

**WOMEN'S MISSION ITINERARY**  
**8 Days: April 16 - 22, 2017**  
**2 Day Optional Extension: April 23 - 24, 2017**

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

**Day 1: MONDAY - APRIL 16, 2018**

Welcome to Israel!

Begin your journey in Tel Aviv with breakfast on the beach

- walk through Tel Aviv's first neighborhood Neve Tzedek
- Experience Tel Aviv style with fashion icon Galit Reismann
- See Independence Hall, where David Ben Gurion declared Israel's Statehood
- Enjoy a festive dinner celebration at Jaffa Port

*Overnight - Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

**Day 2: TUESDAY – APRIL 17, 2018**

Ashkelon and Erev Yom Ha'Zikaron (Memorial Day)

- Meet Emi Palmor, Director General of the Ministry of Justice, who helped negotiate the release of POW Gilad Shalit.
- Travel to Ashkelon and participate in a special interactive visit to learn how The Associated supports our partnership city's most vulnerable populations.
- Remember the fallen at Latrun for the annual Masa Israel Yom Ha'zikaron Ceremony. At this event, several delegations from Jewish communities around the world join together in mourning Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror.
- Participate in Sharim Bakikar (Singing in the Square) at Rabin Square, Tel Aviv. Join thousands of Israelis at Rabin Square for this annual emotional gathering.

*Overnight - Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

**Day 3: WEDNESDAY – APRIL 18, 2018**

Commemorate Israel's Bravest

- View a private screening of the short film *Seeds of Summer* by Ilana Dayan. This documentary reenacts the last day of the Lebanon War, when, after the ceasefire a tank that was trying to save wounded soldiers took a direct rocket hit, killing all four soldiers during the operation: Uri Grossman, Adam Goren, Benaya Rein and Alex Bonimovitz.
- Meet fiancées of fallen IDF soldiers through the non-profit, *Amuta*, which was established to help fiancées of IDF soldiers who were killed during their service to cope with the terrible tragedy that has befallen them and help them rehabilitate themselves.
- Hear the second siren of Yom Ha'Zikaron at the military cemetery and say a special *yizkor* and *kaddish* prayer for the fallen soldiers, together with their fiancées.
- Begin to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with the residents of Amigour, subsidized housing facilities are supported by the Jewish Agency, an overseas partner of The Associated.
- Enjoy an incredible celebratory dinner event with Israeli Lions of Judah at a private venue in Tel Aviv.

*Overnight - Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

## **Day 4: THURSDAY – APRIL 19, 2018**

CHAG SAMEACH! Join the celebrations as the entire country takes on a festive spirit during Yom Ha'Atzmaut!

- Options in the Desert
  - OPTION#1: Climb Masada from the Roman Ramp
  - OPTION#2: Biking and/or hiking in the Judean desert's deep canyons
- Desert mountaintop ceremony of Hafrashat Challah (separating challah)
- Arrive in Jerusalem, City of Gold
- Dinner on the rooftop at Anna located in the stone structure of the Ticho House museum. This is not just a restaurant but also a social project; it supports at-risk youth by training them up in the kitchen.
- (Optional) Sweet and Warm: Take a late evening stroll through the bakeries of Jerusalem as they prepare bread and pastries for Shabbat tomorrow.

*Overnight - The Orient, Jerusalem*

## **Day 5: FRIDAY – APRIL 20, 2018**

### **Welcome Shabbat**

- Tour Yad Vashem – an alternate tour of this memorial museum will be available for those who have been in recent years.
- Lunch and free time on your own with two options
  - Option #1: Old City Tour and shopping in Cardo
  - Option #2: Machne Yehuda market
- Kabbalat Shabbat: sing and dance as we celebrate the start of Shabbat
- Visit the Kotel and join hundreds of people from all over the world in welcoming Shabbat
- Festive Shabbat Dinner

*Overnight - The Orient, Jerusalem*

## **Day 6: SATURDAY – APRIL 21, 2018**

Shabbat – Day of rest and rejuvenation

- Optional Activities may include:
  - Guided walking "Art Tour" of Machne Yehudah Market
  - Guided Old City walking tour
  - Yemin Moshe tour
  - Spa options – additional fee
- Participate in a beautiful havdalah ceremony, as the sun sets over Jerusalem, and mark the end of Shabbat, and the start of another week.
- Optional Evening Activities on own

*Overnight - The Orient, Jerusalem*

## **Day 6: SUNDAY – APRIL 22, 2018**

Travel North: Borders and Challenges

- Seamline Tour with Colonel Danny Tirza. Explore the question of the territories Israel has held since 1967, one of the major issue on the peace agenda.
- Enjoy wine tasting and lunch at one of the region's excellent wineries.
- Hear from Member of Knesset Michael Oren, former Israeli Ambassador to the US at Aaronson House.
- Tour Elma Arts Complex and Luxury Hotel with the architect, Amnon Rechter. The Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel in Zichron Ya'akov was built to celebrate artistic expression by weaving all art forms into each guest's visit.
- Farewell dinner at the hotel's Oratorio restaurant. Enjoy a sumptuous menu of Mediterranean specialties with ingredients sourced within a few miles of the hotel, and complemented by local wines of the region.

**Drive to the airport for those departing**

### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

*Overnight – Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel*

## **Day 7: Monday – April 23, 2018**

- Enjoy breakfast at leisure
- Travel north to view the famous Bahai Gardens
- Enjoy lunch and an afternoon in Haifa
- Return to the hotel to freshen up and get ready for dinner at one of Zichron Ya'akov's wine bars

*Overnight – Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel*

## **Day 8: Tuesday – April 24, 2018**

- Enjoy breakfast at leisure
- Tour of the hotel's art collection
- Pamper yourself and enjoying spa treatments and the pool (spa treatments not included)
- Travel south to Caesarea and explore the ancient Roman ruins on the Mediterranean coast
- Farewell dinner before departing for the airport