

Dear Friends,

Servas Israel invites you to a professional tour across Israel – Water, Agriculture and Tourism – on 15-22 May 2016, which will provide the unique opportunity to see for yourself, first-hand and up-close all that the Israeli water and agriculture industry has to offer, and at the same time visit historic and touristic sites.

The tour will cover the following topics: Desalination, Water purification, Waste water treatment, New technologies in Water & Agriculture, Water efficiency, Irrigation systems, R&D of Agriculture, Modern and Bio Agriculture..... And, of course, touristic sites along the way.

Let's meet the top Water & Agriculture technology and understand how Israel overcame its national water shortage and averted an existential crisis

		Day Program	Afternoon and Evening Program
15/5/2016	Sunday	Arriving at hosts' homes in Tel Aviv area around noon	
	 Or directly to the Introduction meeting in Tel Aviv area - at Hertzlia – Marina Administration building, 2 nd floor at 18:00.	Introduction meeting with Servas Israel friends. Lecture: Water and agriculture in Israel. Social evening and opening party, including refreshments. Overnight stay at hosts' homes in Tel Aviv area
16/5/2016	Monday	Tour with hosts in their cars – visit at seawater desalination and green agriculture plants at Emek Hefer, near Hadera.	
		Stops at tourist sites along the way, including the Israel Trail, along the Mediterranean coast. Visit and lunch (purchased individually) at Jisr Az-Zarqa, Israeli Arab village	Dinner and overnight stay at hosts' homes in Tel Aviv area.
17/5/2016	Tuesday	Tour by bus – visit at Shafdan, municipal wastewater treatment plant. Lecture: Water resource management around the world and in Israel; visit hydroponic nursery where plants are grown without soil, in water and mineral nutrient solutions.	Dinner at / near guesthouse in Jerusalem (purchased individually).
		Stops at tourist sites, with a short hike in Nahal Sorek Nature Reserve and tour (if time allows) of Rishon LeZion, one of the pioneer Jewish villages in pre-State Israel and home of Baron de Rothschild's winery. Lunch en route (purchased individually)	Overnight stay at guesthouses in Jerusalem: Beit Ben-Yehuda and Eden
18/5/2016	Wednesday	Tour by bus –visit at HaGihon-The Jerusalem Water Corporation's advanced technologies – tour and lecture - Water efficiency.	Cultural evening at Beit Ben-Yehuda: Additional presentations by Servas guests, with songs and dancing (in national costumes).

		Tour of Jerusalem's Old City and new, including holy places of the three religions. Lunch and dinner en route (purchased individually).	Overnight stay at guesthouses in Jerusalem: Beit Ben-Yehuda and Eden
19/5/2016	Thursday	Tour by bus - visit at DanJain - Low-pressure drip irrigation systems; tour and discussion with researchers at Agricultural Research Institute, Migal	Cultural evening in Adam's farm: Additional presentations by Servas guests, with songs and dancing (in national costumes).
		Visit Safed, one of Israel's four holy cities. Wander the narrow cobblestoned alleys of its old quarters and pop into artists' galleries, medieval synagogues, and picturesque buildings. Lunch en route (purchased individually)	Dinner in town or at Adam's farm (self-prepared). Overnight stay at guesthouse/rooms in the Golan Heights – Adam's farm in Eliad and Kibbutz Geshur .
20/5/2016	Friday	Tour by bus – around the Sea of Galilee: Discussion of watershed pollution control and prevention; water systems of the Jordan Valley; and water relations between Israel and Jordan before/since the peace agreement. Observation of Yarmuk Dam.	Cultural evening at Adam's farm: More presentations by Servas guests, with songs and dancing (in national costumes).
		Visit at Christian holy sites around the Sea of Galilee: Capernaum, where Jesus began his preaching; Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves; Kibbutz Ginossar, with its ancient boat from Jesus' time (if time allows); and the baptismal site on the Jordan River. Lunch en route (purchased individually)	Dinner at Adam's farm (self-prepared). Overnight stay at guesthouse/rooms in the Golan Heights – Adam's farm in Eliad and Kibbutz Geshur .
21/5/2016	Saturday	Tour by bus – visit at Mei Golan – the successful Regional Water Management project - rainwater collection for agricultural consumers. Agriculture and agro-tourism: Meet the area's farmers at local visitors' centers to learn about their world-class citrus fruits, cheeses, olive oils, etc. - and possibly be treated to some tasty samples.	Preparations for the farewell party at Adam's farm. Evening party, including refreshments.
		Visit our Servas member in Buqata, a Druze village. Visit tourist sites, among them an impressive observation point with a panoramic view of the entire region. Lunch en route (purchased individually).	Overnight stay at guesthouse/rooms in the Golan Heights – Adam's farm in Eliad and Kibbutz Geshur .
22/5/2016	Sunday	Breakfast and farewell hugs at guesthouse in the Golan Heights.	

Guests are welcome to stay with Israeli hosts, of course, before and after the meeting.

Certificates of attendance will be provided upon request.

See you in Israel

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