

TCS 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)

Sunday, June 07 2026

- **Welcome to Israel!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by our guide, transportation and Israel Maven representative.
- Transfer to Tel Aviv
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**- Special opening program focusing on Women in Judaism.
- Visit what used to be called **Kikar HaHatufim** (Hostage Square) in Tel Aviv & meet with local Israelis to hear about what the square means to them today.
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Opening dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 2 - GAZA ENVELOPE- REMEMBERING AND REBUILDING (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, June 08 2026

- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- Depart from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- Overview 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 took place between with Police and the Hamas terrorist. Visit the **memorial** for the victims that were killed on that day
- Lunch at **Hummus Shel Techina**
- 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
- Enjoy a **BBQ dinner together with soldiers!!** Avi's Unit!
- Return to Tel Aviv

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 3 - TEL AVIV- HEROINES OF TODAY (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, June 09 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel- Speaker- **Miri Eisen** - Israeli society in the aftermath of October 7th
- 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"
- Experience the vibe at the **Nachalat Binyamin arts-&-crafts fair** & open-air **Carmel Market** with its lively vendors & colorful displays of fresh produce. Lunch on own
- Participate in a **Street Art Graffiti Tour** in downtown Tel Aviv focusing on heroines from **October 7th** followed by a graffiti workshop where you get to leave your own mark on the urban landscape.
- Enjoy a **cooking workshop** with **Mevashlim Chavaya** - dinner included

Overnight: Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 4 - WOMEN AMONGST MINORITY COMMUNITIES (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, June 10 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart for the North
- Learn about Sara and the heroic family who founded the Nili Spy Ring to help the British defeat the Turks at the **Aaronson Museum** in Zichron Yaakov. Time on own at the Zichron Promenade
- Enjoy an **authentic Druze Lunch at Noor's restaurant** and hear about her unique story and about the druze community
- 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
- Short hike in the North (time permitting)
- Continue to Kfar Blum
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Pastoral Hotel - Kibbutz Kfar Blum

DAY 5 - REBUILDING THE NORTH- TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, June 11 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- 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 during the bombing by Hezbollah
- Lunch in Kiryat Shmona (included)
- Explore the Golan Heights by **jeep** in an off-road adventure along the Syrian border to understand the conflict with Syria
- **OR**
- Learn about the pioneers of the 2nd Aliyah and the establishment of the Kibbutz Movement at the **Kinneret Cemetery**. Hear about Rachel the Poetess. Time for meditation by the Kinneret
- Travel to Jerusalem via **Jordan Valley**
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!** Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from **Mt Scopus**
- Check into hotel
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - TRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, June 12 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Meet with **bereaved mother** to hear about her personal rehabilitation
- Morning activity with the **Michael Levin Center** - Starting with buying items at Machane Yehuda Market for the lone soldiers. We will then receive a tour and a short movie about the Center.
- Lunch on own in **Machane Yehuda Market**
- 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 as scholar in residence
- Kabbalat Shabbat (location TBD)
- **Shabbat dinner at David Citadel hotel**- Private room with our guest for Shabbat: **Dr. Tamar Elram**, head of the 350-bed Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus since 2017

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, June 13 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Guided tour of the **newly renovated Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different eras of Jerusalem's fascinating history
- Shabbat lunch at hotel (included)
- Walking tour with guide. Enjoy walking through the beautiful and historic neighborhoods of **Talbiya and German Colony**
- **Parshat Shavua with Dr. Tamar Elram**
- Musical Havdalla
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 8 - JERUSALEM OLD AND NEW- DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, June 14 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Speaker: **Gila Rockman**- who initiated the Jerusalem "Hamal" after October 7th and her project she is working on today.
- 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
Visit the **Western Wall** - the Kotel for personal reflection
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter and time for shopping
- Visit the **Supreme Court** for an insider's look at how the justice system works. Understand the tension caused by the Judicial reform. Meet with former Supreme Court Judge Ayala Procaccia (pending confirmation)
OR
- 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
- Late check out from hotel
- Summary of the trip with guide and Riki
- Final dinner at a local restaurant (included)
- Travel to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- **Next year in Jerusalem!**

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