

IST Program Itinerary Summer 2021

(this itinerary is subject to change and shows highlights of each day)

Thursday, June 10 or June 17

- Depart from Denver International Airport (Connection is Newark)

Friday, June 11 or June 18

- Arrive in Israel
- Travel to hotel for Quarantine – Activities & Kabbalat Shabbat
- Overnight: Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, June 12 or June 19

- Hotel for Quarantine – Activities at Hotel
- Overnight: Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, June 13 or June 20

- Haas Promenade Overlook
- Jewish Quarter Walking Tour
- Personal Reflection time at the Kotel (Western Wall)
- Kotel tunnel tour
- Overnight: Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, June 14 or June 21

- Neot Kedumim – tree planting and goat activity
- City of David & Hezekiah's Water Tunnel
- Overnight: Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, June 15 or June 22

- Head South to the Negev
- Beit Guvrin (Dig for a Day) and Bell Caves
- Meet with Amal (Bedouin woman from Lakiya)
- Visit David Ben Gurion's hut
- Meet with Eran Doron, the Mayor of Ramat HaNegev
- Overnight: IYHA Ramon

Wednesday, June 16 or June 23

- Sandboarding in the Desert
- Activity at Ramat HaNegev Regional Council

- Relax & Pool Time
- Hike to Campsite (Begin BaMidbar experience)
- Overnight: Camping in the Negev Desert

Thursday, June 17 or June 24

- Ein Avdat Hike
- Visit Ben Gurion's Grave
- Visit Mitzpe Ramon
- Travel South to Kibbutz Keturah
- BBQ & Pool Party at Kibbutz Keturah
- Overnight: Kibbutz Keturah Guest House

Friday, June 18 or June 25

- Snorkeling at Coral Beach in Eilat
- Banana Boating & Watersports on the Red Sea - opportunity for family to visit the group
- Travel to and along the Egyptian Border
- Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner with Kibbutz community
- Overnight: Kibbutz Keturah Guest House

Saturday, June 19 or June 26

- Kibbutz Keturah Activities – learn about kibbutz life
- Pool, sports, and downtime
- Dinner and Havdalah at Kibbutz
- Night Cruise on the Red Sea
- Overnight: Kibbutz Keturah Guest House

Sunday, June 20 or June 27

- Travel up the Arava Valley
- Floating time at the Dead Sea's Ein Bokek Beach
- Travel North to the Judean Desert via Arava Valley
- Visit Arad
- Camel Riding
- Bedouin Tent experience and dinner
- Overnight: Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Tent

Monday, June 21 or June 28

- Ascend Masada via the Roman Ramp for sunrise
- Tour of Masada – Mountain top desert fortress
- Descend Masada via the snake path
- Swimming at Sachne – swimming in natural spring
- Travel North to the Galilee via Jordan Valley
- Overnight: Afik

Tuesday, June 22 or June 29

- Travel to Tzfat
- Meet Kabbalistic artists Sheva Chaya and David Friedman
- Walking tour of Tzfat's old city
- Meet with Panel of Galilee students
- Overnight: Afik

Wednesday, June 23 or June 30

- Ascend the Golan Heights and hike down Jilaboun (water filled canyon)
- Relaxed rafting down the Upper Jordan River
- View of Israel's neighbors from summit of Mt. Ben Tal
- Overnight: Afik

Thursday, June 24 or July 1

- Raft Making activity on the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)
- Aqua Kef (Obstacle course on the water)
- Travel South to Ramat HaNegev
- Overnight: Chai Negev, Kibbutz Revivim

Friday, June 25 or July 2

- Scavenger Hunt Competition in Ramat HaNegev
- Meet with Israeli Teens
- Kabbalat Shabbat
- Overnight: Chai Negev, Kibbutz Revivim

Saturday, June 26 or July 3

- Pool, sports, and downtime – opportunity for family to visit the group
- Havdallah
- Evening Pool Party
- Overnight: Chai Negev, Kibbutz Revivim

Sunday, June 27 or July 4

- Travel North to Jaffa
- Walking tour of Jaffa and Flea Market
- Visit Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
- Speaker: Neil Lazarus
- Overnight: Shfayim

Monday, June 28 or July 5

- Leket Harvesting Project at Schiller Fields
- Visit Machon Ayalon

- Enjoy Tel Aviv Beach time with surfing lessons – opportunity for family to visit the group
- Overnight: Shfayim

Tuesday, June 29 or July 6

- Tour of Israel's world-leading desalination plant in Ashkelon
- Perspectives on Gaza border & Peace Wall art project
- Nahalat Binyamin Street Festival and Shuk HaKarmel
- Tel Aviv Scavenger Hunt
- Visit Rabin Square
- Nalagaat Theater – Not by Bread Alone
- Overnight: Shfayim

Wednesday, June 30 or July 7

- Co-existence volunteer project with Jaffa Institute
- Learn Budakan at Olympic Stadium at Wingate
- Tour of Caesarea
- Walking tour of Acco
- Israeli Dance Activity
- Overnight: IYHA Shlomi (2020), Lochamei Hagetaot (2021)

Thursday, July 1 or July 8

- Tour Haifa, including Bahai Gardens
- Ahmediyya Mosque & meet with an Imam
- Lecture from Zev – Holocaust Survivor on Schindler's List
- Af Al Pi Chen Boat – Story of Jewish Refugees and the Journey to Israel following WWII
- Dinner at Druze Village of Ussafiya
- Overnight: IYHA Shlomi (2020), Lochamei Hagetaot (2021)

Friday, July 2 or July 9

- Keshet Caves Repelling
- Ethiopian Cultural Experience and Lunch at the Mavrhatay Center
- Visit Rosh Hanikra
- Kabbalat Shabbat
- Overnight: IYHA Shlomi (2020), Lochamei Hagetaot (2021)

Saturday, July 3 or July 10

- Pool. Sport, relaxation time - opportunity for family to visit the group
- Evening activity at an Extreme Park
- Overnight: IYHA Shlomi (2020), Lochamei Hagetaot (2021)

Sunday, July 4 or July 11

- Depart for Electives (Sea to Sea or Hava v'Adam)

- Overnight: Electives

Monday, July 5 or July 12

- Electives
- Overnight: Electives

Tuesday, July 6 or July 13

- Electives
- Overnight: Electives

Wednesday, July 7 or July 14

- Wrap up Electives
- Reunite at Latrun – Israel’s Armored Corps Memorial
- Graffiti tour of Machane Yehuda at night
- Overnight: IYHA Rabin, Jerusalem (2020), Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem (2021)

Thursday, July 8 or July 15

- Visit Mt. Herzl – Israel’s National Cemetery
- Pre-shabbat shopping at Machane Yehuda
- Meet with Roots Tent – Perspectives with a Jewish Settler and a Palestinian Arab
- Night out and shopping on Ben Yehuda Street - opportunity for family to visit the group
- Overnight: IYHA Rabin, Jerusalem (2020), Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem (2021)

Friday, July 9 or July 16

- Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Center
- Geo-political tour of Jerusalem
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel (Western Wall)
- Walk back to hotel after Kabbalat Shabbat
- Overnight: IYHA Rabin, Jerusalem (2020), Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem (2021)

Saturday, July 10 or July 17

- Final reflections and discussions
- IST Talent Show
- Havdalah and Night out on Ben Yehuda Street
- Final Goodbye Ceremony
- Overnight: IYHA Rabin, Jerusalem (2020), Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem (2021)

Sunday, July 11 or July 18

- Depart from Ben Gurion Airport
- Arrive back in Denver

