

# Aussie Guide in Israel

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Travel all over the countryside...

## Jerusalem Foothills - Shefelah

- **Tel Beit Shemesh** – This important Biblical city bordered three ancient civilizations; the Canaanites, the Philistines and the Israelites. Beit Shemesh is also mentioned as the location where the Ark of the Covenant was returned by the Philistines and the Tel overlooks the Sorek river valley – the 'stomping' grounds of Samson.
- **Dig for a Day – Archaeological Experience** – Time to get down and dirty as we dig up the past and learn about the Hellenistic (Greek) period and the Macabee's. A fun way to dig, crawl and understand the archaeological process and get into caves dug out 2300 years ago!
- **JNF Tree Planting** – What better way to give back to the land than to plant for the future. Israel is the only country in the world that had a net gain of trees at the end of the 20th century, with almost a quarter of a billion trees planted since the inception of the JNF in 1901. Now it's your turn to place your roots both physically and spiritually in the Holy land and be part of this story.
- **Latrun** – Located in the Ayalon valley, where Joshua made the Sun and Moon stand still, this strategic location was in Jordanian control from 1948 until 1967. Today, it is a Memorial for the fallen IDF soldiers of the Israeli Armoured Corps - Yad LeShiryon - and a Museum for tanks and other armoured vehicles used by the IDF over the years. The coolest part is that you can climb on some of these tanks and that makes for a great photo op!

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