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NEW VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS COMBINE TRAVEL + IDF BASE VOLUNTEERING + ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG + SPECIAL TOURS

by Steve Plotkin

NEW YORK – Volunteers for Israel (VFI) announces 2019 dates for its enhanced, volunteer, all-inclusive service programs open to the general public. Americans can support Israel and volunteer on an active defense (IDF) base, participate on a premier archaeological dig, and experience breathtaking private touring to places off the usual tourist grid.

VFI-PLUS ARCHAEOLOGY (Sept. 8-21, 2019) brings volunteers to a defense base and an active archaeological dig site manned by an international team and supervised by Tel Aviv University. The program begins with one-week volunteer service on a defense base followed by two-days of private guided touring, then five-days volunteering, learning and working at the biblical City of David archaeological site in Old Jerusalem, and two more days of guided touring. This 14-day all-inclusive program is designed for both new and veteran volunteers.

Adjacent to Old City Jerusalem, the City of David area is a world-class archaeological wonderland with biblical connections. Since 2007, this excavation has been uncovering different layers of the city's life from the Middle Ages back to ancient times.

VFI-PLUS (Oct. 25-Nov. 11) is designed for first-time volunteers and includes two weeks of service on a defense (IDF) base, working alongside active-duty soldiers, and experiencing an inside look at life in the Israeli army. The program includes eight busy days of private tours across Israel. This 17-day, all-inclusive program also welcomes veteran volunteers.

VFI-PLUS ADVANCED (Dec. 6-22) is designed for repeat travelers to Israel and offers two weeks of volunteer service on a defense (IDF) base and eight days of guided touring to unique places overlooked by most tours. This 17-day, all-inclusive program is designed for first-time as well as veteran volunteers.

These all-inclusive volunteer programs cost between \$2,695 and \$2,825 per person not including round-trip airfare to Tel Aviv. To learn more about VFI's volunteer service programs, or to apply, please visit www.vfi-usa.org

About Volunteers for Israel (VFI):

For the past 37 years, VFI has partnered with the Israeli organization Sar-El to process and prepare Americans to volunteer on Israel Defense Forces bases. To learn more, visit www.vfi-usa.org.

The VFI PLUS programs simplify and enhance the volunteer experience, delivering a unique, unforgettable learning adventure in an all-inclusive setting. Visit www.vfi-usa.org/program-options/vfi-plus