



February 20-March 1, 2023

**ITEC'S 45<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
TRIP TO THE**

**UAE AND  
ISRAEL**

**CELEBRATING A NEW GENERATION OF  
LEADERSHIP, COOPERATION AND PEACE.**



# A Caravan of Endless Possibilities

## **UAE**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **ISRAEL**

February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st\*</sup>, 2023

\*Arrange late evening flight departure

Join us for a historic experience. Play a role in advancing sports diplomacy and emerging relationships between the United Arab Emirates & Israel.



**VIP access** to people and sites throughout the UAE and Israel.

Be one of the first to interface with Jewish community leaders, diplomats, and government officials in the UAE.

**Visit 3 of the Emirates: Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah** where we will experience their unique cultures, art scenes, diverse cuisine and traditions.

**Experience Israel as an insider:** the land, its diverse people and how they are developing a common language.

**Discover the vibrancy of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem's Old City** and the population explosion of the Negev through a range of curated and unique activities.

**Meet with the children, alumni, staff and families** of the Israel Tennis & Education Centers.

**Explore Mitzpe Ramon**, Israel's Grand Canyon & UNESCO site, while enjoying luxurious accommodations and spa treatments with breathtaking views of the desert landscape.

**Savor a Bedouin Feast** on the edge of the crater.



# The UAE Experience

February  
20-24

**Arrive in Dubai by February 20<sup>th</sup>** to recover from travel and adjust to the time zone. Rejuvenate at the Waldorf Astoria Dubai, your magnificent beach resort on Palm Isle.

**Journey in the UAE begins on February 21<sup>st</sup>.** Explore Dubai, the fastest growing city on the planet and business mecca of the UAE.

#### **Discovery Tour of Old Dubai**

A blend of ancient landmarks famous souks, winding alleys, and old buildings nestled in the glamour and glitz of this glorious metropolis.

#### **Architectural tour of Dubai led by a professional architect.**

This non-touristic tour will uncover ancient secrets.

#### **Dialogue with Chief Rabbi of the UAE & Muslim Clerics**

Dinner with leaders of the Jewish community.

**Hosted by Mr. Khalaf Ahmad Al Habtoor, an advocate of tennis diplomacy and business leader of the Emirates.**



# Abu Dhabi

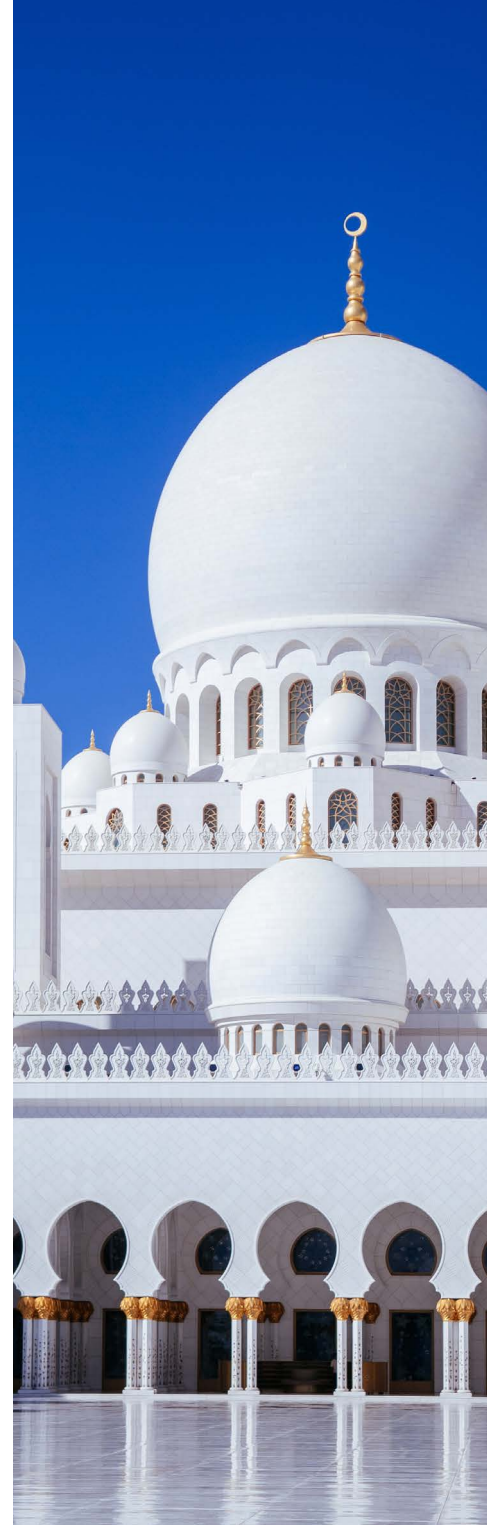
The capital of the UAE, Abu Dhabi houses local and federal government offices and is the home of the United Arab Emirates Government.

**The Abrahamic House**, soon to open, consists of a mosque, church, synagogue, and educational center constructed on Saadiyat Island, the cultural heart of Abu Dhabi.

**Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in the world.

**Lunch and Dialogue with the US Ambassador and Israel Ambassador to the UAE.**

**VIP guided tour of the Louvre Museum** for insights into the evolution of arts in various cultures & civilizations.



ABU  
DHABI

# Tour the Emirate of Sharjah

Sharjah is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in the UAE. Sharjah is known for its Arabic and Islamic architecture as well as its libraries, Islamic museums, and cultural centers.

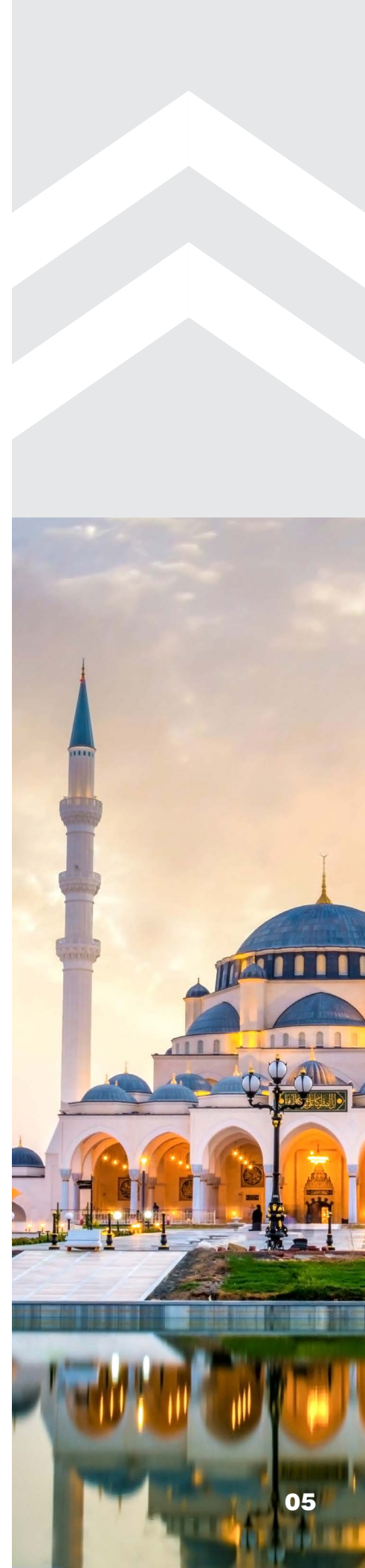
**Discover The Heart of Sharjah**, a cultural heritage project that has preserved and restored the old town of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and returned it to its 1950s state.

**Visit the Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization**

**Tour the Sharjah Arts Museum**

**Explore the Central Market**

SHAR  
-JAH



# The Israel Experience

February  
24-March 1

Celebrate the Israel Tennis & Education Centers' long held values of inclusion and cross-cultural exchange between children of numerous religions and ethnicities. Meet the alumni & hear how ITEC has influenced their lives.

Choose from a range of curated experiences in Tel Aviv to learn about topics including Biotech, Social Innovation, Shared Living, Art & Architecture and Women in Israel.

Enjoy Shabbat with ITEC friends and guests marking this spiritual moment together.

Explore Tel Aviv by biking, hiking, yoga and meditation, visiting galleries or wine tastings.

Experience a VIP tour of the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, including a discussion on Artificial Intelligence and its role in Health Systems.

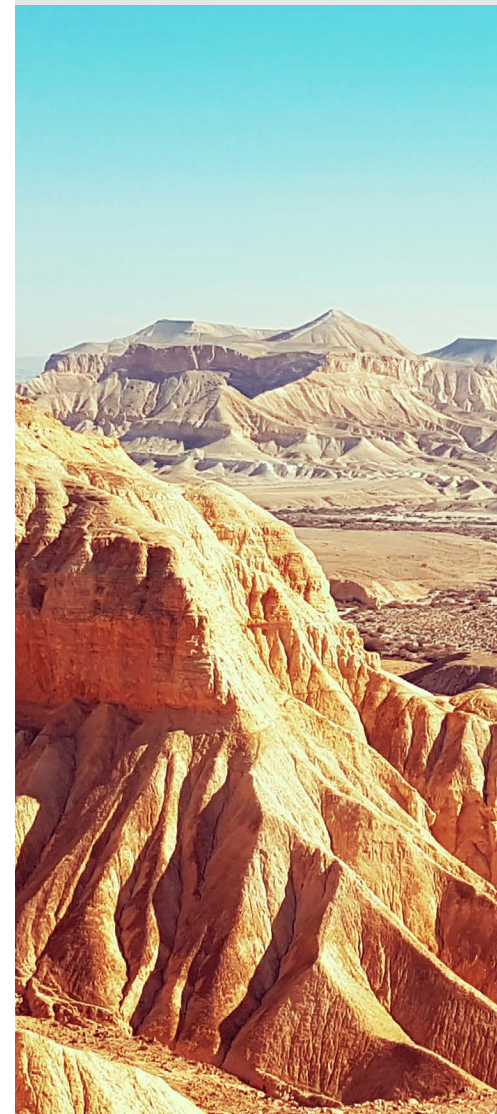
Understand the role of sport and education in empowering youth in the Bedouin Community of the Negev. Visit with the Mayor of Rahat and discuss the importance of ITEC to this community. Tour Rahat and visit thriving women-owned small businesses.

Understand the complex geo-political condition in the Otef Aza region which immediately surrounds the Gaza strip. Learn about the issues of security in this area. Visit ITEC activities in Sderot.

Follow your path and select from a wide range of activities exploring Mitzpe Ramon, Israel's Grand Canyon & a UNESCO site.

Experience one of a kind star gazing in the Crater along with a Bedouin feast!

Pre-UAE & post-Israel trip options are available (at additional cost).



# Full Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change based on timing, weather, security considerations and COVID regulations

## Day 1 UAE

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 21

Touring :  
Dubai

Overnight:  
Dubai

### OPENING DAY OF OUR JOURNEY

### WELCOME TO DUBAI BRIEFING BY A SCHOLAR

### TOUR OLD DUBAI AND SOUKS

As the fastest-growing city on the planet, Dubai is an ever-changing land with a nearly dizzying blend of ancient landmarks and modern contrasts. Our Old Dubai discovery tour will highlight the best of this eclectic wonderland with its famous souks, winding alleys, and old buildings nestled in the glamour and glitz of this glorious metropolis.

### ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF DUBAI

See the city from a different angle with a professional architect. This insiders tour will uncover some construction secrets that are not known to everyone.

### THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Meeting with community leaders, including Rabbi Eli Abadi and Muslim Leaders.

### DINNER WITH MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

*Overnight Dubai - Waldorf Astoria*

## Day 2 UAE

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 22

Touring:  
Abu Dhabi

Overnight:  
Dubai

Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant.

### DEPART FOR ABU DHABI

### THE ABRAHAMIC HOUSE

The Abrahamic Family House will be a beacon of mutual understanding, harmonious coexistence and peace among people of faith and goodwill. It consists of a mosque, church, synagogue, and educational center to be built on Saadiyat Island, the cultural heart of Abu Dhabi.

### TOUR SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE

This architectural work of art is one of the largest mosques in the world. The striking white and gold color shining in the sun is transformed at night and the only lighting system which reflects the phases of the moon. The mosque's first ceremony was the funeral of its namesake, Sheikh Zayed, who is buried at the site.

### LUNCH WITH US AMBASSADOR AND ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO THE UAE

### VIP TOUR OF THE LOUVRE MUSEUM

The Louvre Museum provides insights into the evolution of arts in various cultures & civilizations.

### COFFEE IN EMIRATES PALACE

Drive back to Dubai  
Free evening

*Overnight Dubai - Waldorf Astoria*



# Day 3 UAE

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 23

Touring:  
Dubai

Overnight:  
Dubai

Optional: early morning tennis  
Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant

**DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**EXPERIENCE THE DUBAI MALL**  
**ENJOY THE HOTEL FACILITIES**

## TRACKS OF INTEREST

Choose from the following itineraries:

### TOUR THE EMIRATE OF SHARJAH

(half a day tour)

Sharjah is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Emirate in the UAE that perfectly combines culture, art and industries.

**Discover The Heart of Sharjah**, a cultural heritage project that has preserved and restored the old town of Sharjah in the UAE and returned it to its 1950s state.

**Visit the Sharjah Museum  
of Islamic Civilization**

**Tour the Sharjah  
Arts Museum**

**Explore the Central Market**

### TOUR THE ART SCENE IN DUBAI

With its growing art scene Dubai has a lot to offer art lovers. Explore the 500,000 square feet renowned cultural district of Alserkal Avenue, which functions as the region's foremost platform for contemporary art.

## PRIVATE RECEPTION HOSTED BY MR. KHALAF AHMAD AL HABTOOR

*Overnight Dubai - Waldorf Astoria*



# Day 4 UAE to Israel

FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 24

Touring:  
Tel Aviv

Overnight:  
Tel Aviv

## DEPART THE UAE FOR ISRAEL

Arrive in Israel by Charter Flight from Dubai (early afternoon arrival)

## MISSION-WIDE SHEHECHEYANU

Recite the words of praise and drink l'chaim, to life, to mark this unforgettable place and time in your journey.

## ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL

Hospitality desk

Easy check-in, free time to freshen up before the evening

## KABBALAT SHABBAT

Acapella singing group to lead the service.

Dvar Torah

Candle lighting

## FESTIVE SHABBAT DINNER

Festive Shabbat dinner together with ITEC friends and guests

*Overnight Tel Aviv - The David Kempinski*



# ISRAEL

# Day 5 Israel

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 25

Touring:  
Tel Aviv

Overnight:  
Tel Aviv

9:30 A.M. | MORNING SESSION

Global Perspective on Israel Today - Challenges and Inspiration

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY** (or free time)

White City walking tour

Galleries visit

Wine tasting (additional cost)

Wellness: yoga, meditation and spa (additional cost)

Herbs and edible plants: expert-led foraging hike (additional cost)

Bike Tel Aviv (additional cost)

**HOME HOSPITALITY DINNERS IN THE RESIDENCES OF PROMINENT ISRAELIS**

*Overnight Tel Aviv - The David Kempinski*



# Day 6 Israel

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 26

Touring:  
Tel Aviv

Overnight:  
Tel Aviv

## Breakfast at leisure in the hotel's restaurant

### 8:30 A.M.

#### "No Room for Small Dreams: Courage, Imagination, and the Making of Modern Israel"

Shimon Peres

The Peres Center For Peace & Innovation

**Welcome remarks by Chemi (Nechemia) J. Peres**, chairman of the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, Managing General Partner and Co-Founder of Pitango Venture Capital.

#### VIP tour of the center.

**Expedition Prediction:** the journey to reduce the world's health systems loads through Artificial Intelligence with Dr. Kira Radinsky, Diagnostic Robotics Chairwoman & CTO.

## 9:30 A.M. - 2 P.M. | BOUTIQUE PERSONAL TRACKS OF INTEREST I

Follow your path of special interest with your customized itinerary. It is also an opportunity to get to know new people who shares the same interest and passion.

### BIOTECH, CYBER & INNOVATION

Cyber-Terrorism and the future of Cyber-Security.

Central Blood Bank.

Visit Sequentify and meet with founder Ophir Herbst: A start-up that has revolutionized the approach to DNA sequencing.

### SOCIAL INNOVATION

Tech for Good: Israeli incubator addressing the world's social challenges through innovative technological solutions.

Kuchinata: African Refugee Women's Collective with Board Member and Adviser Anat Kliger Herbst.

Ludus: an EdTech startup providing interactive practice and assessment solutions.

### PLURALISM & COEXISTING

Experience the multicultural and diverse religious presence in the city of Jaffa.

Yad b'Yad (Hand in Hand) Jewish-Arab School.

Encounter: bringing Jewish values into our understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### ART & ARCHITECTURE

From the Bauhaus to contemporary architecture.

Meet with Ethiopian-Israeli emerging artist Tigist Yoseph Ron.

Visit the studio of Israel's leading artist: Sigalit Landau.

### WOMEN IN ISRAEL

WePower a non-partisan Israeli NGO, promoting women's leadership.

Meet ALMA participants.

Tebeka legal aid organization serving Israel's Ethiopian community.

Visit the studio of Israel's leading artist: Sigalit Landau.

### TAYIBE

Visit the Arab city of Tayibe, in central Israel, north east of Kfar Saba.

ITEC activities in Tayibe.

## 6:30 P.M. | FESTIVE EVENT AT RAMAT HASHARON CENTER

Larry and Mary Greenspon ITEC-Ramat Hasharon

Celebrating ITEC past achievements, present successes and future dreams.

- Elegant dinner
- Prestigious speaker/s
- Special guest speaker
- Distinguished guests, ITEC alumni and legends, current children and their families, and volunteers
- Awards presentation
- Live entertainment

# Day 7 Israel

MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 27

Touring:  
South

Overnight:  
South

Early bird optional activity: yoga / running  
Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant and checkout

## 8:30 A.M. | DEPART SOUTH

### Living on the edge Sderot & Otef Aza

Understand the complex geo-political condition in the **Otef Aza region**. Otef Aza refers to the area immediately surrounding the Gaza Strip, a several mile circumference and includes the **town of Sderot** as well as several **Kibbutzim and Moshavim**.

Security briefing lookout and a tour with the **Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC)**.

Meet the **Security officers** who are in-command of Otef Gaza's residents' safety.

**Lunch & ITEC** activity in Sderot.

### The Bedouin of Israel Rahat

With an estimated population of around 70,000, Rahat is the largest Bedouin community in the world.

The visit will provide a **multi-layered understanding of the Bedouin community** in the Negev, with a special focus on issues related to **empowering youth through sport and education**, the employment market and **prospects for Bedouin women**.

Welcome by **Mayor and ITEC families**.

**Lunch & ITEC** activity in Rahat.

Tour of the city.

Visit **successful women owned small businesses**.

Proceed to Beer Sheva

## 4:00 P.M. | SPORT & WELLNESS HAPPENING WITH ITEC ATHLETES AND FAMILIES

Samson Family ITEC-Beer Sheva

Proceed south to the hotel - time to rest and freshen up before dinner.

## DINNER AT THE HOTEL

**"Starry night"** The desert night skies are legendary. We will see the various constellations and planets as darkness falls.

*Overnight South - Beresheet Hotel*

# Day 8 Israel

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 28

Touring:  
South

Overnight:  
South

Early bird optional activity: yoga / running

Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant

## 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. | BOUTIQUE PERSONAL TRACKS OF INTEREST II

### Mitzpe Ramon Area

Follow your path of special interest with your customized itinerary. It is also an opportunity to get to know new people who shares the same interest and passion. Lunch included for all tracks.

#### SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

The Desert Agriculture: technologies for a better, greener & healthier world and the global effort of combating desertification.

Visit cutting-edge irrigation and agriculture technologies.

Tour Israel's vast solar-energy valley in the desert and one of the largest renewable energy projects in the world.

#### ART & CREATIVITY (hands-on)

The ancient craft of the desert: Embroidery and Weaving.

Landscape photography with a local photographer.

Paint the crater led by a local artist.

Visit the studios of local leading artists.

#### HIKE & NATURE

Hike Ramon Crater, a UNESCO world heritage site. The Crater contains geological formations unparalleled elsewhere in the world.

Explore the Desert inhabitants and the ways wildlife adapted to the area.

All about Camels - hands-on experience with the amazing "ships of the desert."

#### ISRAEL FROM ABOVE (by helicopters)\*

Fly over the Ramon Crater and proceed east.

Enjoy a bird's-eye view of Masada and the Dead Sea.

See Israel's longest land border and discuss the Peace situation with Jordan.

Land above the Cave of Horror, the location of the latest archeological discovery of treasures.

Tour Israel's huge new solar-energy valley in the desert.

Auja al-Hafir (known these days as Tel Nitzana) and the border with Egypt.

#### OFF THE MAIN ROAD

Jeep ride and hike at Har Karkom (Mt. Karkom) believed to be the biblical Mt. Sinai.

Picnic lunch.

Hands-on desert navigation experience.

#### THE PEOPLE OF THE DESERT

Visit Ben-Gurion's Cabin in Sde Boker.

Visit the Ramon Museum.

Tour Avdat to learn about the ancient Nabateans and the incense trade route.

Meet the current pioneers of the Negev: the settlers of the lone farms. Get a glimpse into the challenges and rewards of this fulfilling lifestyle.

Wine tasting at one of the Negev's boutique wineries.

\*Helicopters additional cost

All tracks arrive at the hotel

Time to rest and relax

# Day 8 Israel (cont.)

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 28**

**Touring:  
South**

**Overnight:  
South**

# Day 9 Israel

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 1**

**Touring:  
Jerusalem**

(optional day for those who wish to depart on Wednesday morning)

## **THE ULTIMATE DESERT EXPERIENCE - EVENING EVENT IN THE CRATER**

One cannot complete the desert experience, without the desert warm hospitality under the incredible desert sky.

**Be welcomed by the desert acclaimed hospitality rituals;** with coffee, herbal tea, fruits and other sweets.

**Participate in an energetic drum circle.**

**Spectacular fire show.**

**Rich Bedouin hospitality dinner.**

**“Hafla” (feast) party:** dancing, arak and music.

*Overnight South - Beresheet Hotel*

**Early bird optional activity: yoga / running**

**Breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant**

**Time to enjoy the hotel facilities and spa.**

### **DEPARTURE OPTIONS:**

1. Early Departure from Israel around 9:00 AM: Bus from Beresheet to BGA for your flight home or to Petra extension.
2. 11:00 AM Proceed to Jerusalem with the group for a day of activities.

Check out

### **FREE TIME IN JERUSALEM**

**1 P.M. | AT THE KNESSET**

**Lunch at the Knesset**

**Panel discussion: Sport / Tennis and Diplomacy**

Moderated by Prof. Reuven Hazan, Prof. of Political Science at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Joined by the Minister of Culture & Sport, Minister of Education and former ITEC athletes who are serving in the Knesset.

**Time to rest and get ready for dinner.**

Day-use rooms available at the David Citadel Hotel for participants who are departing in the evening (additional cost).

**DINNER IN JERUSALEM**

**DEPART FOR THE AIRPORT**



# Trip Details

**Space is limited, first come first serve.**

## **INCLUDED:**

4 nights' accommodation at the [Waldorf Astoria Dubai](#), a Luxury Resort situated on Palm Jumeirah Island.

5-star luxury accommodations, 5 nights in Israel: 3 nights at [The David Kempinski](#), Tel Aviv & 2 nights at the [Beresheet Hotel](#) and Spa, Mitzpe Ramon.

ITEC Chartered flight from Dubai to Israel and transport to and from airports.

All meals in the UAE and Israel with the exception of one free evening for dinner in the UAE & two lunches on your own in Israel.

All programming except helicopters track selection and optional activities.

Luxury transportation.

Gratuities.

Israeli educators – English speaking tour guides in UAE & Israel.

24/7 hostess available in UAE & Israel.

## **NOT INCLUDED:**

Flights to the UAE and from Israel to your home.

Transportation upon arrival in Dubai from the airport to the hotel.

Medical and travel insurance.

Transportation to Ben Gurion Airport for individual extended stays.

## **Cost**

### **UAE & ISRAEL:**

**\$9,750 USD** per person, double occupancy

**Single supplement additional \$1,630 USD**

### **ISRAEL ONLY:**

**\$5,620 USD** per person, double occupancy

**Single supplement additional \$1,520 USD.**

**Deposit: \$2,500 USD** per person required to confirm reservation.

Registration from

**March 15<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>**



# Pre & Post Trip Extensions

Pre-Mission Extensions in the UAE & Post Mission Extensions in Israel and Petra available at additional cost.

## UAE PRE TRIP OPTIONS:

Full Day Tour of Sharjah

Modern Dubai City Tour

Ras Al Khaimah Tour

Desert Safari

Tour the Art Scene of Dubai

## ISRAEL POST TRIP OPTIONS

### Jerusalem 101

Tour the Supreme Court.

Nachlaot & Machne Yehuda Market as Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat: late night tour of the best of the city's bakeries.

Yad Vashem and Mt. Herzl.

Tour the Old City of Jerusalem.

Overnight at the David Citadel, Jerusalem.

## PETRA (two days-March 1 & 2)

The ancient city of Petra, and the sandstone valley Wadi Rum, are home to amazing archeological sites, architectural gems, and geological formations. You will have the chance to visit temples, tombs, canyons, petroglyphs, and many other natural and manufactured wonders.

## **Journey Chairpersons: Sandra and Bill Lippy**

### **Co-Chairs:**

**Ellen & Alan Goldner**

**Lisa Grogan-Green & Kevin Green**

**Jennifer Haas**

**Amy F. & Robert Hendricks**

**Barbara & Richard Rothschild**

**Linda & Dan Silverberg**

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