



PROGRAM

Itinerary: Participants begin with a brief orientation at Camp Havaya and return for Shabbat there after nearly four weeks away. While in Israel, the group participates in all of the traditional teen tour activities – sunrise hike up Masada, floating in the Dead Sea and surfing in the Mediterranean, spending the night in a Bedouin community – and also have unique opportunities in keeping with our Reconstructionist values:

- Celebrate Shabbat with Beit Tefilah Israeli in Tel Aviv and at First Station in Jerusalem
- Learn about creating a shared society with Jews and Arabs together at Givat Haviva
- Meet with a representative of Women of the Wall
- Have a North African lunch with the Culinary Queens of Yeruham
- Explore Tel Aviv through its graffiti on the Florentine Urban Culture Tour
- Meet with a panel of Jews from across the religious and political spectrum
- Experience “Dialogue in the Dark” interactive exhibition at Holon Children’s Museum
- Tour (and taste!) Buza Ice Cream Factory, a joint Arab-Jewish venture
- Meet with Jewish-Arab coexistence activist Mohamad Fahili
- Visit Bethlehem to see the security barrier from the other side and hear from local residents about life in the Palestinian Territories ... and then visit Tekoa, a settlement in Eastern Gush Etzion, to meet with both religious and secular settlers and hear about why they have chosen to live where they do

Staff: The group is staffed by two American group leaders, an Israeli educator, an Israeli counselor, and an Israeli guard/medic. The group leaders are long-time camp staff members and they are in daily contact with Havaya Summer Programs senior leadership throughout the course of the trip.

LOGISTICS

Tour Operator: We have worked with Israel Experts, one of the leading educational tour companies in Israel, for more than a decade. They are in daily contact with the Security Department of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), which receives regular reports from the army and government security agencies and provides us with alerts and precautionary directives, as needed.

Travel: We travel on direct EIAI flights from New York to Tel Aviv. The group stays in modest accommodations in hotels, hostels, and kibbutzim; in general, there are three or four participants of the same gender per room. All in-country travel is via private coach.

DATES AND RATES

4 weeks (ent.11th)
July 12-Aug 9
\$8,125