



# CMU Perspectives 2022

JANUARY 2 - JANUARY 12, 2022

## PROGRAM AGREEMENT

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# Program Itinerary

The following is a suggested itinerary for your review; subject to reasonable change based on availability and local considerations. All times are local.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

- Depart from JFK to TLV on ELAL flight #008 at 11:50 pm

## MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport at 5:10 pm
- VIP airport greeting, meet our Israeli guide, and the journey begins
- Dinner at Jaffa Seaport's famous **Dr. Shakshouka** restaurant
- Group orientation at the hotel

OVERNIGHT: Kibbutz Amiad Guest House, Galilee

*Meals Included: Dinner*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

- Explore the history and terrain of the Golan Heights on an **off-road jeep tour**
- 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
- Meet a **geopolitical expert from Alma center**, for a conversation about Israel's challenges at the north border
- **Cruise on the Sea of Galilee** followed by dinner on own in Tiberias along the waterfront



- Wine tasting at the **Amiad Winery**

OVERNIGHT: Kibbutz Amiad Guest House, Galilee

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

- Explore the Christian holy sites of the Sea of Galilee, including the **Mt. of Beatitudes** and **Capernaum**
- Ascend to Jerusalem - Stopping for a welcome ceremony at the **Haas Promenade overlook**
- Stop for a group lunch in the Christian Quarter at **Lina Hummus**
- 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 complex
- Meeting with **Iftah Burman**, founder of the Middle East Learning Academy and geopolitics expert
- Dinner on own by the hotel
- Group processing at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

- Visit the **Temple Mount / Haram Al-Sharif**, a holy site to both Jews and Muslims
- Meet **Gabriel and Shira Rais**, local settlers from the West Bank, and learn about their perspectives
- Explore the Palestinian city of **Bethlehem** on a guided tour, with a visit to the **Church of the Nativity**, the **Bansky wall**, meet with the **local mayor**, and **lunch with a local Palestinian family**
- Meet international journalist **Matti Friedman**
- Dinner at the hotel
- Group processing at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: All meals included*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

- Morning visit to **Yad Vashem** - World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- **Mahane Yehuda** - Experience this colorful open-air marketplace + lunch on own
- **Geo-political tour of Jerusalem** led by the tour guide. Stop at the **Tree of Life Memorial** in Jerusalem
- Time to prepare for Shabbat
- **Shabbat of a Lifetime** - Share a traditional Shabbat dinner with a local Jerusalem host family

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

- Bus tour of **Ramallah**, including a visit to the headquarters of the Palestinian Authority, a meeting with a **PA official** and **young locals**
- Visit the new and modern Palestinian town of **Rawabi** + lunch on own
- Meet with Arab-Israeli journalist, **Khaled Abu Toameh**
- Group processing at hotel followed by dinner
- Night out in Jerusalem

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

- Introduction to the south border with former IDF officer **Grisha Yakubovich**
- **Sderot** - View Israel's border with Gaza and visit a fortified playground to experience how this community adapted to its challenging location + lunch on own



- Meet **Yaron Bob** and learn about his '**Rockets to Roses**' Gallery at Yated
- Encounter with a **Bedouin women's weaving cooperative** in the desert village of Lakiya
- **Camel riding** and **desert tent feast** at Kfar Hanokdim encampment
- Group processing at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Kfar Hanokdim Encampment, Judean Desert

*Meals Included: All meals included*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

- **Masada** - Tour of Herod's desert mountain top fortress and the bastion of an ancient Jewish rebellion
- Descend Masada via the Snake Path and stop for breakfast at the base of Masada
- Experience effortless **floating in the Dead Sea** at Kaliya beach + lunch
- Travel to Tel Aviv - Israel's cultural and commercial capital
- Learn how Israel became the 'Startup Nation' at the **Peres Center for Peace & Innovation** in Jaffa
- Check in at the hotel
- Dinner at **Balinjera** - Enjoy traditional Ethiopian food while hearing the personal story of the restaurant's owner
- Explore the **vibrant nightlife in Tel Aviv**

OVERNIGHT: BY14 Hotel, Tel Aviv

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

- Meet with **Miri Eisin**, a retired IDF colonel and former adviser to PM Ariel Sharon in peace negotiations
- Learn about Tel Aviv's thriving LGBTQ culture on the **Rainbow TLV Tour**
- Celebrate the spirit of Tel Aviv at the **Nahalat Binyamin street festival** and the **Carmel Market** + lunch on own

- Explore **models for co-existence** in Jaffa with Ihab Balha, an Islamic Cleric, peace activist and educator
- Group processing session in Ruth Daniel hotel
- Dinner at Jaffa Seaport's **Haj Khalil** restaurant
- Connect to your return flight with ELAL flight #001 from Ben Gurion Airport at 12:45 am

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

- Arrive to JFK Airport at 5:45 am