



# Pitt and CMU Perspectives 2023

MAY 11 - MAY 22, 2023

## 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.

### THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

- Depart from EWR to TLV on ELAL flight #026 at 9:00pm

### FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport at 2:25pm
- VIP airport greeting, meet your Israeli guide, and the journey begins
- Introduction to Israel at Haifa, Israel's most diverse city, including a view from the top of the **Bahai Temple Gardens**
- Group orientation at hotel
- Shabbat dinner at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Dan Panorama, Haifa

*Meals Included: Snacks, Dinner*

### SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

- Drive to the north
- Explore the Christian holy sites of the Sea of Galilee, including the **Mt. of Beatitudes** and **Capernaum**
- Explore the history and terrain of the Golan Heights on an **off-road jeep tour**
- Lunch at Merom Golan

- View Israel's neighbors and navigate former IDF bunkers at the summit of **Mt. Ben-Tal**
- Conversation with **Lt.Col Eyal Dror** about *Operation Good Neighbor* to give medical treatment to Syrian refugees during the civil war
- Encounter with **Druze culture** and share a traditional meal in the Carmel village of Ussafiya
- Night out in Haifa

OVERNIGHT: Dan Panorama, Haifa

*Meals Included: All meals included*

## SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

- Experience a tour of **the village of Barta'a** located along the Green Line
- Lunch on own en route
- Ascend to Jerusalem - Stopping for a welcome ceremony at the **Haas Promenade Overlook**
- Check in at hotel
- Meet with **Benji Davis** for an introduction to the conflict
- Group processing at hotel
- Dinner at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

- 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)** + Lunch on own
- Visit **Kids 4 Peace**, a non-profit organization in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, promoting co-existence among all of the city's youth

- Group processing at hotel
- Dinner at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

- Learn about the **Arab community in Jerusalem** in a geo-political tour with Idan Lahav
- Bus tour of **Ramallah**, including a visit to the headquarters of the Palestinian Authority, a meeting with a **PA official** + lunch on own
- Continue to **Tybeh Brewery** for a tasting and tour in this Christian Palestinian town in the West Bank
- Dinner at hotel followed by group processing session

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

- Meet international journalist **Matti Friedman**
- Conversation with **Eve Harrow**, local settler from the West Bank
- Explore the Palestinian city of **Bethlehem** on a guided tour with a visit to the **Church of the Nativity**, the **Bansky Wall**, a meeting with a **local student** and lunch with a Palestinian family
- Group processing at hotel followed by dinner on own near the hotel

OVERNIGHT: Shani Hotel, Jerusalem

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch*

## THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

- Morning visit to **Yad Vashem** - World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- Stop at the **Tree of Life Memorial** in Jerusalem

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- **Mahane Yehuda** - Experience this colorful open-air marketplace + lunch on own
  - Travel to Tel Aviv - Israel's cultural and commercial capital
  - Check in at hotel
  - Group processing and dinner at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Island Hotel Netanya

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

- **Museum of the Jewish People** (Diaspora Museum) on the campus of Tel Aviv University
- Celebrate the spirit of Tel Aviv at the **Nahalat Binyamin Street Festival** and the **Carmel Market**
- Learn about Tel Aviv's thriving LGBTQ culture on the **Rainbow TLV Tour**
- Time to prepare for Shabbat
- Shabbat dinner at hotel
- Explore the **vibrant nightlife in Tel Aviv**

OVERNIGHT: Island Hotel Netanya

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner*

## SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

- Visit **Netiv HaAsara on the frontier with Gaza** and take part in a peace project on the border wall
- Experience a traditional Yemenite Shabbat meal
- **Sderot** - View Israel's border with Gaza and visit a fortified playground to experience how this community adapted to its challenging location
- Return to Tel Aviv
- Explore **models for co-existence** in Jaffa with Doris Hiffawi
- Group processing session at hotel
- Dinner on own near hotel

*Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch*

OVERNIGHT: Island Hotel Netanya

## SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

- Meet with former **MK Einat Wilf** at hotel
- Explore the **ancient port city of Jaffa** and artists' quarter + lunch on own
- Learn how Israel became the 'Startup Nation' at the **Peres Center for Peace & Innovation** in Jaffa
- Wrap up session at Ruth Daniel hotel
- Dinner at **Efrar's Family**
- Connect to your return flight El Al #025 from Ben Gurion Airport at 1:00am

*Meals Included: Breakfast*

## MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

- Arrive to EWR at 5:45am