



Israel Student Leadership Mission

Sample Itinerary

(Subject to Change)

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

- Check-in at our hotel in **Tel Aviv** from 3:00 PM
- **Welcome to Israel Dinner**
- **Orientation Session**

Overnight: *Tel Aviv*

DAY 2 **THE STRUGGLE FOR JEWISH RIGHTS & INDEPENDENCE**

- Depart to **IDC Reichman University** in Herzliyah to learn about telling Israel's story on-line.
- Lunch on your own at IDC
- "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*
- **Session with Israel advocacy expert Neil Lazarus**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: *Tel Aviv*

DAY 3 **JERUSALEM – THE HEART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FOR OVER 3,000 YEARS**

- 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*
- **Mahaneh Yehudah Shuk** for lunch and shopping time on your own.
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat (*Shabbat Candle lighting 4:15 PM*).
- Option: Depart to the Kotel.
- Join thousands welcoming Shabbat at the **Kotel** with prayer, song & dance (*weather permitting*)
- Walk back to the hotel for Shabbat dinner with **IDF Lone Soldiers**
- **Oneg Shabbat** after dinner

Overnight *Jerusalem*

DAY 4 **SHOMRON: HISTORICAL AND SECURITY HEART OF ISRAEL**

- Visit **Ariel**, one of the largest communities in **Shomron**. At the industrial park, meet Israelis and Palestinians who work together.
- Get a sense of Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Shiloh** which served as the home of the **mishkan** (Tabernacle) and spiritual center of the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago
- Ascend to **Jerusalem**.
- Check-in and dinner at our hotel in Jerusalem

- **Session with ZOA staff**

Overnight: *Jerusalem*

DAY 5 *SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM - PARSHAT VAYECHI*

- 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
- Light Seudah Shlishit followed by **ZOA Staff Session and Havdallah** (5:27 PM)
- Session at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, *Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*: **Can Israel and the Palestinian Authority Make Peace?**
- Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: *Jerusalem*

DAY 6 *FACING HAMAS*

- Head to the embattled city of **Sederot** which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza.
- **Visit a local school** and meet the kids - see how daily life continues despite the threats.
- See the Sederot playground which doubles as a bomb shelter
- Join IDF **Col. Grisha Yakubovich** to visit front line Israeli positions on the border with Hamas controlled Gaza
- Return to Jerusalem; evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: *Jerusalem*

DAY 7 *JEWISH RIGHTS IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND*

- Depart to **Hevron** – City of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs.
- Meet Yishai Fleischer and visit **Maarat HaMachpelah**. *Learn about the challenges facing the Jewish community in Hevron*
- At the **Kfar Etzion Heritage Center**, see the audio-visual presentation of Jewish settlement between Jerusalem & Hevron through the ages.
- Meet with **Roots/Judur/Shorashim**: The Palestinian - Israeli Initiative for Understanding, Nonviolence, & Reconciliation *that brings together Jews & Arabs who live in the Efrat/Gush Etzion area for dialogue.*
- Session with **Efrat Mayor Oded Revivi**: *Are Settlements an Obstacle to Peace?*
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Evening on your own as **Jerusalem rings in the New Year!**

Overnight: *Jerusalem*

DAY 8 *MEETING ISRAELI LEADERS*

- **Head to the Knesset for meetings and briefings with Members of Knesset**
- Head north through 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.*
- Continue north for dinner and a **Kinneret boat ride** in Tiberias

Overnight: *Tiberias*

DAY 9 *ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDERS*

- Delve into the complex security and water issues on the **Golan Heights**, starting with a

nature hike at the beautiful **Tel Dan Nature Reserve** incorporating the headwaters of the Jordan River, the ancient Biblical City Dan and **views of Israel's border with Lebanon**.

- Lunch on your own in Katzrin, "capital" of the Golan
- Join IDF **Capt. (Res) Yaakov Selevan**, meet IDF Soldiers, and 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*.

Overnight: Tiberias

DAY 10

MOVING FORWARD

- **Morning: Action plan sessions with ZOA staff**
- Head to Mt. Carmel for lunch & encounter with the **Israeli – Arab Druze** community.
- Visit the Mahmood Mosque and meet members of Haifa's **Ahmadiyya Muslim community**. *Learn about their Islamic vision for coexistence.*
- **Summary Session** and Farewell Dinner
- Depart to Ben Gurion International Airport for flights to the USA
- Bus will continue to Jerusalem

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



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