



2023 TAC Israel Tentative Itinerary

Day 1) Taking Flight

- Meet staff and other campers at Newark Liberty International Airport
- Depart for Israel!



Day 2) Welcome to Israel!

- Arrive to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, meet our staff team, and head to Jerusalem
 - Welcome ceremony at the Haas Promenade overlook
 - Check-in to our hotel and prepare for Shabbat
 - Staff-led Kabbalat Shabbat
 - Dinner at the hotel
 - Oneg activities/orientation
- Overnight: Leonardo JLM



Day 3) Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Relax at hotel and do some day exploring of a restful city
 - Dinner at accommodations
 - Havdalla ceremony -- celebrate the start of a new week
 - Evening: Group night out at the Jerusalem First Station Market
- Overnight: Leonardo JLM



Day 4) Foundations of Jewish History in Jerusalem

- City of David Excavations - Discover the foundations of Jerusalem dating back to King David's time
 - Hezekiah's Tunnel - Cool off in the spring-fed underground aqueduct running below Jerusalem
 - Enter the Old City at Zion Gate and explore the ancient neighborhoods of the Jewish Quarter
 - Reflections at the Kotel - The Western Wall complex - and explore the Southern Wall Excavations
 - Evening: RootOne's Big Tent Event - Celebrate your summer in Israel with teens from all over North America
- Overnight: Leonardo JLM

Day 5) Honoring The Land

- Travel to Neot Kedumim Biblical Park for a leadership workshop and tree planting ceremony
 - Dig-for-a-Day Archeological Seminar at Beit Guvrin National Park + Explore the Bell Cave
 - Head north up the coast and check-in to our accommodations in the Western Galilee
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nes Amim, Western Galilee



Day 6) Diversity & Co-existence in the Galilee

- Explore Haifa, Israel's most diverse city, including a tour of the Bahai Temple Gardens
 - Meet with Mohammed Kabbiya, an Arab-Israeli veteran of the IDF from the Galilee
 - Encounter with the Druze culture and share a traditional meal in the Carmel village of Ussafiya
 - Spend the rest of the afternoon learning how to surf + BBQ dinner
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nes Amim, Western Galilee

Day 7) Adventures in the Western Galilee

- Rappelling down Keshet Arch - The soaring natural geological wonder in the Western Galilee
 - Rosh Hanikrah - Descend into the ocean-swept caves on Israel's far northern border
 - Explore Acco Seaport's Crusader-era history, including the Knights Hall and Templar Tunnels
 - Travel to the Sea of Galilee, stopping for a view of Israel's largest fresh-water lake along the way
- Overnight: Ohalo Manor / Kibbutz Afik, Sea of Galilee



Day 8) Perspectives from the Golan Heights

- Morning hike to a swimming hole under the natural waterfalls at Nahal Zavitan
 - Lunch in Katzrin
 - View Israel's neighbors and navigate former IDF bunkers at the summit of Mt. Ben-Tal
 - Cool off rafting down the upper Jordan River followed by BBQ dinner
- Overnight: Ohalo Manor / Kibbutz Afik, Sea of Galilee

Day 9) Mystics of the Galilee

- Ancient Tsfat - Explore the historic center of Jewish mysticism in the Galilee highlands
 - Meet with Kabbalistic artist, Avraham Lowenthal, in the Tsfat artists' colony
 - Free time for exploration and lunch in the Tsfat artists' quarter
 - Take part in a challah baking at an ancient stone oven bakery with Livnot U'Lhitraot
 - Kabbalat Shabbat outdoors
 - Oneg activity
- Overnight: Ohalo Manor / Kibbutz Afik, Sea of Galilee





Day 10) Shabbat in the Galilee

- Camp-led Shabbat programming
 - Free time, sports, and swimming at our accommodations
 - Havdallah – celebrate the start of a new week together
 - Cruise on the Sea of Galilee + group night out in Tiberias along the waterfront (ice cream provided)
- Overnight: Ohalo Manor / Kibbutz Afik, Sea of Galilee

Day 11) Electives Day #1

- Sea-to-Sea Hike
- Gadna IDF Immersion
- Volunteering with Project TEN



Day 12) Electives Day #2

- Sea-to-Sea Hike
- Gadna IDF Immersion
- Volunteering with Project TEN



Day 13) Electives Day #3

- Sea-to-Sea Hike
- Gadna IDF Immersion
- Volunteering with Project TEN



Day 14) Coming Back Together as a Group

- Wrap up the elective experiences
 - Meet back up as a group after lunch at Aqueduct Beach along the Mediterranean Coast
 - Caesarea – Explore Herod's Roman-era palace & amphitheater on the beach, and learn about his outsized impact on Jewish history in Israel
 - Arrive to Tel Aviv, Israel's cultural and commercial capital
 - Evening: Group night out at the Tel Aviv Port
- Overnight: Ruth Daniel Hotel / Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv



Day 15) Diversity in Tel Aviv

- Machon Ayalon - Honor the bravery of those who helped establish the State of Israel
 - Beit Ambosa - Ethiopian cultural experience + lunch
 - Invitation to Silence - Experience the world with new senses at the Holon Children's Museum
 - Spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying the beach in Tel Aviv
- Overnight: Ruth Daniel Hotel / Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv



Day 16) The Story of Modern Israel in Tel Aviv

- Visit to the Museum of the Jewish People (ANU Museum) on the campus of Tel Aviv University
 - Celebrate the spirit of Tel Aviv at the Nahalat Binyamin craft festival and grab lunch at the adjacent Carmel Market
 - Walking tour of Tel Aviv's historic Neve Tzedek and trendy Rothschild Boulevard neighborhoods - view Israel's Independence Hall along the way
 - Evening: Experience an open-air Kabbalat Shabbat at the Tel Aviv Port
 - Shabbat dinner
 - Oneg Shabbat at our accommodations
- Overnight: Ruth Daniel Hotel / Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 17) Shabbat at the Beach

- Late wake-up
 - Staff-led Shabbat programming
 - Afternoon free time to enjoy the Tel Aviv beach scene
 - Israeli martial arts elective
 - Evening: Movie night at Tel Aviv's Cinema City complex
- Overnight: Ruth Daniel Hotel / Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv



Day 18) Art & Culture in Tel Aviv

- Discover the complexity and beauty of Hebrew graffiti art in Florentine and learn how to make your own graffiti art creation
 - Tour the ancient Jaffa Seaport, shopping time, and lunch at the Jaffa Flea Market
 - Volunteer at the Jaffa Institute - An innovative charity dedicated to combating poverty
 - Evening: workshop with Nalagaat Theater - Israel's ground-breaking theater troupe comprised of deaf and blind actors
- Overnight: Ruth Daniel Hotel / Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 19) Adapting to Challenges in the South

- Visit Netiv HaAsara on the frontier with Gaza, and take part in a peace project on the border wall
 - Sderot - View Israel's border with Gaza and visit a fortified playground to experience how this community adapted to its challenging location
 - Salad Trail - Experience the wonders of Israel's desert agriculture revolution
 - Evening: Camel riding, desert tent feast, and bonfire party
- Overnight: Chan HaShayarot Encampment, Negev Desert





Day 20) Making The Desert Bloom

- Hike to the hidden desert pools at Ein Avdat
 - Lunch at Sde Boker
 - Sde Boker – Visit David and Paula Ben Gurion's modest home and learn about the remarkable story of Israel's first Prime Minister and his unique vision for Israel's future in the desert
 - Continue on to the Arava Valley
- Overnight: Hatzeva Field School / Kibbutz Yahel, Arava Valley



Day 21) Red Sea + Israel's Southern Borders

- Travel down the Arava Valley to Israel's Red Sea resort of Eilat
 - Discover underwater treasures snorkeling at Coral Beach
 - Relaxed beach time + banana boating adventure in the Red Sea
 - Break for ice cream at Yotvata, Israel's famous desert dairy farm
 - Desert ecological tour and seminar
- Overnight: Hatzeva Field School / Kibbutz Yahel, Arava Valley



Day 22) Jewish Heroism, Dilemmas, & Leadership

- Early wake-up and travel to the base of Masada
 - Pre-sunrise hike up the Snake path to the summit of Masada
 - Masada – Tour Herod's desert mountaintop fortress and the bastion of an ancient Jewish rebellion
 - Descend Masada via the Snake Path and stop for breakfast
 - Nature walk in Ein Gedi National Park and cool off under the desert waterfalls at Nahal David
 - Evening: Prep for Yad VaShem visit the following morning
- Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 23) Understanding Our Past to Preserve the Future

- Yad VaShem World Holocaust Remembrance Center
 - Picnic lunch and processing time at Jerusalem's Mifletzet Park
 - Re-enter the Old City for Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel (option for group service at Robinson's Arch)
 - Special NJY Shabbat dinner at Beit Shmuel banquet hall
- Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 24) Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Staff-led Shabbat programming or option to attend local services
 - Pool time
 - Afternoon enjoying a Jerusalem-style Shabbat at Saker Park
 - Havdalla in the Rose Garden Park
 - Evening: Tower of David Night Spectacular sound and light show in the Old City and group night out at the Mamilla pedestrian mall
- Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 25) Sacrifice & Sovereignty

- Theodore Herzl Museum – The story of the Zionist idea and Israel's founding history
- Mt. Herzl National Cemetery – Honoring Israel's national leaders and fallen soldiers
- Mahane Yehuda – Experience this colorful open-air marketplace
- Menachem Begin Center – Learn about the democracy in Israel
- Evening: Review the political situation in Israel, with guest speaker, Neil Lazarus

Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 26) Current State of Affairs

- Geopolitical tour of Jerusalem – The seam, the wall, and the future (including Ammunition Hill)
- Lunch in Efrat, one of the largest settlements and the center of the Gush Etzion Bloc
- Roots Tent – Take part in a constructive Arab-Israeli dialogue in the West Bank
- Explore the history and terrain of Biblical Israel on an off-road jeep tour adventure
- Evening: Group night out at Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall

Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 27) Innovation in Israel

- Return to Tel Aviv for the day
- Latet – Volunteering project at this leading Israeli foodbank for the hungry
- Start-up nation experience
- Lunch in Jaffa
- Learn about Tel Aviv's LGBTQ culture on the Rainbow TLV Tour
- Finish the day at the Janana Rope park
- Closing activity

Overnight: Royal Wing Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 28) Looking to the Future

- Late wake-up and pack for our flight home
- Final Speaker – "Bringing Israel Home"
- Last 'shopportunity' at Ben Yehuda street and Mahane Yehuda Market
- Israel Museum – View the Dead Sea Scrolls, Temple Model, and more
- Wrap-up conversations and closing dinner at Cnaanit Restaurant in the Judean Desert
- Return to Ben Gurion Airport for overnight flights

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