



Pitt Perspectives

APRIL 29, 2020- MAY 8, 2020

PROPOSAL

**PRESENTED TO
Pittsburgh Hillel**



Package Details

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International flights - Flights from Newark (EWR) with United at \$1230/person
- 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
- 9 days with a licensed Israeli guide
- 9 days with a luxury motorcoach
- 9 days with an armed medic/Ma'ar (can't enter the Palestinian cities)
- 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)
- Included flight and land costs for 2 Hillel staff (1 in SGL room and the other in DBL room with medic)
- Pre-trip prep guide (www.authenticisrael.com/students)
- Post-departure travel insurance policy ([view coverage details](#))
- Notebooks and nametags
- 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
- Beverages at group meals



Program Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

- Depart from Newark on United Airlines flight #84 at 4:55 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport at 10:15 am
- VIP greeting at the airport, meet our Israeli guide, and the journey begins
- Lunch at the **Hummus Abu Shukri**
- Ascend to Jerusalem - Welcome ceremony at the **Haas Promenade Overlook**
- Check-in and dinner at our accommodations in central Jerusalem
- The political situation in Israel, with guest speaker, **Eylon Levy**
- Staff led group activity at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Snacks, Lunch & Dinner

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020

- **Geo-political tour of Jerusalem** - The seam, the wall - led by **Iftach Burman**
- Visit the **Hand in Hand school** and learn about their mission of building integration and equality in Israel through a growing network of Jewish-Arab public schools
- **Mahane Yehuda** - Experience this colorful open-air marketplace. Lunch on own
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- **Shabbat of a Lifetime** - Share a traditional Shabbat dinner with a local Jerusalem host family

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

- Relaxed morning/optional yoga/run
- Visit **Bethlehem** in the Palestinian territories on a locally guided tour. Includes a visit to **Church of the Nativity**, a meeting with a **Palestinian mayor** and **lunch with a Palestinian family**
- 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)**
- **Reflections at the Kotel** - The Western Wall
- **Havdalla Ceremony** at the Kotel - Celebrate the start of a new week
- Dinner on own at **Ben Yehuda Pedestrian mall**

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

- Visit the **Temple Mount / Haram Al-Sharif**, a holy site to both Jews and Muslims
- Travel to **Ramallah** and visit the Mukata'a, HQ of the **Palestinian Authority** + lunch on own
- Continue to **Tybeh Brewery**, for tastings at one of the first Palestinian breweries in Christian Palestinian town of Tybeh in the West Bank
- Dinner at the hotel
- Meet with **Miri Eisin**, one of the Israeli negotiators who took part in the peace talks with the Palestinian Authority - intro for the visit to the West Bank
- Debriefing session led by Hillel staff

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

- Prep for Yad Vashem at hotel
- **Yad Vashem** - World Holocaust Remembrance Center Meet with a Holocaust survivor
- Lunch at Beit Hakerem on own
- Travel to **Gush Etzion**, the original West Bank settlement bloc, and meet with **Oded Reviv**, mayor of Efrat
- Learn about co-operation and conflict in the West Bank with guest speakers
- Dinner at the hotel followed by a meeting with **Khaled Abu-Toameh**, an Arab-Israeli journalist

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

- Depart Jerusalem and travel into the Judean Desert
- View **Monastery of St. George** - Breathtaking view of sixth-century cliff-hanging complex
- **Floating time at the Dead Sea** at the **Kaliya Beach** with lunch included
- Travel along the **Jordan River Valley**, part of the vast Syrian-African Rift
- Check-in at kibbutz accommodations
- Group processing session at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Olive Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

- Explore the history and terrain of the Golan Heights on an **off-road jeep tour**
- Tasting and tour at the **Golan Heights Winery**
- Encounter with **Druze culture** and share a traditional meal in the Golan village of Ein Kinya
- Meet with **Dr. Mohammad Darawshe** - Center for Equality and Shared Society **Givat Haviva**
- Dinner at **Balinjera** - Enjoy traditional Ethiopian food while hearing the personal story of the restaurant's owner.
- Check-in your hotel in Tel Aviv followed by night out in Tel Aviv

OVERNIGHT: Light House Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

- Meet with former **MK Einat Wilf** at hotel
- Visit **Sderot** and **Netiv HaAsara** on the frontier with Gaza, and learn how these communities have adapted to their surroundings
- Lunch at **Hummus Shel Tehina** in Sderot
- Learn how Israel became the 'Startup Nation' at the **Peres Center for Peace & innovation** in Jaffa
- Mifgash with students from Hillel Tel Aviv
- Free time to enjoy Tel Aviv's **Mediterranean beach culture** and dinner on own
- Evening: Group processing session at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Light House Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

- Walking tour of Tel Aviv's historic **Neve Tzedek** and trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** neighborhoods
- Learn about Tel Aviv's LGBTQ culture on the **Rainbow TLV Tour**
- Explore the **ancient port city of Jaffa** and artists' quarter
Lunch on own in Jaffa
- Explore **models for co-existence** in Jaffa with Ihab Balha , an Islamic Cleric, peace activist and educator
- Closing dinner and wrap-up conversation at **Haj El-Khalil restaurant** in Jaffa
- Drive to Ben Gurion Airport to depart on United flight #91 at 11:25 PM

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

- Arrive back to Newark at 4:30 AM