

# PREMIER ISRAEL BIKE RIDE

IN SUPPORT OF UNITED HATZALAH OF ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 12-19, 2023



# YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT.

Beginning in Israel's south, riding toward Jerusalem, you will spend five full days cycling along carefully selected scenic routes. Guided by a local expert, you will traverse areas not accessible to the average cyclist. The experience will culminate with celebrating Shabbat in Jerusalem.

Along the way, you and your fellow riders will enjoy comfortable accommodations, luggage transfer, bicycle support, hand-picked visits to sites of national significance, and a VIP welcome and tour of United Hatzalah Headquarters in Jerusalem.

Join us for this unforgettable premier ride!

# **Itinerary**

# Day I

#### arrival

Transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Mitzpe Ramon

# Day 2

68 km

Mitzpe Ramon to Yerucham

# Day 3

85 km

Yerucham to the Dead Sea

# Day 4

80 km

Dead Sea to Almog

# Day 5

39 km

Nes Harim and Bet Shemesh

# Day 6

27 km

Jerusalem

## Shabbat

in Jerusalem

Shabbat experience with United Hatzalah

# Day 8

Breakfast and airport transfer

# An unforgettable ride

Immerse yourself in Israel's stunning landscapes from the Negev desert to the Judean mountains and celebrate the commitment and vast diversity of the United Hatzalah volunteers across the country...all on the seat of a bike.



# Sun

#### November 12

Arrival and bike fitting

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where you will be greeted by Pomegranate Travel representatives. A coach will be waiting to take you south to the desert town of Mitzpe Ramon – the starting point for the ride. After getting settled, you will be fitted for your bicycle. You will meet your crew and receive a detailed overview of the upcoming five days.

Overnight · Ramon Suites, Mitzpe Ramon

Day 2

# Mon

#### November 13

Mitzpe Ramon to Yerucham

Today our challenge officially kicks off! We will begin by heading west to Road 171 which will take us southwest into the desert steppe of the Negev, with spectacular views of the Ramon Crater from an unfamiliar angle. After a short stop, we will retrace Road 171 to the Ruchot Junction and head north towards Yerucham.

Overnight · Desert Irus Hotel, Yerucham

Day 3

# Tue

November 14

Yerucham to Dead Sea

Today's epic ride will take us through the Big Makhtesh (crater) and the colorful sand dunes. From there, we will ride to Hatrurim Junction for a long descent to the Dead Sea.

Overnight · Leonardo Inn, Dead Sea

Day 4

## Wed

#### November 15

Dead Sea to Almog

Day 4 will take you on a ride on road 90 alongside the Dead Sea with some rolling hills and beautiful views, 80 km to Almog.

Overnight · Almog

Day 5

## Thu

#### November 16

Nes Harim and Beit Shemesh Today we will face the most iconic climb in Israel – Nes Harim. We will make our way toward Ein Karem, and from there we will climb to Tzur Hadassah to begin the longest descent of the day. Finally, from there we will end off with the iconic climb up Nes Harim and finally, a visit to the United Hatzalah Logistics Center in Beit Shemesh.

Overnight · The Orient, Jerusalem

Day 6

Fri

November 17

**Jerusalem** 

Our final day's ride will be in and around the holy city of Jerusalem. Our last stretch takes us down into the Beit Zayit valley and up to Mount Herzl military cemetery. From Mount Herzl, we will be able to view both the new and old cities of Jerusalem. The ride will come to its grand finale at United Hatzalah Headquarters.

Overnight · The Orient, Jerusalem

Day 7

Sat

November 18

Jerusalem

Today is a free day to relax in the comfort of the hotel. You may choose to join our outstanding tour guide and explore the Old City of Jerusalem or stroll some of Jerusalem's charming streets and passageways on your own.

Overnight · The Orient, Jerusalem

Day 8

Following breakfast, your coach will arrive to transport you to the airport.

Sun

November 19

**Jerusalem** 



# WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

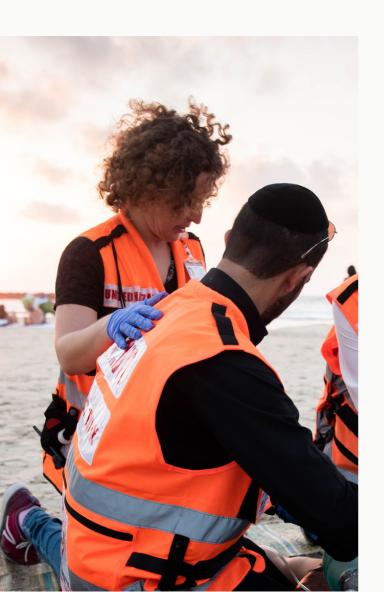
United Hatzalah is there. United Hatzalah of Israel is the largest independent, non-profit, fully volunteer Emergency Medical Service organization, providing the fastest and free emergency medical first response throughout Israel. United Hatzalah's service is available to all people regardless of race, religion, or national origin. United Hatzalah has more than 6,500 volunteers around the country, who respond to 2,000+ calls every day. They are available around the clock – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

With the help of our unique GPS technology and our iconic ambucycles, our average response time is less than 3 minutes across the country and 90 seconds in metropolitan areas. Our mission is to arrive at the scene as soon as possible and provide the patient with professional and appropriate medical aid until an ambulance arrives, resulting in many more lives saved.

United Hatzalah's strength is in its 6,500 selfless volunteers. These include emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, and doctors who are on call 24/7/365.

United Hatzalah volunteer medics take a 200-hour course and undergo 100 training calls to qualify as EMTs. After passing the exams, medics receive a rescue bad and communication device that connects them to the LifeCompass System.





From that point forward, the medics are always on call. They take their rescue bags, phones, and mode of transportation everywhere they go so they can respond to a call at a moment's notice. They leave their workplaces, offices, schools, and families – even in the middle of the night or during a holiday – to go and treat someone in need of medical assistance whenever they are needed.



# Impact Opportunities

To participate in the Israel Bike Ride, riders are required to fundraise a minimum of \$6,500 USD. We encourage riders to consider one of our sponsorship opportunities, increasing your impact by providing the necessary tools our volunteers need to save lives. Fundraising can be done independently or as a team. We will walk you through best practices and support your efforts every step of the way!

	name on ride jersey	product dedication	ride sponsorship*
\$50,000 <b>e-bike unit</b>			
\$36,000 <b>ambucycle</b>			
\$18,000 day of lifesaving			
\$14,000 <b>e-bike</b>			
\$10,000 train+equip medic			
\$7,500 medic bag+defibrillator			

<sup>\*</sup>Include your company logo on all ride materials with a 50K sponsorship!

# Terms and Services

#### **Fundraising**

Riders commit to fundraising a minimum of \$6,500 USD. Riders who do not meet the fundraising goal must pay the balance prior to the ride start date to participate.\*

#### Accommodation

Single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$1,000, payable to our third-party vendor.

### Insurance and Safety

You are responsible for your own safety. All riders are required to purchase personal travel insurance.

#### **Flights**

Flights to and from Israel are the responsibility of the rider. On arrival day, the group will be picked up from the airport and transported to the first hotel.

#### Meals

United Hatzalah covers all meals for the duration of the ride. Food is all Rabbanut certified kosher.

#### Disclaimer

You are responsible for your own safety. United Hatzalah, its employees and its agents cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to personal effects, accident, injury or death.

<sup>\*</sup>In accordance with IRS regulations, payment by a rider to cover the fundraising target balance would not be tax-deductible

# Terms and Services cont.

#### **Fitness**

The ride is physically demanding and it is the rider's responsibility to ensure that you have the appropriate level of fitness and are in good health.

#### Bikes cont.

Frame: Specialized AT Premium Aluminum Fork: Steel, straight blades,

fender/rack mounts

Wheels: 700c, 6061 aluminum double-wall Tires: Nimbus Reflect, 700x32mm, 26TPI,

Flak Jacket protection

Drivetrain: 24 Speeds, Shamino Altus Cassette: Shimano, 8-speed, 11-32t Brakes: Hydraulic Disc Brakes

#### Weather

The weather varies throughout the ride, from warm to chilly. There is a also a chance of rain throughout the ride, which can create colder misty days.

#### **Bikes**

We encourage you to use the bikes we provide, which are road bikes with hybrid capabilities. You may bring your own bike, however, at no extra cost.

#### Support

The touring route is led by a specialist local guide. You will also be accompanied by a support and transfer vehicle, and of course, United Hatzalah medics.

#### Clothing

We provide one jersey to every rider and we recommend bringing two additional jerseys. We will send a complete packing list prior to the trip.





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