



## **Side by Side 2019 Mission DRAFT Itinerary**

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019**

- Depart from Chicago on Austrian flight #066 at 5:20 pm

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

- Arrive at Vienna at 8:25am and connect to Austrian flight #857 departing at 10:25am
- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport at 2:55 pm
- VIP greeting at Ben Gurion Airport and private transfer to Zichron Yaakov
- Introduction to Israel at the ancient aqueduct at Caesarea Beach
- Check-in your hotel
- Group outdoor 'Kabbalat Shabbat' service led by Hillel staff (pluralistic)
- Friday night dinner at hotel (private room) followed by opening session led by tour guide and Hillel staff

OVERNIGHT: Eden Inn, Zichron Yaakov

Meals Included: Dinner

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**

- Explore Haifa, Israel's most diverse city, including visits to the Stella Maris Monastery, the Bahai Temple Gardens and the Ahmeddiyya Mosque including meeting with local Imam
- Walking tour of Nazareth, including the Church of the Annunciation + lunch on own
- Cruise on the Sea of Galilee followed by dinner on own in Tiberias along the waterfront
- Check-in your country accommodations
- Evening: Galilee Young professionals panel at kibbutz hotel

OVERNIGHT: Amiad Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**

- Explore the history and terrain of the Golan Heights on an off-road jeep tour
- View Israel's neighbors and navigate former IDF bunkers at the summit of Mt. Ben-Tal
- Encounter with the Druze culture and share a traditional meal in the Golan village of Ein Kinya
- Travel along the Jordan River Valley, part of the vast Syrian-African Rift
- Floating time at the Dead Sea at Kaliya



- Drive to Jerusalem and stop for Panoramic introduction to the contours of Jerusalem from the Mt. Scopus lookout
- Check-in at Jerusalem hotel followed by dinner on own near hotel
- Meet Geo-Political expert Iftach Burman at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

### **MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

- Visit to Bethlehem on a locally guided tour, including a visit to Church of the Nativity and meeting with local Mayor
- Drive to the settlement of Efrat at meet with local mayor Oded Ravivi
- Lunch + Wine tasting at the Gush Etzion winery
- Mt. Herzl National Cemetery - Honoring Israel's national leaders and learning about the IDF (Time Permitting)
- Dinner on own + night out at Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall/Mahane Yehuda Market

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

- Visit the Temple Mount / Haram Al-Sharif, a holy site to both Jews and Muslims
- Reflections at the Kotel - The Western Wall
- Explore the Christian and Muslim Quarters of the Old City, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Arab Bazaar (Shuk) - Lunch at Linna Hummus
- Visit Kids 4 Peace, a non-profit organization in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah promoting co-existence among all of the city's youth
- Geo-political tour of Jerusalem - The seam, the wall, and the future - led by guide
- Dinner at hotel followed by group processing session

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**

- Travel to Ramallah, visit downtown and tour the major sites on bus and meet with PA leader + lunch on own at local restaurant
- Visit the new and modern Palestinian town of Rawabi



- Knesset - Discover Israel's democratic system at its parliament building and meet with a Member of Knesset (pending availability)
- Dinner at hotel followed by meeting with Arab-Israeli journalist, Khaled Abu Toameh

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

- Yad VaShem World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- Mahane Yehuda - Experience this colorful open-air marketplace + lunch on own
- Save a Child's Heart - Meet children seeking life saving treatment in Israel from around the world
- Dinner at Balinjera - Enjoy traditional Ethiopian food while hearing the personal story of the restaurant's owner.
- Check-in to your hotel in Tel Aviv
- Group night out in Tel Aviv and celebrate Purim with the locals

OVERNIGHT: Leonardo Art Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019**

- Visit Netiv HaAsara on the frontier with Gaza, and take part in a peace project on the border wall
- Celebrate the spirit of Tel Aviv at the Nahalat Binyamin street festival + pizur (allowance) lunch
- Time to prepare for Shabbat
- Group outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat (pluralistic) at the Tel Aviv beach on own
- Friday night dinner at hotel (private room)

OVERNIGHT: Leonardo Art Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

- Free morning to enjoy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach culture
- Learn about Tel Aviv's thriving LGBTQ culture on the Rainbow TLV Tour
- Lunch at hotel
- Explore models for co-existence in Jaffa with Ihab Balha, an Islamic Cleric, peace activist and educator
- Dinner at Jaffa Seaport's Haj Khalil restaurant

OVERNIGHT: Leonardo Art Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

- Connect to your early AM return flight departing from Ben Gurion Airport
- Depart Tel Aviv on Austrian flight # 860 at 5:30am
- Arrive at Chicago with Austrian flight #065 at 2:45pm

Meals Included: Breakfast