
SAMPLE MISSION ITINERARY

DAY ONE: WELCOME

Check in on your own upon arrival

6:25 PM **Meet on 3rd floor of David Intercontinental Hotel to depart for dinner**

7:00 – 9:00 PM **Welcome Dinner**

The delegation's leaders will meet and introduce themselves, while we set the tone for the week ahead.

Speakers:

Ambassador Alon Pinkas
Prof. Galia Golan

Location: Claro, 23 Ha'arbaa St., Tel Aviv

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DAY TWO: LAY OF THE LAND - ISRAELI POLITICS AND THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

6:30 – 8:55 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

9:00 AM **Meet on 2nd floor to depart**

9:30 – 10:30 AM **Lay of the Land: The Current Israeli Political Landscape**

An orientation to the political and public climate in Israel, current trends and what can we expect in the near- and long-term future.

Speaker: Tal Shalev, Political and Diplomatic correspondent, Walla

Location: 15 Rothschild Blvd, Tel Aviv - 1st Floor

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Coffee Break**

10:45 AM– 12:15 PM **Promoting a Progressive Agenda for Change**

A conversation with Israeli progressive leaders about their strategies for political change.

Speakers:

Nimrod Dweck, VP Strategy, Darkenu
Michal Sella, Fellow, Berl Katznelson Foundation

Location: 15 Rothschild Blvd, Tel Aviv - 1st Floor

12:30 – 1:45 PM **Group Lunch**

Location: Bino, 73 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv

2:00 – 4:30 PM **Optional: Walking Tour of Jaffa**
Visit the Old City of Jaffa, ascend from the old port through the renovated alleyways and explore the ancient port city out of which Tel Aviv has now grown.

5:10 PM **Meet on the 2nd floor to depart by bus for Kabbalat Shabbat services (optional)**

5:30 – 7:30 PM **Optional: Introduction and Kabbalat Shabbat services at Beit Tefilah Israeli (optional)**
Beit Tefilah Israeli is a creative, innovative and inclusive Jewish-Israeli grassroots community and organization that offers meaningful Jewish ritual, study, activism and a sense of belonging to the general Israeli public.

Speaker: Rani Jaeger, Co-Founder of Beit Tefilah Israeli

Location: 7 LaSalle St., Tel Aviv

7:30 – 9:00 PM **Optional: Dinner with Jeremy Ben-Ami**

Location: Yassou, 105 HaYarkon St., Tel Aviv

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DAY THREE: EXPLORING THE BURMA ROAD

6:30 – 9:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

9:00 AM **Meet on the 2nd floor to depart by bus**

9:45 – 11:45 AM **Burma Road Tour and visit to Machal Memorial**
The Burma Road was the alternate byway dug by night in the prelude to the War of Independence. We will explore three different narratives relevant to the Israeli Independence period: (1) Jerusalem at Any Cost, the story of Ben Gurion's leadership in ascertaining that Jerusalem be part of the Jewish State from the onset; (2) Israel - Diaspora Relations; (3), the villages that were, and are no more. We will also visit the Machal Memorial

Guide: Joe Perlov, Regarding Israel

11:45 – 12:15 PM Drive to lunch

12:15 – 1:30 PM **Group Lunch**

Location: Majda, Ein Rafah

1:45 – 2:30 PM **Visit to 9/11 Memorial**
Visit to the 9/11 memorial and discuss the America- Israel Alliance and our shared values.

3:30 – 7:15 PM **Time on your own in Tel Aviv**

7:15 PM **Meet on 2nd floor to walk to dinner**

7:30 – 9:30 PM **Dinner**

Location: Traklin, 4 Heihal HaTalmud St., Tel Aviv

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DAY FOUR: ISRAEL - HISTORICAL NARRATIVE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES

8:00 – 9:15 AM **Breakfast and Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 1)**

This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.

Speakers:

Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street President

Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director

Location: Gallery Room, 3rd Floor of the hotel

9:30 - 10:15 AM **Meeting with Leader of the Opposition, MK Isaac Herzog**

10:30 – 12:00 PM **Independence Trail Walking Tour**

It was here in Tel Aviv that the State of Israel was born. Participants will embark on a fascinating journey that takes us from a Hebrew city to a Hebrew state, a trail that begins with the founding of Tel Aviv in 1909 and ends with the Establishment of Israel in 1948. We will also visit the newly established Democracy Pavilion, an initiative of the Israel Democracy Institute and the Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality, which showcases the values embedded in Israel's Declaration of Independence – equality, justice, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and individual rights.

12:00 – 1:30 PM **Lunch discussion – The Vision of Israel**

The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.

Speaker: Prof. Itamar Rabinovich

Location: Goshen, 30 Nachalat Binyamin, Tel Aviv

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Two-State Solution from a Security Perspective**

This session will serve to layout Israeli strategic interest in promoting the two-state solution given the momentous geo-strategic developments and emerging regional reality.

Speakers:

Maj. Gen (ret.) Amnon Reshef, Founder and Chairman, Commanders for Israel's Security

Rolly Gueron, Former Division Chief in the Mossad; Steering & Executive Committee

Member, Commanders for Israel's Security

Location: Goshen, 30 Nachalat Binyamin, Tel Aviv

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Drive back to hotel

3:00 – 7:00 PM

Downtime/Executive Time

7:00 PM

Meet on 2nd Floor to depart for dinner by bus

7:30 – 9:30 PM

Dinner with Young Israeli Social Entrepreneurs

Location: Spoons, 2 Ben Azai St., Apt. 7 - Jaffa

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DAY FIVE: GAZA AND FOREIGN POLICY

8:00 – 8:15 AM

Hotel Check out/Load luggage onto the bus

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Breakfast: Gaza Briefing by Gisha

Speaker: Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha

Location: Gallery Room, 3rd Floor of the hotel

9:45 - 10:45 AM

Drive down south: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 2)

Briefing with Jeremy Ben Ami: The Road to Peace – an overview of peace-processes, agreements and core issues, as well as the US role in the conflict.

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Tour of Gaza Envelope Region

The Israeli towns bordering Gaza have managed to adapt to the difficult circumstances of living under a variety of security threats. We will visit the region and discuss the security situation as well as emotional and political impact of living in the region.

Guide: Joe Perlov, Regarding Israel

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Lunch with Local Residents

At lunch, we will be joined by local residents to discuss the effects of the on-going rockets fire and other threats from Gaza. We will meet local residents working on a peaceful resolution of the ongoing conflict. A Palestinian voice from Gaza will also be presented through Skype.

Speakers:

Roni Keidar, Other Voice

Location: Netiv Ha'asara

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Drive to Jerusalem

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Briefing by H.E. Nikolay Mladenov, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Location: UN Headquarters in Jerusalem

4:30 – 5:00 PM Drive to hotel

5:00 – 7:15 PM Check-in to hotel and freshen up for dinner

7:30 – 9:30 PM Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists

Location: Olive and Fish, 2 Jabotinsky, Jerusalem

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DAY SIX: KHAN AL AHMAR, HEBRON, & US FOREIGN POLICY

6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

7:00 – 8:15 AM **Optional: Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem**

8:30 – 9:00 AM Drive to Khan al Ahmar

9:00–10:00 AM Tour of Khan al Ahmar and meeting with residents

Learn about the situation of Palestinians living in the E1 portion in Area C of the West Bank and hear firsthand from a resident of Khan al Ahmar about daily life and the village's pending demolition order.

10:00 – 11:45 AM Drive to Hebron

11:45 AM–1:15 PM Walking tour of Hebron

On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.

1:15 – 2:45 PM Lunch on the bus and drive to Jerusalem

3:00 – 4:30 PM Tour and Ceremony at Yad Vashem

On this tour, we will visit the museum commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews. We will pay our respects and lay a wreath in their memory.

4:30 – 5:20 PM Drive to US Consulate

5:30 - 6:15 PM Meeting with US Consul General Donald Blome

Location: US Consulate, Jerusalem

6:15 – 6:30 PM Walk to Citadel

7:15 PM Meet in lobby to depart for dinner

7:30 - 9:00 PM Debrief Dinner

Location: ANNA Italian Café, 10 HaRav Agan St., Jerusalem

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DAY SEVEN: EAST JERUSALEM & PALESTINIAN & ISRAELI POLICY AND POLITICS

6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:00 AM Meeting in lobby to depart for East Jerusalem tour

8:00 – 10:00 AM East Jerusalem Tour en route to Ramallah

On this tour we will visit hot spots in East Jerusalem and evaluate the developments in Jerusalem and their impact on a potential solution for the core issue of Jerusalem.

Guide: Daniel Seidemann, Founder and Director of Terrestrial Jerusalem

10:00 –11:00 AM Meeting with General Jibril Rajoub, Secretary General of Fatah Central Committee

Location: Ramallah

11:30 AM–12:30 PM Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat, PLO Chief Negotiator and Member of the PLO Executive Committee

Location: Ramallah

12:45 – 2:00 PM Lunch with Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President of the PLO Planning Center

2:00 – 3:30 PM Drive to the Knesset

Seminar on the Bus: Israeli Politics 101

Briefing on the bus with Jeremy Ben Ami and Yael Patir: Israeli politics 101, parties, political players, parliamentary system and ongoing changes.

3:30 - 4:00 PM Meeting with MK Ayman Oudeh, Chair, Joint List

Location: Knesset

4:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting with MK Yehuda Glick, Likud

Location: Knesset

4:30 - 5:00 PM Visit Women Wage Peace tent outside of the Knesset

5:30 - 6:00 PM Drive to hotel

7:25 PM Meet in lobby to depart for dinner

7:45 – 9:45 PM Dinner with Palestinian Business and Civil Society Leaders from Jerusalem

Location: The Ambassador Hotel, 5 Nablus Road, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem

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DAY EIGHT: LOOKING FORWARD

6:00 – 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:00 AM Meet in the lobby to depart

8:30 – 10:30 AM Security Barrier and Settlement Tour

On the ground visit to settlements and the security barrier; understanding Israel's security concerns, the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion, as well as potential territorial and security solutions.

Guide: Col. (res.) Ron Schatzberg

11:30 AM–12:30 PM Tour of Rawabi and Meeting with Bashar Masri and Palestinian Business Leaders

Rawabi is Palestine's first planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education and leisure all in one place. We will tour the construction site with the project's chief developer.

12:30 – 1:15 PM Drive to Ofra: Lunch on the bus

1:15 – 2:15 PM Meeting with Settlers in Ofra

3:15 – 4:15 PM Discussion: The Future of US-Israel Relationship and US Role in the Region

Speaker: Ambassador Daniel Shapiro

Location: Mamilla Hotel

4:30 – 5:15 PM Leaders Debrief

Location: Mamilla Hotel

5:15 – 6:15 PM Walk back to David Citadel and prepare for dinner

6:15 PM Meet in the lobby to walk to dinner

6:30 – 8:30 PM Farewell Dinner

Location: Touro Restaurant, 2 Sh.A. Nakhon St., Jerusalem