



University of Pittsburgh Perspectives 2019

May 1st - May 10th, 2019

SAMPLE PROPOSAL

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Package Details

We'll provide the following travel services so that you can focus on the experience.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International flights with United Airlines from Newark - \$1420
- VIP greeting at Ben Gurion Airport and round trip airport transfers
Including assistance on arrival and departure based on one designated flight in both directions
- 10 days with a licensed Israeli guide
- 10 days with a luxury motorcoach + private driver
- 5 days with armed medic (Ma'ar)
- Guide and driver gratuities budgeted at \$120/person
- Accommodations and meals per the itinerary
- Entrance fees, activity costs and all programming per the itinerary
- Local medical insurance (does not include pre-existing conditions)
- All applicable taxes
An additional 17% VAT (tax) applies for Israeli passport holders only at hotels. Contact us to make arrangements if this tax applies to you.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel incidentals
- Travel insurance (www.grouptravelinsuranceisrael.com)
- Beverages at group meals



Program Itinerary

The following is a sample itinerary. This itinerary is subject to change and is meant only to give participants an idea of their Israel journey. More accurate itineraries will be distributed after Spring Break.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST, 2019

- Depart from Newark to TLV

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, 2019

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport
- VIP airport greeting, meet our Israeli guide, and the journey begins
- Introduction to Israel at the ancient port city of Jaffa
- Lunch at Jaffa Seaport's famous **Abu Lafia Bakery**
- Explore Haifa, Israel's most diverse city, including view of the **Bahai Temple Gardens** and meeting local Imam at the **Ahmeddiya Mosque**
- Check-in and dinner at our hotel in Haifa- Shower and freshen up

OVERNIGHT: IYHA Haifa Guest House, Haifa

Meals Included: Lunch & Dinner

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, 2019

- Visit Intel Campus in Haifa
- Meet with local **Beduin-Israeli** community
- Encounter with the **Druze culture** and share a traditional meal in the Golan village of Ein Kinya
- Explore the history and terrain of the Golan Heights on an **off-road jeep tour**
- Check-in and dinner at your kibbutz accommodations
- Evening: Group processing session

OVERNIGHT: Kibbutz Amiad Hotel, Upper Galilee

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2019

- Explore the Christian holy sites of the Sea of Galilee, including the **Mt. of Beatitudes** and **Capernaum**
- Learn about Israeli and Jordanian collaboration with regards to water resources research - TBD
- Experience effortless **floating at the Dead Sea** at Kaliya beach + lunch
- Time to prepare for Shabbat
- **Desert tent feast** at Kfar Hanokdim encampment (NO camel riding)

OVERNIGHT: Kfar Hanokdim Encampment, Judean Desert

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 2019

- Early wake up and snacks
- Pre-sunrise hike up the **Roman Ramp** to the summit of Masada
- **Masada** - Tour of Herod's desert mountaintop fortress and the bastion of an ancient Jewish rebellion
- Descend Masada via the Snake Path and stop for breakfast at base of Masada
- Ascend to Jerusalem - Stopping for a welcome ceremony at the Haas Promenade overlook
- Lunch on own in Jerusalem
- **Geo-political tour of Jerusalem** led by guide
- Check-in and dinner at our hotel in Jerusalem
- Meeting with **Iftah Burman** - founder of the Middle East Learning Academy and geopolitics expert

Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

MONDAY, MAY 6TH, 2019

- Visit the **Temple Mount / Haram Al-Sharif**, a holy site to both Jews and Muslims
- **Reflections at the Kotel** - The Western Wall complex
- Explore the Christian and Muslim Quarters of the Old City, including the **Via Dolorosa**, the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, and the **Arab Bazaar (Shuk)**
- Stop for a group lunch in the Christian Quarter at **Lina Hummus**
- Travel to **Gush Etzion**, the original West Bank settlement bloc and meet with local Mayor **Oded Ravivi**
- Explore the Palestinian city of **Bethlehem** on a guided tour, with a visit to the Church of the Nativity, The Binsky wall, and meet with local mayor

- Goodbye to medic
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH, 2019

- Bus tour of **Ramallah**, including a visit to the headquarters of the Palestinian Authority and meeting with **PA official** and young locals + lunch on own
- Visit the new and modern Palestinian town of **Rawabi**
- Dinner at hotel followed by meeting with Arab-Israeli journalist, **Khaled Abu Toameh**
- Evening: Group night out at **Ben Yehuda Street** pedestrian mall or Mahane Yehuda Market

Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, 2019

- Morning visit to **Yad VaShem** World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- **Mahane Yehuda** - Experience this colorful open-air marketplace + lunch on own
- Arrive to Tel Aviv - Israel's cultural and commercial capital

OVERNIGHT: Ruth Daniel Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 2019

- Relaxed morning by the beach
- Learn about Tel Aviv's thriving LGBTQ culture on the **Rainbow TLV Tour**
- Walking tour of Tel Aviv's historic **Neve Tzedek** and trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** neighborhoods
- Evening: Dinner at hotel followed by group night out

OVERNIGHT: Ruth Daniel Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH, 2019

- Visit **Netiv HaAsara on the frontier with Gaza**, and take part in a peace project on the border wall
- **Sderot** - visit a fortified playground to experience how Israeli communities have adapted to their situation + lunch on own
- Explore **models for co-existence** in Jaffa with Ihab Balha , an Islamic Cleric, peace activist and educator
- Group processing session in Jaffa
- Dinner at Jaffa Seaport's **Haj Khalil** restaurant
- Connect to your return flight departing from Ben Gurion Airport

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner