



# Program Itinerary

The following is our projected itinerary; subject to reasonable change based on availability and local considerations

## SUNDAY | JUNE 25, 2023

### TAKING FLIGHT

Depart from your gateway airport and spend the night in the sky en route to Israel

## MONDAY | JUNE 26, 2023

### BRUCHIM HA-BA'IM – WELCOME TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL

- Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport – Meet our Israeli staff team and ascend to Jerusalem
- Lunch on the way to Jerusalem
- Welcome to Israel! ***Shehecheyanu ceremony*** and introduction to the contours of Jerusalem at the **Haas Promenade overlook**
- Check-in, orientation, icebreakers, and dinner at our accommodations

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM -or JERUSALEM FOOTHILLS

## TUESDAY | JUNE 27, 2023

### CONNECTING TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL WITH OUR HANDS

- **View the Ella Valley** from Tel Azeka – Look out at the famous site of David's battle with Goliath

- **Dig-for-a-Day Archaeological Seminar** at Beit Guvrin National Park and explore **the Bell Caves**
- Travel to **Neot Kedumim Biblical Park** for a **tree-planting ceremony**, a **fresh pita baking** experience, and a **leadership training experience**

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM -or JERUSALEM FOOTHILLS

## WEDNESDAY | JUNE 28, 2023

### FOUNDATIONS OF JEWISH HISTORY

- Discover the foundations of Jerusalem from King David's time at the **City of David Excavations**
- **Hezekiah's Tunnel** – Cool off in the spring-fed underground aqueduct running below Jerusalem
- Enter the Old City at **Zion Gate** and explore the ancient corridors of the **Jewish Quarter**
- Free time for shopping and pizur lunch in the historic **Cardo**
- Reflections at the Kotel – The **Western Wall** - followed by a tour of the **Southern Wall Excavations**
- The **Kotel Tunnels** – Explore millennia of history deep under the Old City
- Evening: Pizur dinner and group night out at the **Ben Yehuda Street Pedestrian Mall**

OVERNIGHT: JERUSALEM -or JERUSALEM FOOTHILLS

## THURSDAY | JUNE 29, 2023

### JEWISH LIFE IN MODERN JERUSALEM

- **Meet with students at Maale** – a film school devoted to exploring the intersection of Judaism and modern life
- **Mahane Yehuda** – Browse Jerusalem's iconic open-air marketplace + pizur lunch
- Visit the **Shalva Center** to learn about this organization's extraordinary contribution to the lives of Israeli children with disabilities

- Depart the Jerusalem region and head north to the Galilee along the Mediterranean Coast
- **Caesarea** – Tour Herod's Roman amphitheater and grand palace on the beach
- Continue north, stopping to **view the Sea of Galilee** – the Kinneret – Israel's largest freshwater lake and the center of Galilee history

OVERNIGHT: SEA OF GALILEE -or GOLAN

## FRIDAY | JUNE 30, 2023

### MYSTICS OF THE GALILEE

- **Aqua Kef** – Experience the thrill of Israel's floating water park on the Sea of Galilee
- Travel to **ancient Tsfat** and explore the historic center of Jewish mysticism in the Galilee highlands
- Free time for shopping and pizur lunch in the Tsfat artists' colony
- Prepare your own challah for Shabbat at the 500-year-old Beit Hakahal stone oven bakery with **Livnot U'Lhibanot in Tsfat**
- Return to our accommodations and prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner and oneg on kibbutz

OVERNIGHT: SEA OF GALILEE -or GOLAN

## SATURDAY | JULY 1, 2023

### SHABBAT IN THE KIBBUTZ

- Morning: Camp staff-led Shabbat programming and group lunch at our accommodations
- Afternoon: Enjoy a relaxed Shabbat, with sports, swimming, and free time
- Dinner at our accommodations followed by havdalah
- Evening: **Cruise on the Sea of Galilee** followed by a group night out in Tiberias

OVERNIGHT: SEA OF GALILEE -or GOLAN

## SUNDAY | JULY 2, 2023

### PERSPECTIVES FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

- Channel the can-do spirit of Israel's founding pioneers with a **raft-building team challenge** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee
- Ascend the Golan Heights – View Israel's neighbors and navigate former IDF bunkers at the summit of **Mt. Ben-Tal**
- Encounter with the **Druze culture** and share a traditional meal in the Golan village of Ein Kinya
- **Tel Facher** – Explore a former Syrian bunker complex on the Golan Heights overlooking the Galilee and learn about the story of master spy, **Eli Cohen**, and his contributions in the region
- Cool off **rafting down the upper Jordan River** followed by a **fresh-cooked pizza dinner** in the field on the banks of the Jordan River

OVERNIGHT: SEA OF GALILEE -or GOLAN

## MONDAY | JULY 3, 2023

### DIVERSITY & CO-EXISTENCE

- Visit **Sindyanna of Galilee** and learn about the female-led non-profit that actively promotes the concepts of “business for peace” and Fair Trade in Israel through a za'atar-making workshop
- Hike on **Mount Gilboa** and swim in the natural spring-fed pools of the **Sachne**
- Explore Nazareth, the capital of Israel's Arab-Christian community, including a visit to the **Church of the Annunciation** and the local markets (*possible opportunity for a meeting with Arab-Israeli teens*)
- Return to our accommodations in the Galilee for dinner

OVERNIGHT: SEA OF GALILEE -or GOLAN

## TUESDAY | JULY 4, 2023

### CULTURES OF THE WESTERN GALILEE

- **Rosh Hanikrah** – Descend into the ocean-swept caves on Israel's far northern border
- Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Israel's Crusader-era history at **Acco Seaport**, including the **Templar Tunnels**
- Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Haifa, Israel's most diverse city, including a walk through the **Bahai Temple Gardens** and a meeting with the **Imam of the Ahmadiyya Mosque**
- Arrive to Tel Aviv – Israel's cultural and commercial capital
- Evening: Celebrate America's Independence Day at a **4th of July BBQ** in Park HaYarkon

OVERNIGHT: TEL AVIV

## WEDNESDAY | JULY 5, 2023

### FOUNDING MODERN ISRAEL

- **Leket** – Volunteering project harvesting for the hungry of Israel
- **Machon Ayalon** – Honor the bravery of the pioneers who helped establish modern Israel at this secret underground munitions facility
- Trace the founding of modern Israel in the historic **Tel Aviv neighborhood of Neve Tzedek**, and walk by Israel's **Independence Hall** (under renovation) – break for lunch at the **Carmel Market**
- **Surfing clinic** with HaGal Sheli in Bat Yam – An organization dedicated to serving at-risk youth
- Evening: Dinner at the hotel followed by a **group night out in Tel Aviv**

OVERNIGHT: TEL AVIV

## THURSDAY | JULY 6, 2023

### CHANNELING THE SPIRIT OF TEL AVIV

- Learn how Israel became the "Startup Nation" at the **Peres Center for Peace & Innovation** in Jaffa
- Explore the **ancient port city of Jaffa**, and browse the **Jaffa flea market**
- Discover the complexity and beauty of **Hebrew graffiti** art on a guided walking tour of Tel Aviv's

Florentine neighborhood and learn about Tel Aviv's thriving LGBTQ culture on the **Rainbow TLV Tour**

- Celebrate **Jewish Ethiopian culture** and take part in a **culinary workshop** at the Battae Center

OVERNIGHT: TEL AVIV

## FRIDAY | JULY 7, 2023

### CHALLENGE AND ADAPTATION

- **Salad Trail** – Experience the wonders of Israel's desert agriculture revolution
- Visit **Sderot** and **Netiv HaAsara** on the frontier with Gaza, and learn how these communities have adapted their surroundings
- Arrive to Ashkelon – Check-in to our accommodations along the beach
- Afternoon: Cross-cultural P2G *mifgash* (encounter) programming in Ashkelon
- Evening: Camp-led Kabbalat Shabbat on the beach followed by Shabbat dinner

OVERNIGHT: ASHKELON

## SATURDAY | JULY 8, 2023

### SHABBAT IN ASHKELON

- Morning: Staff-led Shabbat programming and group lunch at our accommodations
- Afternoon: Enjoy a relaxed Shabbat with beach and free time *Opportunity for extended P2G programming over Shabbat*

- Dinner at our accommodations followed by havdalah
- Evening: Group night out TBD

OVERNIGHT: ASHKELON

## SUNDAY | JULY 9, 2023

- Experience the thrill of **sandboarding** down natural dunes in the Negev Desert
- **Sde Boker** – Visit David and Paula Ben Gurion's modest home and learn about the remarkable story of Israel's first Prime Minister and his unique vision for Israel's future in the desert
- Travel to the desert community of Yerucham where we'll celebrate Israel's Mizrachi (Sephardic) culture with a **Moroccan tile art project**
- Continue south through the heart of the Negev Desert and descend into the Ramon Crater – view the **geological phenomenon of the "Carpentry Shop"**
- Arrive to our desert kibbutz accommodations in the Arava Valley outside of Eilat

OVERNIGHT: ARAVA VALLEY -or- EILAT

## MONDAY | JULY 10, 2023

### EILAT AND ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN BORDERS

- Hike through beautiful natural stone formations in the **Red Canyon** trail
- View Israel's Red Sea neighbors – **Egypt, Jordan & Saudi Arabia** – en route to Eilat
- Discover underwater treasures on a **guided snorkeling tour** at Coral Beach National Park
- Free time to enjoy **swimming + adventure watersports** along the Red Sea (pizur lunch)
- Return to our accommodations, breaking for **ice cream at Yotvata**, Israel's famous desert dairy farm
- Evening: **BBQ dinner and pool party** at our kibbutz accommodations

OVERNIGHT: ARAVA VALLEY -or- EILAT

## TUESDAY | JULY 11, 2023

### MAKING THE DESERT BLOOM

- Depart the Arava and head north towards the Dead Sea
- **Vidor Center** – Sample the fruits of Israel's desert agriculture revolution
- Experience effortless **floating at the Dead Sea** at Ein Bokek Beach
- Cultural encounter with the **Bedouin community** of Wadi Attir the Negev Desert
- **Camel riding** and **desert tent feast** at Kfar Hanokdim encampment

OVERNIGHT: KFAR HANOKDIM DESERT TENT, JUDEAN DESERT

## WEDNESDAY | JULY 12, 2023

### MASADA: JEWISH HEROISM, DILEMMAS & LEADERSHIP

- Pre-sunrise hike up the Roman Ramp to the summit of Masada
- **Masada** – Tour of Herod's desert mountain fortress and the bastion of an ancient Jewish rebellion
- Descend Masada via the **Snake Path** and stop for breakfast at the base of Masada
- Nature walk to the desert waterfalls oasis at **Ein Gedi National Park**
- Return to Jerusalem, check-in to our hotel, and rest
- Evening: Movie night at Jerusalem's **Cinema City**

OVERNIGHT: CENTRAL JERUSALEM

## THURSDAY | JULY 13, 2023

### SOVEREIGNTY & SOLUTIONS

- **Roots Tent** – Engage in a constructive dialogue of perspectives with a Jewish Settler and a Palestinian Arab who both call the land home
- Explore the history and terrain of Biblical Israel on an **off-road jeep tour adventure** in Gush Etzion
- Return to Jerusalem, stopping to **learn about the geopolitical dynamics** of Jerusalem at Gilo



- **Mt. Herzl National Cemetery** – Honor Israel's national leaders and fallen soldiers
- Evening: Meet with **Iftah Burman**, Founder of the Middle East Learning Academy, to learn more about the political situation in Israel and process the experiences of the day

OVERNIGHT: CENTRAL JERUSALEM

## FRIDAY | JULY 14, 2023

### LOSS & RENEWAL IN JERUSALEM

- **Yad VaShem** World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- Processing time and picnic-style lunch at **Jerusalem's Mifletzet Park**
- **Walking tour of the Knesset** – Learn about Israel's democratic system at its parliament building (outside campus tour)
- Spend the rest of the afternoon at **The First Station**, a marketplace and cultural center on the site of Jerusalem's original train station (option to participate in an open-air Kabbalat Shabbat program)
- Re-enter the Old City for a **Kabbalat Shabbat experience at the Kotel**, Judaism's holiest site
- Evening: Shabbat dinner

OVERNIGHT: CENTRAL JERUSALEM

## SATURDAY | JULY 15, 2023

### SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Shabbat programming, including the option to attend services at local shuls
- Shabbat lunch at our hotel
- **The Israel Museum** – The Dead Sea Scrolls, Temple Model, and more
- Spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying Jerusalem's **Saker Park** + program wrap-up session
- Havdallah and closing dinner at our accommodations (private room)
- Return to Ben Gurion Airport for overnight flights

**SUNDAY | JULY 16, 2023**

**SHALOM U'LIHITRAOT**

Arrive back to your home communities in the morning

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