



LGBTQ Mission to Israel June 6-13, 2019

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 - JERUSALEM

Kick off the mission as we march together through Jerusalem with the March for Pride and Tolerance followed by a festive cocktail reception and dinner to get to know your fellow mission participants.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 - JERUSALEM

Visit Israel's national Holocaust museum, [Yad Vashem](#), for a special program examining the Shoah through an LGBTQ lens. Then explore Jerusalem. We'll welcome Shabbat at the [Southern Wall of the Ancient Temple](#), with time for meditation at the Kotel followed by a festive dinner on the Mamilla Hotel Rooftop.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 - JERUSALEM

Today will be at leisure in honor of Shabbat. Consider attending optional Shabbat services at a local synagogue or participate in one of the following optional activities: (1) an excursion to [Masada](#) and the [Dead Sea](#), (2) a visit to the [West Bank](#), or (3) a guided walking tour of the [Old City of Jerusalem](#).

We'll have a unique **Tikun Layil Shavuot** with leaders of the [Jerusalem Open House](#) for Pride and Tolerance and take part in an interactive dance workshop with the [c.a.t.a.m.o.n - Dance Group](#).

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019 - JERUSALEM

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Optional activities include the [Israel Museum](#) and the [Dead Sea Scrolls](#) or a tour of the Old City, including major Christian sites. Then we'll have lunch with an exclusive speaker, spend the afternoon with members of the LGBTQ community, and participate in a special Havdalah ceremony before enjoying a night on the town.

Itinerary is tentative and subject to change.



MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 – TEL AVIV

We'll travel to the South of Israel along [Gaza](#)'s border and hear from a Senior IDF officer. Then we'll meet with recipients of JFNA's partner agencies, the [American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee](#) (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel. After that, it's on to [Tel Aviv](#) for a free evening in the bustling Mediterranean metropolis at the center of Israel's LGBTQ culture.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 – TEL AVIV

Choose your own adventure; pick one of three track options: (1): **First Timers Track** – an exploration of Tel Aviv, including old Jaffa and the new city with a visit to Independence Hall; (2) **Start-Up Nation** with Ed Frank of Axis Innovation; or (3) **An art tour**, starting at the [Sommer Gallery for Contemporary Art](#) and continuing with a VIP tour of the [Tel Aviv Museum of Art](#). Then we'll dive deep into the Tel Aviv LGBTQ community, visiting the LGBTQ Center in Gan Meir and learning about [the Aguda](#). We'll hear from the leadership of [Israel Gay Youth \(IGY\)](#) and visit [Bet D'ror](#). There will be an evening cocktail reception with invited guests from the LGBTQ community.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 – TEL AVIV

Travel to Northern Israel as you discover all four corners of Israel, learn how the JDC and the [Jewish Agency](#) not only care for Jewish communities but also work closely with Israeli Arab and Druze communities. Then we'll enjoy a wine reception and dinner event overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean with a special guest speaker.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 – TEL AVIV

Visit the [Yitzhak Rabin Center](#), a living and active memorial to the life and values important to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. A closing program and lunch will be followed by a special opportunity to reflect on the past week. Then there's free time to shop and explore Tel Aviv. Finally, we'll have a festive farewell Pride Party at [Port 15](#) in Old Jaffa.

Optional Tel Aviv Pride extensions available with A Wider Bridge

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