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L'Dor V'Dor Exploring Israel Together **December 23, 2026– January 3, 2027**

L'Dor V'Dor Exploring Israel Together is presented by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis in partnership with Congregation B'nai Amoona, Kol Rinah, and United Hebrew Congregation. Through the generous support of the Lubin-Green Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, this trip is being subsidized by \$1,100 per person.

Join us **December 23, 2026– January 3, 2027** for an extraordinary journey that will bring our community together in Israel for this once in a lifetime multi-generational trip. We invite parents, grandparents, teens and younger travelers to explore Israel side-by-side. Recommended for families with children ages 10 and older.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

This projected itinerary is subject to change based on local conditions and availability

DAY 1 > THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 | Baruch HaBah – Welcome to Israel!

Arriving a day early helps travelers prepare for the journey. Group rates are available at the arrival hotel in Jerusalem.

- Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport on your self-booked flight – a community flight option will be designated for those who wish to travel together
NOTE: An airport VIP greeting and transfer to our Jerusalem hotel is included for all travelers arriving between 6:00am-4:20pm today
- A complimentary "pre-tour" is available for travelers already in Israel from the night before and for travelers arriving to Ben Gurion Airport by 9:30am today
Notify us at least a month in advance if you plan to participate
 - Pick up new skills by taking part in the Tzurim Valley archeological dig
 - Discover the foundations of Jerusalem at the City of David
- Evening: Meet up as a full group and get oriented over a welcome dinner at Joy Restaurant in the Mamilla Complex

OVERNIGHT: DAN BOUTIQUE, JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Dinner



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DAY 2 > FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 | The Old City of Jerusalem

- Experience a panoramic introduction to Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade
- Enter the Old City via Zion Gate – Explore the rooftops, alleys, and squares of the Jewish Quarter
- Free time for shopping and lunch in the Cardo area of the Jewish Quarter
- Reflections at the Kotel – The Western Wall — and go deep under the Old City for a tour of the Kotel Tunnels
- Return to our hotel – Freshen up and experience the quiet that descends on Jerusalem as Shabbat approaches
- Option to experience Kabbalat Shabbat at a local synagogue or the Western Wall
- Evening: Enjoy a memorable community Shabbat dinner at the historic Sephardic Center in the heart of the Old City's Jewish Quarter
- Walk back to our hotel and experience the peace of Jerusalem on a Friday night

OVERNIGHT: DAN BOUTIQUE, JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 3 > SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 | Shabbat in Jerusalem

All touring today is on foot

- Morning: Option to rest, explore, or attend services in Jerusalem
- Shabbat lunch is included at our hotel
- Afternoon Option: Return to the Old City for a tour of the Christian Quarter and Arab Shuk (bazaar)
- Geo-Political Speaker – Get briefed on the latest developments in Israel and the region
- Evening: Discover Jerusalem nightlife at Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall (on own)

OVERNIGHT: DAN BOUTIQUE, JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch



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DAY 4 > SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 | Loss & Renewal in Israel

- Docent-led tour of the Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center
Children's alternative: Tour of the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo
- Explore Jerusalem's bustling and iconic open-air Mahane Yehuda Market – sample the market's multi-ethnic delicacies
- Visit the grounds of the Knesset – Israel's Parliament Building – and stop for a photo-op at the famous National Menorah
- Travel deep into the Judean Desert for a camel riding adventure and a memorable desert tent dinner feast at Eretz Breisheit

OVERNIGHT: DAN BOUTIQUE, JERUSALEM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5 > MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 | Adventures in the Judean Desert

- Rise early and summit Masada – Hike the Snake Path or take the cable cars
- Explore and recount the story of Masada – Herod's desert mountaintop fortress and the bastion of an ancient Jewish rebellion
- Descend Masada via cable cars and continue to Ein Bokek Beach at the Dead Sea
- Discover the wonder of effortless floating on the Dead Sea, 1412 ft below sea level
- Short nature walk to Ein Gedi desert oasis – view wild ibex in their habitat
- Check-in and dinner at our accommodations in Be'er Sheva

OVERNIGHT: LEONARDO DESERT, BE'ER SHEVA

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6 > TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 | Resilience along Israel's Gaza Frontier

- Travel to Israel's Western Negev Desert along the frontier with Gaza
- Meet with members of Kibbutz Nachal Oz – Learn how this community is grappling with the past and looking to the future
- Bear witness to the devastation of October 7 at the Nova Music Festival Memorial
- Break for lunch at Kibbutz Tekuma and view the "Tekuma car cemetery" for a different perspective on the October 7th attacks
- Taste the fruits of Israel's desert agricultural revolution at the Salad Trail
- Travel to Tel Aviv — check in and dinner on your own



OVERNIGHT: CARLTON, TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 7 > WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 | Coexistence in the Galilee

- Morning: Port-to-port bicycle tour between the Jaffa Seaport and the modern Tel Aviv Port
- Walking tour of the ancient Jaffa Seaport and browse the Jaffa Flea Market
- Break for lunch at Tel Aviv's famous Dr. Shakshuka restaurant
- Channel the innovation edge of modern Israel at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
- Group night out and dinner on your own at Tel Aviv's Sarona market

OVERNIGHT: CARLTON, TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 8 > THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 | Our St. Louis Partners in Israel

- Morning: Volunteer at the Leket food distribution center
- Travel to Yokneam-Meggido – the St. Louis Partnership Region in Israel – for a day of cross-cultural experiences, volunteering, and people-to-people exchange
Lunch is included in the partnership region
- Return to our hotel and celebrate "Sylvester" – aka, New Year's Eve Tel Aviv-style

OVERNIGHT: CARLTON, TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch (P2G)

DAY 9 > FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 | Founding of Modern Israel

- Machon Ayalon – Honor the bravery of the pioneers who helped establish modern Israel at this secret underground munitions facility
- Spend the rest of the afternoon celebrating the spirit of Tel Aviv at Nahalat Binyamin street festival, the Carmel Market, the trendy Rothschild Boulevard, and Independence Hall
- Welcome Shabbat at a local service or at a community Shabbat experience on the beach
- Evening: Enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner experience as a group at our hotel

OVERNIGHT: CARLTON, TEL AVIV

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 10 > SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 | Shabbat on the Beach

All touring today is on foot. Overnight accommodations are included tonight (room only).

- Morning: Option to rest, explore, or attend services in Tel Aviv
- Yoga & mindfulness experience, led by Cat Korren – meeting room at hotel
- Shabbat lunch is included at our hotel this afternoon
- Free time to explore Tel Aviv on your own and its Mediterranean beach culture
- Wrap-up conversations and Havdallah – meeting room at hotel
- Evening: Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for overnight flights or remain in Tel Aviv for the evening

OVERNIGHT: CARLTON, TEL AVIV (Room Only – breakfast not provided on January 3)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

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