

Hebrew Educational Alliance Israel Trip



March 2026

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Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, March 11
2026

- Welcome to Israel!!! Land at **Ben Gurion Airport** on Flight # where you will be met by your guide and driver after going through passport control, baggage claim & customs. Please keep your blue slip from Passport Control throughout the trip.
- Transfer to Jerusalem & check-in to your hotel. Please note that check-in is not before 2/3pm unless arranged otherwise
- Time permitting (depending on arrival time)
- Visit the **Yvel Jewelers and the Megameria School of Jewelry and Art** where Ethiopian immigrants learn the art of jewelry making while using their own artisan traditions
- Visit the newly renovated **Tower of David Museum** and walk through the different periods of Jerusalem
- Unpack, rest & relax
- Opening dinner at local restaurant - included

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 2 - B'NEI MITZVAH (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, March 12 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **B'nei Mitzvah** ceremony at **Robinson's Arch**
- Celebratory brunch at **Between the Arches Restaurant**
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
OR
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past and experience the **virtual reality** taking you back 2000 years
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 3 - NATIONAL LIBRARY & MACHANE YEHUDA (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, March 13 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Hear from renowned author and journalist **Yossi Klein Halevi**
- Visit the impressive and grand new premises of the **National Library of Israel** which hosts the world's largest collections of Hebrew and Judaica books and is the repository of many rare and unique manuscripts, books and artifacts
- Experience the pre-Shabbat vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**
- Lunch on own at market
- Afternoon at leisure to prepare for Shabbat
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at a local synagogue/community. Options include:
 - First Station (if taking place)
 - Moreshet Yisrael
 - Shira Chadasha
 - Kol Haneshama
- Shabbat dinner together with the Skupskys (included)

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 4 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, March 14 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure. Options include
- Join morning services at a local synagogue
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Shabbat lunch (included)
- Afternoon walking tour through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- Musical Havdalla
- Evening & dinner on own

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, March 15 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out of hotel & depart
- **Kayak** along the **Dead Sea** - the lowest place on Earth - and discover the unique salt & crystal formations that can be seen only from this vantage-point. Also a chance to swim in the Dead Sea
- Ascend via climbing or a cable car to the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch on own at the Dead Sea
- Continue towards Mitzpe Ramon & check into hotel
- Dinner at hotel (included)
- **Star-gazing** in the Ramon Crater far away from the city lights

Overnight: Daroma Hotel - Mitzpe Ramon

DAY 6 - NEGEV DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, March 16 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Lookout over the striking **Zin Valley** from the tomb of Israel's legendary prime minister - David Ben Gurion
- Visit the home of Israel's legendary prime-minister, **David Ben Gurion** who was the driving force behind the establishment of the State of Israel
- Enjoy a beautiful nature walk in the **Ein Avdat** desert oasis
- Lunch on own in Mitzpe Ramon
- Rapell down the side of the **Ramon Crater**
- Explore the fascinating **Ramon Crater** off-road by **jeep**
- Return to hotel
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Daroma Hotel - Mitzpe Ramon

DAY 7 - GAZA ENVELOPE (NO GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, March 17 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out of hotel & depart
- Visit to the **Nova Music Festival** site
- View the burnt-out, bullet-ridden vehicles at the **Tkuma Car Graveyard** that bear silent witness to the horrors of October 7th
- Volunteer opportunity at the **Shuva Achim** 24 hour rest station that provides freshly cooked food, drinks and basic supplies to IDF soldiers stationed in the South
- Enjoy lunch at **Hummus Shel Tehina** a bastion of delicious homestyle cooking and warm service that'll make you feel right at home
- Visit **Sderot** including a lookout over Gaza, the site of the Police Station, & Children's Playground
- Visit **Kibbutz Alumim** and hear from local residents about October 7th and life there since
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Check in to hotel
- Evening & dinner on own

Overnight: Leonardo Gordon Beach Hotel

DAY 8 - TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, March 18
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Discover Israel's glorious coastline as you cycle along the **Herbert Samuel Promenade** - guided tour
- For lunch, a food tasting tour in the **Carmel Market** by discovering the people and the stories behind the food and the flavors
- (Hopefully not relevant) Join together with people from across the country at **Kikar HaHatufim** (Hostage Square) in Tel Aviv
- Afternoon time for the beach & shopping
- Learn to appreciate your senses at the unique **Na Laga'at Center** in Jaffa, including the theatrical performance of **Not by Bread Alone** and a **blackout dinner**, a meal entirely in the dark

Overnight: Leonardo Gordon Beach Hotel

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel - leave your bags with the hotel for the day
- Visit the state-of-the-art **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** which celebrates the vision of former President Shimon Peres & the incredible "blue-and-white" technological innovations that have changed the world we live in.
- Explore the **Old Port of Jaffa** with its charming alleyways, artists' galleries & stunning views over Tel Aviv
- Stroll through the **Jaffa Flea Market** & hunt for a bargain
- Lunch on own en route
- Participate in a **Street Art Graffiti Tour** in downtown Tel Aviv commemorating the heroes of **October 7th** followed by a graffiti workshop where you get to leave your own mark on the urban landscape
- Last minute shopping
- Closing dinner together at local restaurant (included)
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight home
- Depart on flight #___
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!! AM YISRAEL CHAI!!**

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