



Pitt Perspectives

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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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

- Depart from JFK on American Airlines flight #146 at 11:10 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport at 5:15 pm
- VIP greeting at the airport, meet our Israeli guide, and the journey begins
- Dinner at Jaffa Seaport's **Haj Khalil** restaurant
- Travel to the north
- Check in followed by staff led group activity at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Kibbutz Amiad Guest House, Galilee

Meals Included: Dinner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

- Trip Orientation - led by staff
- 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 **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 northern border and a minority speaker.
- Tasting and tour at **Amiad Winery**
- Dinner at the hotel

OVERNIGHT: Kibbutz Amiad Guest House, Galilee

Meals Included: All meals included

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

- Explore the Christian holy sites of the Sea of Galilee, including the **Mt. of Beatitudes** and **Capernaum**
- Travel along the **Jordan River Valley**, part of the vast Syrian-African Rift
- **Jericho** - Visit the ancient city and learn about its important role for the Palestinian people + the Dead Sea + lunch
- **Camel riding** at Eretz Breisheit encampment
- Ascend to Jerusalem - Stopping for a welcome ceremony at the Mt. Scopus overlook
- The political situation in Israel, with guest speaker, **Eylon Levy**
- Check in and dinner on own by the hotel
- Debriefing session led by Hillel

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

- 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)** + lunch on own
- **Geo-political tour of Jerusalem** - The seam, the wall - led by guide
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the kotel
- Shabbat Dinner at the hotel

- NYE Celebration at Ben Yehuda street

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

- Travel to **Ramallah** and visit the Mukata'a, HQ of the **Palestinian Authority** and meet with a Palestinian student
- Visit the new and modern Palestinian town of **Rawabi** + lunch on own
- Dinner at the hotel followed by a meeting with **Khaled Abu-Toameh**, an Arab-Israeli journalist
- **Havdalla Ceremony**
- Debriefing session led by Hillel
- Dinner at the hotel followed by a night out at **Machne Yehuda Market**

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

- 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 perspective
- 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**
- Conversation with **Haviv Gur**, Veteran Israeli Journalist and political analyst
- Debriefing session led by Hillel staff + prep for Yad Vashem at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

- **Yad Vashem** - World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- **Mahane Yehuda** - Experience this colorful open-air marketplace. Lunch on own
- Meet **Kulna Yerushalaim Organization**, an NGO that promotes co-existence in Jerusalem by having many cultural events throughout the city.
- Drive to Tel Aviv and stop at the **Tree of Life Memorial in Jerusalem**
- Check in at hotel
- Dinner at Jaffa Seaport's famous **Dr. Shakshouka** restaurant
- Debriefing session led by Hillel

OVERNIGHT: BY14, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

- Meet with **Miri Eisin**, a retired IDF colonel and former adviser to PM Ariel Sharon in peace negotiations
- Visit **Sderot** and **Yated** on the frontier with Gaza, and learn how these communities have adapted to their surroundings - lunch on own
- Debriefing session led by Hillel
- Dinner at **Balinjera** - Enjoy traditional Ethiopian food while hearing the personal story of the restaurant's owner.
- Evening: Night out in Tel Aviv

OVERNIGHT: BY14, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

- Learn about Tel Aviv's LGBTQ culture on the **Rainbow TLV Tour**
- Learn how Israel became the 'Startup Nation' at the **Peres Center for Peace & Innovation** in Jaffa
- Explore the **ancient port city of Jaffa** and artists' quarter + lunch on own

- Conversation with **Mohammed Zoabi**, Arab-Israeli peace activist
- Wrap-up conversation at Ruth Daniel hotel
- Yemeni-style dinner at **Maganda** restaurant in Tel Aviv
- Drive to Ben Gurion Airport to depart on AA flight #145 at 12:50 am

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

- Arrive back to JFK at 6:00am