sunset in Tel Aviv**
- Havdallah
- Enjoy a fun cooking workshop in Tel Aviv (dinner included)

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 3 - GAZA ENVELOPE- REMEMBERING AND REBUILDING (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Sunday, March 14 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Depart from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- Introduction to the events of October 7th as we overlook Gaza from **Mitzpe Kobi** in the **City of Sderot**
- Stop at the **Sderot Police Station** where the battle between with Police and the Hamas terrorist. Visit the **memorial** for the victims that were killed on that day
- Lunch at Hummus Shel Techina (included)
- Stop at the special memorial for the female "Tatzpitaniyot" **soldiers from Nachal Oz** that were killed on October 7th
- Visit the site of the **Nova Music Festival** in the Re'im Forest and pay respect to the memory of those who were killed by the Hamas terrorists
- Visit the shelter (Migunit) where **Hersh Goldberg Polin** was kidnapped from
- Visit one of the **Kibbutzim in the south** to hear about rebuilding and rehabilitaion since October 7th
- Return to Tel Aviv for dinner on own

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 4 - TEL AVIV- TRAVEL NORTH- HEROINES OF ISRAEL (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Monday, March 15 2027

- Breakfast meeting with **Miri Eisin**
- Check out and depart
- Visit the state-of-the-art **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** which celebrates the vision of former President Shimon Peres & the incredible "blue-and-white" technological innovations that have changed the world we live in.
  Meet with **Racheli Tedessa Malkai**, an entrepreneur and the founder and chairwoman of the NGO "Empowering Ethiopian Women"
- Travel to **Zichron Yaakov** and Encounter the heroic family who founded the Nili Spy Ring to help the British defeat the Turks at the **Aaronson Museum** in Zichron Yaakov
- Lunch on own in Zichron and free time
- Travel to the Arab Village of **Kfar Kara** and meet with a local **Amana Canan** to hear about her initiative within her community. Followed by a tour of the Village
- Travel to Hotel
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 5 - REBUILDING THE NORTH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Tuesday, March 16 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Visit the **Soccer Field** in the Druze village of **Majdel Shams** where the kids were killed by the Hizbullah
- **Druze Experience** - Meet **Nasiba**, a Druze woman who is breaking through the glass ceiling in her community to raise awareness and share the history of her religion. Enjoy a mouth watering culinary lunch in Nasiba's home in Buq'ata and hear how she became a game changer in the Druze Community (included)
- Meet with local residents at **Kibbutz Misgav Am** on the border with Lebanon & hear about life in the shadow of the Hezbollah
- Travel to **Kiryat Shmona** - Meet with **Simcha Edry** who's volunteer initiation saved the City duirng the bombing by Hizbullah
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Ayala Hotel

DAY 6 - JORDAN VALLEY - TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Wednesday, March 17 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Learn about the pioneers of the 2nd Aliyah and the establishment of the Kibbutz Movement at the **Kinneret Cemetery**. Hear about **Rachel to Poetess**. Time for meditation by the Kinneret
- Stop at the **Midrasha in Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv**. Meet with some of the female students and hear about their army hopes and the future of Israel. **Short Limmud** with one of the amazing teachers
- Lunch at the Kibbutz (included)
- Continue to Jerusalem via the **Jordan Valley**
- **Welcome to Jerusalem**! Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from the **Mt. of Olives**
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY 7 - JERUSALEM OLD AND NEW (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Thursday, March 18 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Speaker: **Gila Rockman** - who initiated the Jerusalem "Hamal" after October 7th and her project she is working ontoday.
- Explore the **Christian Quarter** including the **Via Dolorosa** & **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Lunch in the Jewish Quarter on own and time for shopping
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Visit the impressive and grand new premises of the **National Library of Israel** which hosts the world's largest collections of Hebrew and Judaica books and is the repository of many rare and unique manuscripts, books and artifacts. Request Nani Segal
  OR
  Visit the **Knesset** and meet with one of the new elected female Memebers of Knesset
- Dinner on own
- Watch the **Sound-&-Light Spectacular** screened on the walls of the **Tower of David**. (Show is outdoors. Please dress warmly & ensure to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start.)

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY 8 - TRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES- MARATHON (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Friday, March 19 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JERUSALEM MARATHON**
- Meet with **bereaved mother OR wife** to hear about her personal rehabilitation
- Morning activity with the **Michael Levin Center** - Starting, we will be buying products for the lone soldiers to stock the Base shelves at the shuk buying items at Machane Yehuda Market for the lone soldiers. We will then receive a tour and a short movie about the Center.
- Lunch at **Machane Yehuda Market** on own
- Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery**. Visit one of the new sections and hear stories from Soldiers who were killed since October 7th.
- Prepare for Shabbat- We will host **Tamar El Ram for Shabbat**, Former director of Hadassah Hospital (pending availability) as scholar in residence
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** (location TBD)
- Shabbat dinner at hotel (included)
- Evening session with Tamar El Ram

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY 9 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM- SUMMARY AND DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Saturday, March 20 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning option to go to **one of Jerusalem many synagogues**
- Guided tour of the newly renovated **Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different eras of Jerusalem's fascinating history
- Lunch at the hotel (included)
- Parshat Shavua with Tamar El Ram
- **Walking tour with guide**. Enjoy walking through the beautiful and historic neighborhoods of **Talbiya and German Colony**
- **Summary of the trip** with Riki and the tour guide before the end of the trip
- Musical havdallah with Sarah Lee
- Shuttle Bus to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM**!