



# ZOA Student Leadership Mission to Israel

## *Sample Itinerary*

*Please note that each trip's itinerary differs slightly.*

### **Day 1 BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL**

- Check-in at the hotel in **Tel Aviv** from 3:00 PM and on
- 6:30 PM – meet in hotel lobby
- Head to our **Welcome to Israel Dinner** and trip **Orientation Session**

**Overnight:** *Tel Aviv*

### **Day 2 ISRAEL'S LEGAL, MILITARY & DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Session at the hotel with ZOA Israel Office Director **Jeff Daube: Legal Grounds**
- Head to the **IDC "War Room"** in Herzliyah to learn about telling Israel's story on-line.
- Lunch on your own
- "Join" a **Palmach** unit at the museum dedicated to this elite force of the pre-State Haganah. *Learn about the Jewish struggle for independence and survival*
- Meet Likud Knesset member **Sharren Haskel** who was born in Canada and is the youngest current Likud MK
- **Session with ZOA staff**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

**Overnight:** *Tel Aviv*

### **Day 3 SHOMRON : HISTORICAL AND SECURITY HEART OF ISRAEL**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel.
- Visit **Ariel**, the largest Jewish city in **Shomron**. *Gain better understanding of why Jews choose to live here in the "West Bank".*
- Visit the Ariel **Industrial Center**. See co-existence between **Israelis** and **Palestinians** in action.
- Lunch in Ariel – meet local residents
- Get a sense of Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Tel Shiloh** which served as the home of the *mishkan* (Tabernacle) and spiritual center of the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago
- Head north through the Jordan River Valley for check-in and dinner at our Kibbutz guesthouse on the shores of the Kinneret.
- **Session with ZOA staff**

**Overnight:** *Kibbutz on the Kinneret (sometimes we stay this night in Ariel instead)*

### **Day 4 CONFRONTING STRATEGIC THREATS FROM SYRIA AND LEBANON**

- Breakfast at the guest house
- 8:30 AM - **Session with ZOA staff**
- Get a sense of our deep and ancient roots on the Golan and with a visit to the Talmudic era Jewish village and synagogue at **Katzrin**.
- At the multi-media visitors center in Katzrin, get an **overview of the strategic issues** on the Golan
- Lunch on your own in Katzrin, "capital" of the Golan
- At **Israel's border with Syria** gain insight as to how Israel's presence on the Golan Heights serves as a deterrent to war.
- Visit and stand in solidarity with **IDF soldiers** guarding Israel's northern borders.
- Return to the hotel for dinner
- **Evening of music and Zionist thought with Gilad Vital**

**Overnight:** Kibbutz on the Kinneret

#### Day 5 **ISRAEL: LAND OF MANY CULTURES**

- Breakfast at the guest house
- 8:15 AM – Depart to join activists of **HaShomer HaHadash**, which helps Jewish farmers and ranchers safeguard their land to ensure a stronger Jewish presence in the Galilee and Negev.
- Head to Dalyat El Carmel for an encounter and lunch with the **Israeli Druze** community
- In **Nazareth** meet **Father Gabriel Naddaf** the Israeli priest dedicated to integrating the Christian community in Israel within the Israeli society and army.
- Session with **ZOA Staff**
- Continue to **Tiberias** for dinner on your own and a **cruise on the Kinneret**.

**Overnight:** Kibbutz on the Kinneret

#### Day 6 **THE JORDAN VALLEY: ISRAEL'S EASTERN SECURITY BARRIER**

- Breakfast at the guest house
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- **Security and settlement in the Jordan Valley** – understand why this area plays a central role in Israel's security planning and negotiations. Meet local residents and learn about daily life and the security challenges of this area overlooking Israel's border with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Lunch at Café Cafe
- Continue to **Nofei Prat** for **Shabbat** with **host families**. See firsthand what a "settlement" is.
- Optional **Kabalat Shabbat** services
- Group Shabbat dinner
- **Session with ZOA staff**

**Overnight:** Host Families in Nofei Prat

#### Day 7 **SHABBAT HANUKAH - HOME HOSPITALITY SHABBAT**

- Morning Shabbat services with your hosts (optional)
- **Shabbat lunch with host families**
- Afternoon session
- **Seudah shlishit** light dinner and Havdallah (5:25 PM).
- **Return to host families to pack and say good-bye**
- 7:15 PM - Head to Jerusalem
- 8:15 PM - Session with **IDF Col. Bentzi Gruber** – "Ethics in the Field"
- Check-in at hotel; evening and dinner on your own in **Jerusalem**

**Overnight:** Jerusalem

**Day 8** *JERUSALEM: HEART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGH THE AGES*

- Breakfast at the hotel **LAUNDRY PICKUP** (9:00 AM)
- 9:15 AM – Depart hotel to explore the **Jerusalem “Seam Line”** with **Jeff Daube**, examining issues of Jerusalem divided and re-united and areas of contact and conflict between Jews and Arabs in the Jerusalem area
- Packed Lunch
- Step back 3,000 years to the days of **King David** and the days of the First Temple at the latest archeological finds at **the City Of David** (the original Jerusalem).
- At the **Davidson Southern Temple Mount** Archeological Park step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple. *Examine the centrality of the Temple experience in Jewish tradition*
- Session at the hotel with Prof. **Dr. Emmanuel Navon**, author of *The Victory of Zionism*.
- **Laundry returned to the hotel**
- Evening and dinner on your own

*Overnight: Jerusalem*

**Day 9** *JEWISH RIGHTS IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:40 AM - Depart hotel to **Hevron** – City of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. Visit the Cave of Machpelah complex and the restored Jewish neighborhoods.
- Wine tasting and lunch at the award winning **Gush Etzion Winery**.
- At the **Kfar Etzion Heritage Center**, see the audio-visual presentation of Jewish settlement between Jerusalem & Hevron through the ages.
- Meet **Efrat Mayor Oded Revivi**.
- Return to Jerusalem
- Dinner on your own

*Overnight: Jerusalem*

**Day 10** *JERUSALEM: DIVIDED & RE-UNITED*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **8:45 AM - Sessions with ZOA staff**
- At **Ammunition Hill** we will learn about Jerusalem divided and re-united
- Packed Lunch
- Head to the **Knesset** for meetings with and briefings from Israeli leaders *Gain deeper understanding of the issues facing Israel from the people charged with crafting Israeli policy.*
- Session at the hotel with **Itamar Marcus of Palestinian Media Watch**.
- Dinner on your own

*Overnight: Jerusalem*

**Day 11** *FACING HAMAS*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM – Session at the hotel with **Yoav Yaron** to learn about the life and destruction of the Jewish communities of Gush Katif.
- 10:00 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel.
- Head south to the embattled city of **Sederot**, which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza; meet local residents & **visit a local kindergarten**. *Learn about how they cope with constant threats.*
- Help support the beleaguered shops of Sederot by **purchasing lunch on your own in Sederot**
- Meet and tour with the **Sederot Media Center**
- Head to Arad for check-in and dinner
- **Evening program with ZOA staff**

**Overnight: Arad**

**Day 12 CHALLENGES IN SHARING THE LAND WITH ISRAEL'S ARAB MINORITY**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Join **Regavim** to get beyond the myths and slogans related to land distribution, ownership, and use by the Bedouin and others in the **Negev**. *Regavim is an organization whose goal is to ensure responsible, legal, and accountable use of Israel's national lands.*
- Lunch on your own
- Return to Jerusalem for a session with Yifa Segal Esq, **Director of the International Legal Forum** which focuses on human rights, battling anti-democratic, anti-Semitic and anti-Israel operations worldwide fighting boycotts, and preventing terrorism, its financing and proliferation.
- **Evening program with ZOA staff**
- Dinner on your own

**Overnight: Jerusalem**

**Day 13 FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Session with Keshet Educational Director **Daniel Ehrlich: *The Jewish Roots of Christianity***
- Walk to the **Christian Quarter** in the Old City as **Muslim worshippers** stream to prayers at the mosques on the Temple Mount. Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** to learn about Christian history & presence in Jerusalem
- Explore the restored **Jewish Quarter** together and examine the life of the city through the ages
- Lunch and shopping time on your own at the **Mahaneh Yehudah Shuk**.
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Walk to the **Kotel**. Join thousands welcoming Shabbat with prayer, song & dance
- Walk back to the hotel for Shabbat dinner
- **Evening program with ZOA staff**

**Overnight: Jerusalem**

**Day 14 SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy the special atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem by participating in Shabbat services at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues or take time to explore the city on your own (optional)
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel with special guest speaker **Mark Halawa**
- Session at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh, Former Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post: *Can Israel and the Palestinian Authority Make Peace?***
- **Havdallah and program with ZOA staff**
- Dinner and evening on your own

**Overnight: Jerusalem**

**Day 15 THE PRICE OF FREEDOM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 AM: Panel Discussion with **Ze'ev Ben Shachar** of Jerusalem U and **Ran Bar Yoshafat**, Vice Director of the Kohelet Policy Forum
- **Action plan sessions with ZOA staff**
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Lunch on your own

- At the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, visit and pay tribute at the graves of Israeli soldiers and leaders the including **Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir & Hana Szenesh**.
- Head to the multi-media Herzl Museum to learn about the father of Political Zionism **Theodor Herzl** and his vision of a Jewish State .
- **Farewell Dinner**
- Depart to Ben Gurion International Airport for those leaving right after the trip

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and Keshet Tour Coordinator
- All underlined meals are included in the package price.
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