

Friends of JNF Canada

ISRAEL OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH MONTREAL MISSION

OCTOBER 12-19, 2026

DRAFT ITINERARY

***LOOKING FORWARD TO A
SUCCESSFUL TRIP TOGETHER!***

This is a curated, boutique journey through Israel designed for people seeking depth, authenticity, comfort, and connection.

The experience blends hidden landscapes, meaningful encounters, exceptional cuisine and wine, and intimate access to people and places most travellers never reach.

The pacing is refined and experiential, designed for conversation, shared moments, and discovery.

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DAY 1 • MONDAY • OCTOBER 12

Arrival & The Spirit of the Galilee

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport & private transfer north
- Hidden Zichron Yaakov – Discover hidden gems, boutique wineries, and local stories.
- Authentic Druze Lunch at Noor Restaurant (Julis) – A memorable meal hosted by the owner, who opened the restaurant in honour of her late husband, an IDF officer.
- Scenic drive through the Lower Galilee
- Check-in to hotel
- Sunset private boat cruise on the Kinneret
- Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Sea of Galilee (4-star hotel or higher)

Meals included: Lunch & dinner

DAY 2 • TUESDAY • OCTOBER 13

Hidden Golan Heights

- Breakfast overlooking the lake
- Private Geopolitical Jeep tour through the Golan Heights (Volcanic landscapes, hidden viewpoints, Syrian border overlooks)
- Lunch at Habokrim Restaurant Merom Golan
- Odem Winery – Boutique wine tasting in the Golan Heights.
- Majdal Shams Visit – Discover the northern Druze story and their deep connection to Israel.
- Sunset over Northern Golan
- Dinner at hotel

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DAY 3 • WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 14

Innovation, Resilience & Remembrance | North → Tel Aviv

- Breakfast & check-out from the hotel.
- Tzafon Medical Center in Tiberias – Discover innovative healthcare and emergency preparedness.
- Kinneret Innovation Center – Explore startups transforming climate, water, agriculture, AI, and regional growth.
- Lunch at Kinneret Innovation Center.
- Beit Nova, Netanya – Reflect on the legacy of October 7 through remembrance and resilience.
- Drive to Tel Aviv & hotel check-in.
- Free evening and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Tel Aviv (4-star hotel or higher)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 4 • THURSDAY • OCTOBER 15

The Soul of the Negev: Desert, Vision & Adventure

- Early departure from Tel Aviv
- Visit Friends of JNF Canada project
- Carmey Avdat Farm & Winery – Farm lunch and insight into desert agriculture and innovation
- Yeruham – Moroccan Tile Workshop at Studio Zuak
- Makhtesh Ramon nature experience
- Return to Tel Aviv for dinner on your own

Overnight: Tel Aviv (4-star hotel or higher)

Meals included: Breakfast & lunch

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DAY 5 • FRIDAY • OCTOBER 16

Tel Aviv & Shabbat Energy

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
- Explore Jaffa Beyond the Beaten Path
- Free afternoon: beach, shopping & more
- Optional sunset walk along the promenade
- Shabbat dinner at hotel with fascinating speaker

Overnight: Tel Aviv (4-star hotel or higher)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 • SHABBAT • OCTOBER 17

Tel Aviv Relaxation

- Leisure breakfast
- Explore Tel Aviv on your own
- Lunch on your own
- Free afternoon
- Dinner on your own

Overnight: Tel Aviv (4-star hotel or higher)

Meals included: Breakfast

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DAY 7 • SUNDAY • OCTOBER 18

Jerusalem Behind the Curtain

- Late drive to Jerusalem
- Machane Yehuda market off-the-beaten-track experience
- Lunch on your own
- Hidden Old City Tour – Meet locals and uncover the Old City’s hidden layers and untold stories.
- Pit Master experience Jerusalem

Overnight: Tel Aviv (4-star hotel or higher)

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 8 • MONDAY • OCTOBER 19

Modern Israel & Departure

- Breakfast
- Rachashei Lev organization - learn about their meaningful work helping children with cancer
- Lunch at Rachashei Lev
- Guided tour of Carmel Market
- Farewell dinner
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch & dinner