

Taglit Birthright Israel Summer Itinerary

**Subject to change*

- We recommend reading the itinerary for the day the night before, and preparing yourself in accordance.
- Times stated are an estimate, and subject to change.
- You buy your own lunch, and breakfast and dinner are at the hotel, unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday, – Welcome to Israel!

Arrival in Israel

Trip orientation by Israel Experience coordinator

Drive north

Opening ceremony overlooking the Kinneret Valley

Check in & dinner

Group bonding activity

Accommodations: north

- For tomorrow, don't forget to bring hiking shoes, shirt with sleeves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen & camera. Be prepared to be getting wet on the hike and the kayaking, so maybe pack a change of clothes.

Wednesday – The Golan Heights

Jilabun Hike - *Hike down one of the areas most magnificent riverbeds, surrounded by the unique landscapes of the Golan.*

Lunch at Katzrin

Mt Bental– *overlook into Syria and entire region, introduction to the area and the story of the Golan Heights*

"Valley of tears" memorial - *Learn of the battles of the Golan, the falls and triumphs of the past and the challenges of the future*

Kayaking through the Jordan Valley

Accommodations: north

- For tomorrow, don't forget to bring hat, water bottle, sunscreen, camera & modest clothes for the synagogues of Zfat.

Thursday – Mystery & Mysticism

Tour of [Zfat](#) – *Walk through the cobbled streets, visit, ancient synagogues, pass through artists quarters and explore the secrets of the Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism*

Visit Dalton Winery – tour & taste of Israel's finest wines...

Dinner & group activity at the hotel

Accommodations: north

Friday – Heading to Jerusalem

Drive to Jerusalem (3 hours aprox.)

The Hass Promenade overlook at Jerusalem

Machneh Yehuda Market- *Explore one of the most colorful and exciting sites in Jerusalem - practice your Hebrew as you haggle over pita bread or rugalach and get an insiders perspective of the local scene of the city...*

Preparation for Shabbat

Candle lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Dinner

Oneg Shabbat – *fun group activity*

Accommodations: Jerusalem

Saturday – Group Shabbat

Kiddush

Group Activity – the Shabbat and me

Lunch & Time to rest

Walking tour of the neighborhood.

Group night out at Ben Yehuda St.

Accommodations: Jerusalem

- For tomorrow – don't forget to bring appropriate clothes for the Kotel (no tank-tops and short). Please also bring hats, water and comfortable shoes even though you're not hiking, you will be walking a lot...

Sunday – A Glance to the Past...

The Jewish Quarter – *Explore the streets and alleyways of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City as they tell the stories of those who lived here years ago and those that live here today.*

The City of David - *This is where it all began...King David chose Jerusalem as his capital, placing Jerusalem forever at the center of Jewish history and Jewish tradition....*

The Kotel

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Evening activity– Israel Update, [Kol Voice Seminars](#)

Accommodations: Jerusalem

Monday – Memory & Commemoration

Breakfast

[Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum](#) – *The National Memorial for the Martyrs and Heroes of the Holocaust is a complex made up of a central museum, repository of information and numerous memorial sites and monuments*

Lunch at Yad Vashem cafeteria

[Mt Herzl](#) – *The tombs of the leaders of the nation such Herzl, Rabin and more are adjacent to the military cemetery where soldiers from all of Israel's wars are buried; together they tell the story of the struggle for independence of the Israeli state*

Tie in session – processing session.

Accommodations: Jerusalem

- For tomorrow – please prepare an overnight bag for the Bedouin tent **and** the next day. You need to have with you – bathing suit, towel, closed water shoes & closed hiking shoes, toothbrush & toiletries, and a change or two of clothes. Also, prepare for a long bus ride on the way there.

Tuesday – Heading South

Visit the Hebrew University at Mt. Scopus and hear of the student life in Israel

Drive to Kfar Hanokdim

Camel ride

Bedouin hospitality & dinner

Group bonfire

Accommodations: [Kfar Hanokdim](#) Bedouin Tent

- For tomorrow, don't forget to bring hiking shoes, hat, water bottle, sunscreen & camera

Wednesday – The Lowest Place on Earth...

Early morning snacks – tea, coffee & biscuits

Ascent to [Masada](#) –*tour the site that has a unique story of faith and survival and that has become a central part of Israeli culture and Jewish legacy*

Breakfast beneath Masada.

[Ein Gedi hike](#) –*Ein Gedi stream is popular among man (including King David who used it as a shelter) as well as animal because of its beautiful sweet waterfalls and springs.*

Swim in the [Dead Sea](#), careful...no dunking!

Drive to Kibbutz Shefayim (2 hours approx.)

Check in & shower

Dinner

Accommodations: Tel-Aviv area

- **For tomorrow, don't forget to bring** a bathing suit & towel. You may want a change of clothes.

Thursday – Tel-Aviv, the first Hebrew city

Visit the [Independence Hall](#) - *the place where David Ben Gurion announced the establishment of the State of Israel, in May 1948*

Tour of Tel-Aviv, the first Hebrew City

Swim at the Mediterranean Sea

Summary session

Group night out at Tel-Aviv port

Accommodations: Tel-Aviv area

Thursday – Until we meet again...

Early checking out

Drive to the airport

Departure, until we meet again...