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NSCI Israel Solidarity Mission with Rabbi Lisa Greene



6 Nights
MARCH 04, 2024 - MARCH 10, 2024



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Our team

ABOUT US

We're a team of Israel-obsessed locals ready to take you on the trip of a lifetime around our exciting country. We aim to "unfold Israel" by immersing you in the experience of Israel. Hike a hidden trail, tour a historic site you've never heard of, taste unfamiliar flavors, meet someone who was born here and someone who immigrated – take it all in.

Become acquainted with contemporary Israel, its history, heritage, cuisine and culture.

And of course with the Via Sabra touch - the extra special care we devote to making every tour the best adventure of your life, at no extra charge, you'll find yourself transformed!

I invite you to join the Via Sabra community, discover Israel for yourself– and discover yourself!

Avihai Tsabari

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CEO and founder of Via Sabra



In a nutshell

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Day 1

Mon, 04 Mar 2024

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- Transfer and VIP services can be arranged
- Dinner on your own- we can make suggestions and reservations

Day 2

Tue, 05 Mar 2024

- 10:00 a.m. Meet in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Beach Hotel
- Israel Update with Journalist Haviv Rettig Gur
- Reading the Walls-Graffiti Tour Post October 7
- Tasting tour in the Levinsky Market
- View a special exhibit at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art
- Maariv evening service at the Square of the Kidnapped and Missing
- Meeting with returned hostages and/or their families
- Dinner at Ha'Achim

Day 3

Wed, 06 Mar 2024

- Tour of the Gaza Envelope area with Grisha Yakubovich
- Visit and IDF Base and meet soldiers who have fought in Gaza
- Lunch with Osi Lankri Culinary Queen of Ofakim
- Visit the Bedouin city of Rahat
- In Rahat, volunteer at the joint relief center created by Jews and Arabs
- At the home of a Bedouin family, have a traditional dinner.
- Return to Tel Aviv

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Day 4

Thu, 07 Mar 2024

- Morning- Agricultural Volunteering through Leket
- Lunch will be provided
- Meet the organizers and volunteer at Achim L'Neshek-Meshek
- Dinner and evening on your own

Day 5

Fri, 08 Mar 2024

- Cook Shabbat dinner for soldiers with Citrus & Salt
- Free time for lunch on your own and exploring Tel Aviv
- Support local artists at Nachalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Market
- Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner at Kehillat Bat Ayin Reform synagogue with Rabbi Ayala Miron

Day 6

Sat, 09 Mar 2024

- Shabbat Tefilah Hike
- Wine tasting and lunch at Yeyna Wine Truck
- Conditions permitting, travel to Rosh Hanikra
- Meet 'Galileat' and speak with Druze soliders
- Return to Tel Aviv

Day 7

Sun, 10 Mar 2024

- Drive to Jerusalem
- Visit the newly renovated National Library of Israel
- Meeting with Rabbi Dalia Marx
- Meet with Hebrew Union College students in their first year of study
- Volunteer at Metzilot Mazon or other
- Final program and dinner at Feel Beit
- Transfer to the airport for your return flight



Welcome to Israel

DAY 1 MONDAY, 04 MARCH 2024

The trip begins on Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Tel Aviv. Please plan to arrive on Monday, March 4.

- **Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport**
- **Transfer and VIP services can be arranged**
- **Dinner on your own- we can make suggestions and reservations**

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Beach Tel Aviv



Signs of the Time

DAY 2 TUESDAY, 05 MARCH 2024

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
- **10:00 a.m. Meet in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Beach Hotel** Meet a Via Sabra representative and your guide and say shehechyanu to bless the beginning of the trip.
- **Israel Update with Journalist Haviv Rettig Gur** Haviv Rettig Gur is a veteran Israeli-American journalist and analyst and serves as The Times of Israel's senior analyst. He has reported from over 20 countries and lectures on Israeli politics, the US-Israel relationship, the peace process, modern Jewish history and identity, and Israel-diaspora relations. Gur is one of the most thought-provoking and detailed analysts of our time.
- **Reading the Walls-Graffiti Tour Post October 7** What does Tel Aviv's most recent graffiti tell us about what happened in Israel since October 7? What social issues are reflected in the art on the walls? What is unique about graffiti in Israel and Tel Aviv specifically? In this dynamic tour through Florentin, Tel Aviv's best-known neighborhood for graffiti, you will answer these questions, share your interpretations, and gain an appreciation for this expressive form of art.
- **Tasting tour in the Levinsky Market** The Levinsky Market specializes in spices and Mediterranean delicacies. It is, in many ways, the best market in Tel Aviv, known for its variety, freshness, and special atmosphere. Whether you are looking for a rare Indian spice or some good quality saffron - this is the place. Shops offer a cornucopia of excellent cheeses, smoked fish, wines, and other delicacies. Tour the market and have "tastings" throughout.
- **View a special exhibit at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art** The exhibition Shmini Azeret seeks to touch on the edges of the disaster that violated our physical and mental existence on the morning of Saturday, the seventh of October. "We have lost the ability to comprehend the darkness that has overtaken us, and are left staring, helpless, at the sights repeating themselves before our very eyes."
- **Maariv evening service at the Square of the Kidnapped and Missing**
- **Meeting with returned hostages and/or their families** Visit to The square of the Kidnapped and Missing in front of the Tel Aviv Art Museum. See the powerful art created by various artists, including the Shabbat Table set for 200 missing Israelis, to show support and shine a spotlight on the importance of rescuing the lives of those abducted to Gaza. (Hopefully, by the time of this mission, all of the hostages will have been released and back home with their families.)
- **Dinner at Ha'Achim** At the beginning of the 2023 Hamas-Israel War the owner of Ha'Achim restaurant applied for an received a temporary Kashrut certificate so that they could cook and deliver food to IDF soldiers! The restaurant offers a special menu of kosher dishes by modernizing classic dishes.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Beach Tel Aviv



Bearing Witness

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 06 MARCH 2024

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
- **Tour of the Gaza Envelope area with Grisha Yakubovich** Stop at key lookout points for an in-depth discussion of the complexity of the Gaza Border situation. Grisha Yakubovich served in the Israel Defence Forces for 30 years, ending his career as Head of the Civil Coordination Department of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT). He now consults and guides educational tour of the Gaza Border and the West Bank.
- **Visit and IDF Base and meet soldiers who have fought in Gaza**
- **Lunch with Osi Lankri Culinary Queen of Ofakim** Meet Osi Lankri, one of Ofakim's "Culinary Queens" - Enjoy a home-cooked meal in Osi's home and hear about her life in Ofakim where she was born and raised, and where some of the October 7th's worst events took place.
- **Visit the Bedouin city of Rahat** Rahat is the largest Bedouin city in Israel and has been impacted by the war and bombarded by missiles. Visiting and showing our support will be a sign of our caring and connection to this unique community. Meet Reform Rabbi Yael Vurgan discuss her efforts to promote coexistence with the Bedouin community and her community in Sha'ar HaNegev. Pending availability, meet family members of Bedouins who were taken hostage and released.
- **In Rahat, volunteer at the joint relief center created by Jews and Arabs**
- **At the home of a Bedouin family, have a traditional dinner.**
- **Return to Tel Aviv**

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Volunteering Day

DAY 4 THURSDAY, 07 MARCH 2024

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
- **Morning- Agricultural Volunteering through Leket** Leket is Israel's primary food bank. Learn about this important leading organization whose sole focus is rescuing healthy, surplus food and delivering it to those in need. Volunteers go into the fields to pick and gather fruits and vegetables that were not collected during the commercial harvest. You will volunteer at the Logistics Center to help sort and pack the collected produce in preparation for distribution to soup kitchens, food pantries, senior citizen centers, and homeless shelters.
- **Lunch will be provided**
- **Meet the organizers and volunteer at Achim L'Neshek-Meshek** At the onset of the war, leaders of Israel's social protest movement mobilized and used its network to transform into the central address for addressing the needs of soldiers and evacuees. Visit their operations base at the Tel Aviv Expo Center, meet with leaders, and volunteer.
- **Dinner and evening on your own**

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Israeli Unity

DAY 5 FRIDAY, 08 MARCH 2024

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
- **Cook Shabbat dinner for soldiers with Citrus & Salt** In response to the war, Citrus and Salt turned their efforts and network to providing warm meals to soldiers and displaced families. Join in making a Shabbat meal for soldiers or evacuees.
- **Free time for lunch on your own and exploring Tel Aviv**
- **Support local artists at Nachalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Market** Enjoy time to explore the local artistic spirit in Nachalat Binyamin open-air market in the heart of Tel-Aviv. It has become synonymous with quality Israeli crafts and folk art. The market comprised over 100 stands representing specialty local crafts in virtually every medium imaginable: wood, stone, glass, ceramics, and various metals, all original and handmade. The unique architecture as well as the graffiti on the walls provide a perfect backdrop for the arts and crafts market.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner at Kehillat Bat Ayin Reform synagogue with Rabbi Ayala Miron**

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Shabbat Shalom

DAY 6 SATURDAY, 09 MARCH 2024

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
- **Shabbat Tefilah Hike** Shabbat morning hike with stops along the way for sections of the Shabbat morning liturgy
- **Wine tasting and lunch at Yeyna Wine Truck** Yeyna Wine Truck is a wine cellar on wheels. Made popular during Covid when Israelis turned to new ways of spending leisure time outdoors, the wine truck has flourished since and parks at different places around the country for pop-up events.
- **Conditions permitting, travel to Rosh Hanikra** At Israel's northernmost coastal border, receive an update on the northern border of Israel with Lebanon. See the Mediterranean coastline stretched out before you, then take the cable car down beneath the cliffs to the grottos below and tour the system of underground marine caves eroded by pounding waves over thousands of years.
- **Meet 'Galileat' and speak with Druze soliders** Hear about the strong bond between the Druze community to the State of Israel and their contribution to the IDF. Following this, prepare traditional Druze Galilean dishes and then enjoy a meal of the foods you learned to cook. Get to know your hosts and their culture and history.
- **Return to Tel Aviv**

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Bringing it Home

DAY 7 SUNDAY, 10 MARCH 2024

- **Breakfast at the hotel** Check out of the hotel
- **Drive to Jerusalem**
- **Visit the newly renovated National Library of Israel** Founded in Jerusalem in 1892, the National Library of Israel (NLI) holds the collective memory of Israelis of all backgrounds and faiths and the Jewish people worldwide. While continuing to serve as Israel's preeminent research library, over the past decade NLI has embarked upon an ambitious journey of renewal to encourage diverse audiences in Israel and around the globe to engage with its treasures in new and meaningful ways. This transformative renewal is taking place through a range of innovative educational, cultural, and digital initiatives, as well as through the construction of a new landmark campus, on schedule to open its doors in 2023.
- **Meeting with Rabbi Dalia Marx** Rabbi Dalia Marx, Ph.D., is the Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Professor of Liturgy and Midrash at HUC-JIR's Taube Family Campus in Jerusalem, and teaches throughout Israel and Europe. Marx, a tenth generation Jerusalemite, earned her doctorate at the Hebrew University and her rabbinic ordination at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem and Cincinnati in 2002. She is edited the new Israeli Reform prayerbook, and is a powerful voice in liturgy and ritual and what it has to say to us today & a gifted teacher.
- **Meet with Hebrew Union College students in their first year of study** Have lunch and talk with our American first year rabbinic, education and cantorial colleagues, many of whom have been studying and volunteering throughout the war, offering them presence and hearing about their experiences.
- **Volunteer at Metzilot Mazon or other** The Jerusalem Food Rescuers, aims to create a more Just and sustainable urban food system with less waste. Working with the wholesale market, they divert surplus produce that would have otherwise gone to waste and support communities that don't have equitable access to food, engage in food literacy focused activities such as lectures and workshops with kids and adults, and run a sustainable catering business.
- **Final program and dinner at Feel Beit** Feel Beit is a cultural home for creating art, expanding perspectives, and imagining new ways forward for Jerusalem. "We are a group of Israelis and Palestinians who create art and music to bridge divides in Jerusalem. Everything we present is rooted in love for the diverse people of this place. We are driven by the conviction that when all else breaks down, art and music must break through." Hear about Feel Beit's activities since October 7 and how the war has affected efforts at Co-existence.
- **Transfer to the airport for your return flight**

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Unfolding Israel **VIA SABRA**

Via Sabra gave us an Israel experience like no other. The bookings, the guides, where we went, everything was a joy, the perfect combination of touring, learning and fun.

Stephen K



Not only was the experience reflective of top-notch quality and superb attention to detail, you were treated like family.

Elizabeth



It was the most interesting, delicious, fun trip that we have ever had to Israel and quite frankly, anyplace! Our tour guide brought everything alive for us and filled our days with so many adventures. Cannot recommend this enough.

Ariel P

