

## Teen Tour to Israel – December 21-31, 2019

### PROPOSED ITINERARY

*(Subject to change)*

#### ACCOMMODATIONS SUMMARY

City	Hotel Name	Check In	Check Out	Nights	Room Category
Partnership	Home Hospitality	Dec 22, 2019	Dec 25, 2019	3	Private Homes
Tel Aviv	Grand Beach	Dec 25, 2019	Dec 27, 2019	2	Standard
Jerusalem	Grand Court	Dec 27, 2019	Dec 30, 2019	3	Standard
Negev	Kfar Hanokdim	Dec 30, 2019	Dec 31, 2019	1	Bedouin Tent

#### **Saturday, December 21st – Departure from Federation**

- **Bus transportation** to O'Hare International Airport (ORD), departing after Shabbat.

#### **Sunday, December 22nd -- Arrival in Israel**

- **Arrival** at Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV).
- Transfer to our **Partnership Region** in the **Western Galilee**.
- Pickup by our host families.
- Spend the remainder of the day exploring the Partnership Region and reuniting with our friends there.
- Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah!

#### **Overnight: Home hospitality in the Partnership Region**

#### **Monday, December 23rd -- Partnership**

- See Western Galilee highlights including the beautiful grottos at **Rosh Hanikrah** and Israel's border with Lebanon.
- Tour the old city of Akko (a UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Meet Druze youth from villages in the Western Galilee.

#### **Overnight: Home hospitality in the Partnership Region**



#### **Tuesday, December 24th -- Partnership**

- Spend the day exploring the Partnership Region (to be arranged by the Partnership).

#### **Overnight: Home hospitality in the Partnership Region**

### Wednesday, December 25th -- *Ports of Entry*

- After breakfast with our host families, we will be picked up from our accommodations and meet our tour guide from Kenes Tours (kenes-tours.com), who will be with us for the remainder of our time in Israel.
- Travel south via **Haifa**. En route, view the **Bahai Gardens**.
- Learn about the Jewish refugees from the Holocaust and 'Aliya Bet' during the British Mandate at the **Atlit Detainee Camp**.
- Have lunch (*included*) en route.
- Stop and explore the ancient Roman port city of **Caesarea**.
- Continue to **Tel Aviv** and check into our hotel.
- Have **dinner** (*included*) at the hotel.



**Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv**

### Thursday, December 26th -- *Tel Aviv, Israel's Capital of Cool*

- After breakfast (*included*) at the hotel, meet our guide and depart.
- Tour the **Old City of Jaffa** and its port.
- Visit the **Palmach Museum** and learn about the origins of the IDF.
- Experience the fun hustle and bustle of the **Carmel Market** and grab a falafel for lunch (*included*).
- Pause at **Rabin Square** to learn about Yitzhak Rabin and prepare for our next visit.
- Conclude at the **Rabin Center** and learn about the man and the country.
- Return to the hotel to refresh and have **dinner** (*included*).



**Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv**

### Friday, December 27th -- Erev Shabbat in Jerusalem

- After breakfast (*included*), check out and drive with our guide to **Jerusalem**.
- Stop at **Mount Scopus** for an incredible view of this holy city and recite the traditional **Shehechyanu** prayer.
- Tour the **Old City of Jerusalem**.
- Grab lunch (*included*) in **Jewish Quarter**.
- Drive to the hotel for check in and a chance to rest, relax and prepare for Shabbat.
- Return to the **Western Wall** to welcome in Shabbat.
- Have **Shabbat dinner** (*included*) at the hotel.



**Overnight: Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem**

### Saturday, December 28th -- History & Heritage

- After breakfast (*included*), along with our guide, visit the **Israel Museum** and see the incredible **Dead Sea scrolls**.
- Visit **Latrun**, a monument to Israel's legendary Armored Corps and the world's largest **tank museum**.
- Taste authentic hummus and fixings at **lunch** (*included*) in **Abu Gosh**.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- *Optional: Havdalah ceremony.*
- Have **dinner** (*included*) at the hotel or venture out to the Mamilla Mall.
- This evening, see the **Night Spectacular** at the **Tower of David**.



**Overnight: Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem**

### Sunday, December 29th -- Uncovering the Past

- After breakfast (*included*), with our guide, visit **Yad Vashem**, the world-renowned Holocaust Museum.
- Explore the iconic **Machane Yehuda** market to shop and grab lunch (*included*).
- Travel outside the city and spend the afternoon as an archaeologist at **Beit Guvrin** national park's **Dig for a Day**.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Have **dinner** (*included*) at the hotel.
- This evening, tour the **Western Wall Tunnels**.

**Overnight: Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem**



**Monday, December 30th -- Destination: Descent to the Dead Sea**

- After breakfast, check out and depart with our guide for the **Dead Sea** region.
- Visit the **Ancient Synagogue at Ein Gedi**.
- Enjoy **lunch (included)** and a **swim** (more like a float!) at the **Dead Sea**.
- Travel on to **Masada**. Hike and ascend to the top via the **Snake Path**; descend via the **Roman Ramp** or cable car.
- From there, travel to **Kfar Hanokdim** where we will partake in a unique **Bedouin Experience**, including a festive meal (*included*), camel rides and an evening desert 'hafla' bonfire.



**Overnight: Kfar Hanokdim (sharing tent accommodations)**

**Tuesday, December 31st -- Complex Challenges & Creative Solutions: Israel's Legacy**

- After breakfast (*included*), depart with our guide and travel to the Gaza perimeter region **(as conditions permit)**.
- Learn about the nuanced and complex challenges facing this area, together with Jewish/Israel educator **Joe Perlov**.
- Visit **Netiv Ha'asara**, a community on the border, and view its **Peace Wall**.
- Have lunch (*included*) on-site with residents.
- Next, visit a nearby **Absorption Center** for new immigrants that is managed by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).
- Afterwards, visit **Save a Child's Heart** and learn how Israel takes care of children from around the world.
- Say goodbye to our guide and Israel at a **Farewell Dinner (included)** at a local restaurant.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for our flight home.



**TOTAL COST:**

**\$4200 per teen**

— **\$2000** Federation subsidy

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**\$2200 your final cost**

**Includes:**

- Airfare
- Meals and lodging
- Ground transportation
- All gratuities

**Not included:**

- Travel/medical insurance (see below)
- Phone service (Wifi is everywhere)
- Personal spending money

**PAYMENTS DUE**

- \$500 deposit (nonrefundable): June 1
- \$850 1st installment: August 1
- \$850 final installment: November 1

Make checks payable to Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. *To discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Rachel Saller at (219) 301-0960 or [rachel@federationonline.org](mailto:rachel@federationonline.org).*

**NOAR EVENTS**

All participants are required to attend at least 3 Noar events this fall so that our group can get better acquainted before the trip. Your Noar board will plan some fun activities! More details to come.

**TRAVEL/MEDICAL INSURANCE**

We **strongly** recommend that each family purchase comprehensive medical and travel insurance prior to your teen's arrival in Israel. If you require any assistance, we recommend the services of Travel Insurance Israel. For inquiries, please contact Dani Eisenstock at [dani@travelinsuranceisrael.com](mailto:dani@travelinsuranceisrael.com)