



Israel Student Leadership Mission

Sample Itinerary

(Subject to Change)

Monday June 25 **BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL**

- Check-in at our hotel in **Tel Aviv** from 3:00 PM
- 6:15 PM – Meet in the hotel lobby to depart to our **Welcome to Israel Dinner** at Goshen Restaurant
- Return to the hotel for trip **Orientation Session**

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, *Tel Aviv*

Tuesday June 26 **THE STRUGGLE FOR JEWISH RIGHTS & INDEPENDENCE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:15 AM - depart 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*
- 5:30 PM - Session with **Jeff Daube: Legal Grounds: Jewish Rights in the Land of Israel**
- **6:45 PM - Session with ZOA staff**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, *Tel Aviv*

Wednesday June 27 **UP TO JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Ascend to **Jerusalem**. Celebrate our arrival at the **Haas Promenade** with magnificent views of Jerusalem. Deepen understanding of the Jewish presence in Jerusalem, *starting with the stories of Akedat Yitzhak & David’s establishment of the city as capital of Israel.*
- Packed Lunch (Meat)
- Head to the **Knesset** to meet MKs and senior officials. *Gain deeper understanding of the issues facing Israel from the people charged with crafting Israeli policy.*
- Check-in at our hotel in Jerusalem
- 6:00 PM - Session with Prof. **Dr. Emmanuel Navon**, author of ***The Victory of Zionism***.
- Evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Thursday June 28 **JERUSALEM: HEART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGH THE AGES**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM – depart hotel and 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).
- **12:15 – 1:30 PM: Optional visit to the Temple Mount**
- Lunch on your own in the Old City
- Join **Ateret Kohanim** for a behind the scenes tour of the struggle to maintain and expand the Jewish presence in the Old City of Jerusalem.
- 6:00 PM - Session with **Itamar Marcus** of **Palestinian Media Watch**.

- 7:15 PM - Meet with **CAMERA**: (*Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting*)
- Evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Friday June 29 **FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM - Session at the hotel with Zionist media activists **Ari Fuld** and **Avi Abelow**. “*Land for Peace – Does it Work?*”
- Visit the **Christian Quarter** in the Old City to learn about the Jewish context of the Christian foundational stories and the Christian history & presence in Jerusalem as **Muslim worshippers** stream to prayers at the mosques on the Temple Mount.
- Walking tour in the **Old City** as we examine the intersections between the **Jewish, Christian and Muslim residents**.
- Walk to the **Mahaneh Yehudah Shuk** for lunch and shopping time on your own.
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- **6:15 PM - Session at the hotel with ZOA staff**
- **Shabbat Candle lighting 7:14 PM**. Depart the hotel to walk to the Kotel.
- Join thousands welcoming Shabbat at the **Kotel** with prayer, song & dance
- Walk back to the hotel for Shabbat dinner

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat June 30 **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM - PARSHAT BALAK**

- 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
- Shabbat lunch (*Option for **home hospitality lunch** arranged by Jeff Seidel and the Jewish Student Information Center. **Pre-registration required.***)
- Shabbat rest time
- 6:00 PM - Session at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, *former Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*: **Can Israel and the Palestinian Authority Make Peace?**
- Light Seudah Shlishit and **Session with ZOA staff**
- **Havdallah** (8:31 PM)
- Evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Sunday July 1 **17 TAMMUZ JERUSALEM SEAMLINES**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Laundry Pickup**
- 8:30 AM - Join ZOA Israel Office Director **Jeff Daube** on a fascinating journey along the “**Jerusalem Seam Line**” including **Ammunition Hill, Mt of Olives** and other areas of contact and conflict between Jews and Arabs in the Jerusalem area.
- Lunch on your own.
- Head out with **Regavim** to get beyond the myths and slogans related to land distribution, ownership and use by Bedouin tribes and other Arab groups in the Jerusalem and Maaleh Adumim areas. **We will visit the E-1 area of Maaleh Adumim whose development has been blocked by international pressure and we will visit a Bedouin encampment and meet local Bedouin residents.** *Regavim is an organization whose goal is to ensure responsible, legal & accountable use of Israel’s national lands*
- 6:30 PM - Return to the hotel for a session with **IDF Col. Bentzi Gruber** “*Ethics in the Field*”
- **Laundry Returned to the Hotel**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday July 2 **FACING HAMAS**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel.
- Continue to the embattled city of **Sederot** which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza; tour with the **Sederot Media Center**
- **Visit a local kindergarten** and see how daily life continues despite the threats.
- Help support the beleaguered shops of Sederot by **purchasing lunch on your own in Sederot**
- Join the **Yatar Elite Police Volunteer Counter Terror Unit** to see the border areas near Hamas controlled Gaza. Ride in a security patrol ATV and participate in marksmanship practice. (*security situation allowing*)
- Continue to Arad for check-in and dinner
- 8:00 PM - Session with **Yoav Yaron** to learn about the life and destruction of the Jewish communities of **Gush Katif**

Overnight: Inbar Hotel, Arad

Tuesday July 3 **CHALLENGES IN SHARING THE LAND**

- Breakfast
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel. Visit the **SodaStream** factory, which was relocated from Ariel to the Negev due to **BDS pressure**.
- Head north to the hills overlooking Ben Gurion Airport and the Tel Aviv area for firsthand look at the **strategic issues** facing Israel when considering territorial concessions and a firsthand look at the strategic topography overlooking the **Tel Aviv area**
- Packed Lunch (Meat)
- Get a sense of Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Tel Shiloh** which served as the home of the *mishkan* (Tabernacle) & spiritual center of the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago.
- Check in and dinner at the **Eshel HaShomron Hotel**. Meet the hotel owners **Menachem and Tova Gilboa** and hear their dramatic story of Zionist commitment, bravery & survival in the face of terror.
- **7:30 PM - Pool party with Im Tirtzu student activists from Ariel University**

Overnight: Eshel Hashomron Hotel, Ariel

Wednesday July 4 **SHOMRON : HISTORICAL AND SECURITY HEART OF ISRAEL**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel. Tour **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.
- Head to Mt. Carmel for lunch and encounter with the **Israeli – Arab Druze** community
- Continue to **Atlit** on the **Mediterranean** coast, site of the pre-state British Detention Camp for "illegal" Jewish immigrants *which tells the dramatic story of the struggle of Jews fleeing Europe (Ma'apilim), trying to reach British controlled Palestine, only to be arrested and incarcerated by the British.*
- Check-in and dinner at our hotel overlooking the Kinneret
- **8:30 PM - Evening of music and Jewish thought with Israeli singer/songwriter Gilad Vital**

Overnight: Royal Plaza Hotel, Tiberias

Thursday July 5 **LAND OF BORDERS**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM – depart to meet **Shadi Khalloul**, founder and chairman of the **Israeli Christian Aramaic Association**. *Learn about the opportunities and challenges that Christians face as a minority in Israel.*
- Lunch on your own in Katzrin, "capital" of the Golan
- At the **multi-media** visitors center in **Katzrin**, get an overview of strategic issues on the Golan

- See Israel's **border with Syria** to better understand the political and security situation and *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 border.
- Continue to **Tiberias for a cruise** on the Kinneret and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Royal Plaza Hotel, Tiberias

Friday July 6 **THE JORDAN VALLEY: ISRAEL'S EASTERN SECURITY BARRIER**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart to the **Jordan River Valley** – *understand why this area plays a central role in Israel's security planning and negotiations and how BDS can negatively impact the local farmers.* Meet local residents and have a briefing regarding the security challenges of living in this area at Israel's border with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- Lunch at Café Cafe
- Visit a **Kedma Student Village** in the Jordan River Valley area. *Kedma is dedicated to bringing young people to live in & strengthen Jewish communities in Shomron, Jordan Valley, Judea and the Negev.*
- Continue to **Nofei Prat** for **Shabbat** with **host families**
- Shabbat Candle lighting 7:28 PM
- **Kabalat Shabbat** services followed by group Shabbat dinner
- **Session with ZOA staff**

Overnight: Host Families in Nofei Prat

Shabbat July 7 **SHABBAT SHALOM PARSHAT PINCHAS**

- Morning Shabbat services with your hosts (*optional*)
- **Shabbat lunch with host families**
- Early evening sessions
- Seudah shlishit light dinner
- 8:30 PM - Havdallah and **return to host families to pack and say lehitraot**
- Head to Jerusalem - check-in at the hotel; evening on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday July 8 **JEWISH RIGHTS IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - Depart to **Hevron** – City of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. Visit the **Cave of Machpelah** complex
- Meet local residents and leaders to learn about the challenges facing the Jewish community
- Lunch and wine tasting at the **Gush Etzion Winery**
- At the **Kfar Etzion Heritage Center**, see the new audio-visual presentation of Jewish settlement between Jerusalem & Hevron through the ages.
- Meet **Efrat Mayor Oded Revivi**: *Are Settlements an Obstacle to Peace?*
- 6:00 PM - Return to Jerusalem for a **Media Workshop** "How to Face the Cameras and Answer Tough Questions" with **i24 News** Anchor and Correspondent **Eylon Aslan-Levy**.
- 7:30 PM - Session **with ZOA staff**
- Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday July 9 **MOVING FORWARD**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM - Session at the hotel with analyst **Yitzhak Sokoloff**: *How the Media Vilifies Settlers and Settlements.*
- Meet **Yaakov HaGoel**, Chairman of World Likud and Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization where he has been especially active in efforts combatting anti-Semitism around the world.

- Panel Discussion with **Ze'ev Ben Shachar** of Jerusalem U and **Ran Bar Yoshafat**, Israel Advocacy expert & Vice Director of the Kohelet Policy Forum
- **Action plan sessions with ZOA staff**
- Packed Lunch (*Dairy*)
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Head to the multi-media Herzl Museum to learn about the father of Political Zionism **Theodor Herzl** and his vision of a Jewish State .
- 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**.
- **Farewell Dinner** at Medita Restaurant with presentation by Lev HaOlam
- 7:00 PM - Depart to Ben Gurion International Airport

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator, Group Coordinator and Security Escort
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