

Arava and Eilat Post-Conference Tour - 4 days

Thursday - 11/11/10 - Sunday 14/11/10

Thursday, November 11, 2010

- 14:00 Depart Sde Boker for hike and tour of Ramon Crater
- 16:00 Visit antiquities in Uvda Plateau—site of ancient desert civilizations
Visit Kasui Sand Dunes
- 19:00 Arrive at Kibbutz Ketura and check into guest rooms
- 20:00 Barbeque dinner and round robin discussion with kibbutz members:
Modern Settlement in the Arava Desert

Friday, November 12, 2010



7:00 Breakfast in the kibbutz dining room and prepare packed lunches

8:30 **Depart for Kibbutz Lotan's Center for Creative Ecology featuring the program:**

Following Bird Migration

tour the constructed wetlands and the bird reserve

10:30 Depart Lotan for Ketura fields:

Sustainable Agriculture:

tour experimental orchards with **Dr. Elaine Solowey**

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Visit **Yotvata** and **Ein Evrona**, sites of ancient desert agriculture with tour of fugarot, ancient water systems

17:00 Return to Ketura

18:30 Sabbath services in kibbutz synagogue

19:30 Festive Sabbath dinner in kibbutz dining room

20:30 Evening with students of the **Arava Institute for Environmental Studies**

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Breakfast in guest rooms

9:00 Depart for hike into mountains behind kibbutz
Or

10:00 Walk to **date orchards** with discussion about modern irrigation methods in date farming 2010

13:00 Return for lunch

14:00 Tour **Algae technologies** and **Arava Power Company; Optional (additional 10\$) - visit the marine observatory in Eilat**

17:30 Depart for Eilat for free evening for shopping, dinner; Optional tour of Eilat Historical Museum



Sunday, November 14, 2010



7:00 Breakfast, check out of rooms,
prepare packed lunches
Visit **Kibbutz Samar's Solar Energy
Project** and **Kibbutz Yotvata's
Biofuel Project**

9:30 Tour ancient **copper mines** and hike
at **Timna Park**, Israel's largest
nature reserve.

Visit **Mekorot's (Israel Nat'l
Water Co) Desalinization Plant in
Eilat** and **Flamingo Salt Ponds**

14:00 **Optional:** Flight from Eilat to Tel
Aviv

Tour Details:

Price per person in double room - US\$400
(Single room supplement is US\$100)

Includes:

- ❖ Room and **full board**—Thursday, Friday, Saturday
(we will provide a \$10 for dinner in Eilat)
- ❖ Bus transportation from Sde Boker on Thursday, all transportation during
seminar, guiding and educational program, entrance fees to sites (besides an
additional 10\$ to be paid on site for those interested in marine observatory).
- ❖ Flight from Eilat to Ben Gurion Airport or Sde Dov airport on Sunday (at
additional 50\$)

**The program is subject to change and depends on a minimum number of
participants**

Please visit the websites of some of the sites we will visit:

Arava Institute for Environmental Studies at www.arava.org

Guest room facilities and program organizers: www.keren-kolot-israel.co.il

Kibbutz Lotan Center for Creative Ecology: www.kibbutzlotan.com

Timna Park at: www.timna-park.co.il

Mekorot, israel's national water company: www.mekorot.co.il

Algatechnologies, Ltd.: www.algatech.co.il

