



# BUFFALO ISRAEL EXPERIENCE OCTOBER 2022

## OUR ITINERARY

### WELCOME TO ISRAEL

#### DAY 1

Enjoy time to get to know fellow Buffalo Israel Experience travelers, meet your guides, and begin your adventure in Jerusalem with a *shehecheyanu* ceremony followed by a celebratory welcome dinner with a special guest who will help us explore the rich array of Jewish identities in Israel.

### EXPLORE THE OLD CITY

#### DAY 2

Your choice: tour the Jewish Quarter, walk along rooftops for a birds-eye view of this multi-ethnic city, discover new archeological finds in the City of David, or hike from Mount of Olives to the Kidron Valley. Visit the bustling Machane Yehuda market as Israelis prepare for Shabbat. We will begin our Shabbat with a beautiful service at the Western Wall and a festive dinner.

### SHABBAT OPPORTUNITIES AROUND

#### DAY 3

Options include: Shabbat services, a hike in the Jerusalem Hills, walk to the top of Mount Zion and the Jewish Quarter, walk along the Ramparts of the Old City to Christian Jerusalem, or take advantage of free time at the hotel, Independence Park, Sacherer Park, or the Old City. Celebrate the start of a new week at the Jerusalem Night Spectacular show, explore the Western Wall Tunnels, or spend a night out on the town.

### TAKE YOUR PICK TODAY

#### DAY 4

Option 1: Start the day with a guided visit atop Masada and float in the waters of the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem for a behind the scenes tour in the Old City. Option 2: Visit the headquarters of Jerusalem tech and innovation engines Venture Partners (JVP) and OurCrowd, and then enjoy a tour through Machane Yehudah market. We will reconvene as a community to visit Yad Vashem in the afternoon. Take a full tour, or participate in a special program with an archivist. Return to the hotel for dinner on your own and a free evening in Jerusalem.

### MEET SOME LOCALS

#### DAY 5

Travel on the new high-speed train from Jerusalem to the Western Galilee, Buffalo's Partnership2Gether region. Our afternoon will entail a special program with locals. Then drive to Haifa for an overnight and a free evening on our own.

### EXPLORE THE WESTERN GALILEE

#### DAY 6

Continue meeting and learning about our Partnership family through a series of small group programs in the region. Options include a visit to Rosh Hanikra, guided tours through Caesarea, Zippori or Safed, a visit to Technion in Haifa, wine tasting at Tulip Winery, or head to the Peace Forrest for a walk along Nahal HaShofet. Continue to Tel Aviv for an overnight and free evening on our own experiencing the rich night-life.

### SECURITY AND RESILIENCY

#### DAY 7

Depart for the Western Negev and learn about security and resiliency along the Gaza border. Options for the day may include visiting local Kibbutzim, Art for Peace program at Moshav Netiv Haasara, or meeting with Hillel students at Sapir College. In the evening, meet Tel Avivians and dine at one of several popular night spots - followed by a free night in Tel Aviv, or choose from optional evening programs.

### TIME IN TEL AVIV AND DEPARTURE

#### DAY 8

Start the day together at Anu Museum for Jewish People. Options for the remainder of the day: a LGBTQ Rainbow walking tour, an activity at the Hebrew-Arabic "Bustan Yafa" Kindergarten, exploring Tel Aviv's distinct neighborhoods, or by visiting a world-class museum. Enjoy free time before we gather for reflection about the multitude of Jewish and other identities we have uncovered and a festive farewell dinner before departing to Ben Gurion airport.

\*All days and events are subject to change.

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