

ZOA Israel Trip: Sample Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Israel
Group Orientation
Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 2

Morning Session: "The Imperative of Jewish Independence"
Menachem Begin Museum
Pre-Shabbat Shopping in Machaneh Yehuda
Shabbat Services at Kotel
Shabbat Dinner
Oneg Shabbat

Day 3

Optional Shabbat Services
Late Morning Session: "Can Israel and the Palestinian Authority Make Peace?"
Shabbat Lunch
Optional Walking Tour
Havdallah
Night Out

Day 4

Morning Session: "Status of Jerusalem: Present and Future"
Jerusalem Tour
Gilo
Armistice Lines
Mt. Scopus
Overview of E1 Area
Old City
Underground Prisoners Museum
Dinner
Evening Program: Palestinian Media

Day 5

Morning Session: "The Two State Paradigm, Does it Make Sense?"
Drive to Sderot
Tour of Sderot with Sderot Media Center
Meet with Sderot Residents
Leave Sderot
Visit with former Gush Katif residents
Return to Jerusalem

Day 6

Yad Vashem

Tour of Knesset
Briefing with Knesset Members

Day 7

Depart Jerusalem
Tour of Shomron Region (Northern West Bank)
Visit Kedumim
Visit Ariel
Lunch and Program with Students at Ariel University
Elon Moreh Overlook
Overnight: Golan Heights

Day 8

Morning Session: "Strategic Importance of Golan Heights"
Visit Katzrin, insight into historic Jewish presence in Golan
View Lebanon and Syrian Borders
Visit with IDF soldiers
Night Activity on Kinneret

Day 9

Depart Golan Heights
Hiking
Visit Ma'aleh Adumim
Home Hospitality Shabbat in Efrat
Shabbat Dinner with Families

Day 10

Optional Shabbat Services
Shabbat Lunch
Afternoon Free Time
Third Meal and Program with Efrat Residents
Havdallah
Post-Shabbat Program: "Ethics in the Field"
Return to Jerusalem

Day 11

Volunteering with Project Leket (Table to Table)
Drive to Tel Aviv
Jabotinsky Institute and Museum
Lunch and Shopping in Tel Aviv
Likud World Headquarters
Dinner and Night in Tel Aviv
Return to Jerusalem

Day 12

Drive to Hevron

Visit Cave of Machpela
Meet with Jewish community leaders in Hevron
Lunch at Gush Etzion Winery
Kfar Etzion Heritage Center
Afternoon Session: “Are Settlements Really an Obstacle to Peace?”
Return to Jerusalem
Dinner

Day 13

Morning Session “How to Present Israel’s Case Effectively” with Israeli Ministry of Public Affairs and the Diaspora
Ammunition Hill
Ir David
Final Group Session: Creating Action Plans
Farewell Dinner

Day 14

Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Speakers: ZOA cannot guarantee the availability of any specific speaker. Listed below are some of the speakers that ZOA works with consistently, and may be speaking with the group in Israel:

Noam Bedein, Sderot Media Center
MK Danny Danon
Dan Diker, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
MK Aryeh Eldad
Col. Benzi Gruber, IDF
Prof. Mordechai Kedar, Bar Ilan University
Ron Nachman, Mayor of Ariel
Khaled Abu Toameh, Jerusalem Post
Daniella Weiss, Former Mayor of Kedumim
MK Moshe Ya’alon