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# Jewish War Veteran's Mission Group

ISRAEL TOUR

June 22nd - July 1st 2026



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Day 2

23 JUNE 2026  
TUESDAY - KINNERET

Day 1

22 JUNE 2026  
MONDAY - ARRIVAL

Our journey begins as we gather on Israeli soil. Throughout the afternoon, individual travelers arrive at **Ben Gurion Airport**, with a separate transfer arranged for those on earlier flights. Early arrivals will visit soldiers in rehab and later arrivals will be picked up to proceed on the mission. By early evening, the full group comes together, departing the airport behind us around 6:00-6:30 PM. As the sun begins its descent, we pause in **Netanya** for our first dinner together—a meal that marks the beginning of our shared adventure around 7:30 PM. The Mediterranean air settles around us as we dine. We continue north along the coastal plain, the lights of Israel's cities flickering in the distance. We arrive in **Haifa** and check into our hotel, resting on the slopes of the city that will greet us in the morning.

After breakfast at our hotel, morning unveils **Haifa** in all its glory. We ascend to the **Haas Promenade**, where the entire city spreads out below us—the gleaming gold dome of the **Shrine of the Báb** nestled within the tiers of the **Baha'i Gardens**. We descend into the gardens themselves, walking a serene path that leads to the quiet sanctuary of the **Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh**, a place of profound peace. Our journey continues to the coast, where—time permitting—we visit the **Atlit Detention Camp**, a silent witness to the struggle of Jewish immigration during the British Mandate. The afternoon brings a vibrant change of pace. We travel into the **Carmel mountains** to a Druze village at **Dalyat el Carmel** or an authentic Druze family experience. Here, we share lunch and lively conversation, welcomed as guests into this unique community. As dusk approaches, we travel to **Tzippori National Park** for a guided tour of ancient ruins and breathtaking mosaics, including the famed "Mona Lisa of the Galilee." We then continue to Tiberias, settling into our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.



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## Day 3

24 JUNE 2026

WEDNESDAY - GALILEE & GOLAN

Breakfast at our hotel prepares us for a day of discovery. We travel first to **Kfar Kama**, a Circassian town nestled in the verdant Lower Galilee. Here, we meet residents who serve in the IDF, hearing firsthand accounts of patriotism and diversity. A short drive brings us to the peaceful slopes of the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where we visit the church and take in the stunning view of the Sea of Galilee below. Our landscape transforms as we ascend into the rugged **Golan Heights**. Standing atop **Mount Bental** or **Tel Saki**, we receive a security briefing that brings the region's complexities into sharp focus. The day softens at a **Golan Heights winery**, where we embark on the Classic Tour. We learn about the unique Golan terroir, the art of wine grape cultivation, and the story of the winery's establishment. In the barrel hall, we hear of the wine production and aging process, then gather to taste three distinctive wines, engaging all five senses as we learn professional tasting techniques. As evening descends, we dine at the famed **Decks Restaurant**, sharing starters of their famous onion loaf, fresh salad, and homemade focaccia with hummus. From the wood-burning grill come sirloin steak, lamb kebab, and spring chicken steak. Depending on availability and timing, we take a serene boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** either before or after dinner, the Kinneret's gentle waves carrying us into the night before we return to our Tiberias hotel.

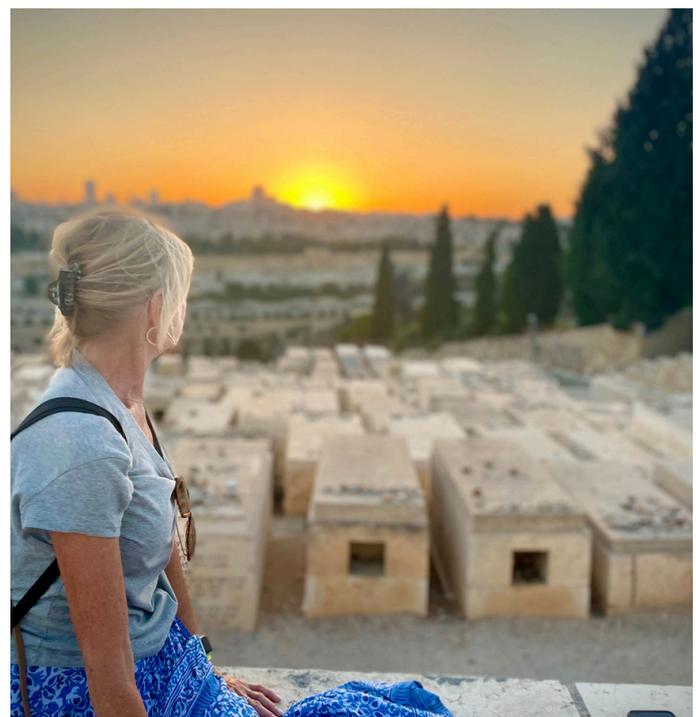


## Day 4

25 JUNE 2026

THURSDAY - JERUSALEM

After breakfast, we depart **Tiberias** around 8:30 AM, our road winding upward through the Judean Hills toward the golden stone of **Jerusalem**, arriving approximately two hours later. Within the walls of the **Old City**, we take a guided exploration of the **Jewish Quarter**. Our footsteps echo those of generations past as we walk ancient cobblestones. This journey culminates in a moment of quiet reverence at the **Western Wall, the Kotel**, where prayer has risen from this spot for centuries. The afternoon is spent at **Mount Herzl**, Israel's national cemetery. We pay our respects at the graves of leaders and fallen soldiers, the weight of history and sacrifice palpable around us. We check into the Leonardo Plaza Hotel Jerusalem, our home for the next several nights. After a group dinner, we will then meet with the **Tzvet** contingent in a hotel meeting room.



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## Day 5

## Day 6

**26 JUNE 2026**

**FRIDAY - SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE**

Breakfast at the hotel prepares us for a day that moves from giving to remembering. We depart for our volunteer activity at **Pantry Packers**, where we spend two hours engaged in the sacred work of **Tikkun Olam**—repairing the world—packing food for those in need. We then make our way to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's **Holocaust Memorial**. We pause for a light lunch on our own at the **museum cafe** (not included in the package) before entering. We allocate sufficient time for this emotional and extensive visit. Walking through Yad Vashem is a profound journey through loss that ultimately leads to a message of hope and renewal. Around 5:00 PM, we return to our hotel to prepare for Shabbat. Early Shabbat services will be available before dinner—candles flickering, challah broken, voices raised in song.



**27 JUNE 2026**

**SATURDAY - JERUSALEM SHABBAT**

A day of rest dawns over the **golden city**. After breakfast at the hotel, our morning is free. We may choose to attend a local synagogue service—Reform, Conservative, or another unique congregation—and experience the diverse rhythms of **Jerusalem's** spiritual life. In the afternoon, an optional visit to the **Israel Museum** beckons, home to treasures including the Dead Sea Scrolls. Group transportation will be arranged based on interest. As the day cools, we take a gentle walking tour of our neighborhood, absorbing the city's unique Shabbat atmosphere. The evening is left open—dinner on our own in Jerusalem, a chance for each of us to choose our own personal encounter with the city's magic.



## Day 7

**28 JUNE 2026**  
**SUNDAY - BIRTH OF ISRAEL**

After breakfast at our hotel, the pulse of modern Israel comes alive. We tour the **Israeli Supreme Court** building, its architecture revealing the elegance and transparency of the nation's legal system. The timing of our English guided tour depends on availability, but whenever we step inside, we encounter the living spirit of Israeli democracy. Nearby, we visit the new **Knesset museum** on King George Street, stepping into the story of Israel's parliament, where the debates that shape the country echo through the halls. The afternoon is dedicated to the legacy of one of Israel's most consequential leaders at the **Menachem Begin Heritage Center**. Here, guided tours explore Begin's life and legacy—from Irgun commander to prime minister, from opposition to peacemaker. We walk through history, understanding the man who shaped the nation. The remainder of the afternoon offers free time—a chance to return to the hotel, to rest, to reflect, or to explore a bit more of Jerusalem on our own. We gather again in the evening for a group dinner at the hotel, sharing the day's insights and discoveries.



## Day 8

**29 JUNE 2026**  
**MONDAY - OCT 7**

Breakfast at our hotel fuels us for a day of profound significance. We depart Jerusalem and travel to the **Gaza envelope** communities—the **Otef Aza**. This is a day of listening and learning, guided locally through the affected areas. We hear stories of resilience and loss firsthand, gaining a deep and painful understanding of the events of October 7th. The landscape speaks, and we are here to listen. Seeking a broader perspective on sacrifice and service, we then visit the **ANZAC Memorial & Cemetery** in **Be'er Sheva**. Here, we pay tribute to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought in the pivotal WWI Battle of Beersheba, a reminder of international sacrifice on this soil. The evening offers a powerful counterpoint to the day's heaviness. We gather for a **festive BBQ** with Israeli soldiers and members of Jewish War Veterans Post 180. Around the grill, over shared food and laughter, we build bridges of camaraderie and friendship. We check into our hotel in Be'er Sheva, carrying the weight and warmth of the day with us.



## Day 9

**30 JUNE 2026**

**TUESDAY - HISTORY & NATURE**

After breakfast, our day begins with a journey through military history. We travel to the **Israeli Air Force Museum** near **Be'er Sheva**, where the story of Israel's defense takes to the skies. Aircraft from across the nation's history stand silent, each with its own story of courage and innovation. The thread of Jewish military history continues with a private tour at the **Chaim Herzog Museum of Jewish Soldiers in World War II**. Here, we honor the Jewish men and women who fought against Nazi tyranny, often without recognition, their stories preserved for generations like ours. As afternoon wanes, the landscape softens. We travel to **Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve**, a living tapestry of ancient agriculture and landscape. Here, amid the hills and valleys that once knew the footsteps of prophets and patriarchs, we perform a timeless act of hope: a tree planting ceremony. With our own hands, we place new roots in this ancient soil, a symbol of connection and continuity. As dusk settles over the hills, we gather for a catered dinner at **Neot Kedumim**, a final taste of the land's beauty and bounty. We then continue to the vibrant city of **Tel Aviv**, checking into our hotel for our last night in Israel.



## Day 10

**1 JULY 2026**

**WEDNESDAY - DEPARTURE**

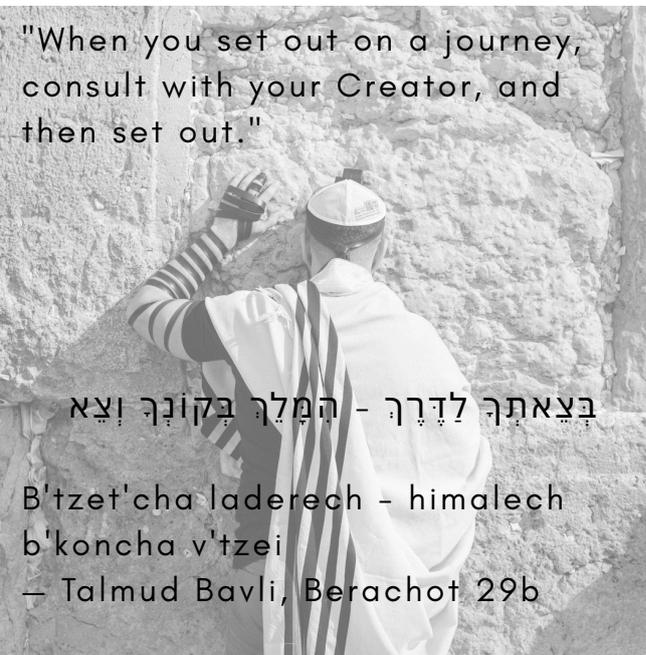
Our final morning at breakfast. Then we return to the theme of healing: a visit to **Sheba Medical Center at Tel HaShomer** to meet soldiers in rehabilitation. Then we delve into the story of the pre-state struggle at the **Etzel Museum** in Tel Aviv, honoring the Irgun fighters who helped forge the path to statehood. The journey's intellectual arc concludes with a briefing from an expert at the **Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies**. We place our ten days of experiences within a broader strategic context, understanding more deeply the challenges and hopes that shape this land. Time is left for final packing, for sorting souvenirs and settling thoughts. We gather one last time for a final farewell dinner in Tel Aviv, sharing our stories and impressions around the table, the bonds of this journey now woven into the fabric of who we are. As darkness falls, our group transfers to Ben Gurion Airport for late-night flights back to the United States. The lights of Tel Aviv fade in the distance as we lift off, carrying the memory of Israel—its landscapes, its people, its sacred weight—home in our hearts.



# TIPS

## ☀️ Israel Weather Forecast: June 22nd - July 1st, 2026

Date	Location	Expected Weather	Avg. High Temp (Day)	Avg. Low Temp (Night)	Key Travel Tips
Jun 22, 2026	Tel Aviv -> Haifa	☀️ Sunny & warm	29-31°C (84-88°F)	21-23°C (70-73°F)	Great beach weather. Pack water & hat for exploring.
Jun 23, 2026	Haifa -> Tiberias	☀️ Sunny & hotter	~30°C (86°F)	~23°C (73°F)	Temperatures rise inland. Stay hydrated.
Jun 24, 2026	Tiberias (Galilee & Golan)	☀️ Very hot & dry	32-34°C (90-93°F)	23-26°C (73-79°F)	Explore early or late to avoid peak heat.
25-27 Jun	Jerusalem	☀️ Warm & sunny	27-29°C (81-84°F)	19-20°C (66-68°F)	Cooler evenings. Modest dress for holy sites.
28-30 Jun	Be'er Sheva	☀️ Very hot & dry	33-35°C (91-95°F)	21-26°C (70-79°F)	Intense desert heat. Drink double the water.
Jul 1, 2026	Tel Aviv	☀️ Sunny & warm	29-30°C (84-86°F)	19-21°C (66-70°F)	Perfect for a final beach day or night out.



### Quick Packing Essentials:

- Clothing: Lightweight, breathable fabrics (cotton/linen)
- Sun protection: High-SPF sunscreen, hat, sunglasses (UV index extreme)
- Evening layer: Light jacket or sweater for Jerusalem nights
- Footwear: Comfortable walking shoes + flip-flops for beach
- Holy sites: Clothes covering knees and shoulders

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