

PRESSMAN ACADEMAY PARENTS TRIP



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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 - WELCOME! (NO GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, December 11
2024

- **Opening meeting** with everyone at the hotel- Introduction by the Rabbi
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight: Carlton Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 2 - TEL AVIV - UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, December 12
2024

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Meet tour guide- check out and depart
- Experience the thrill of flying an **F-16 fighter plane** on an advanced simulator under the direction of experienced IAF pilots
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum** VIP tour
- Lunch at ANU (included)
- Visit **Sheba Hospital rehab center** and bring gifts to some of the soldiers going through Rehab after being injured during the war
- **OR** Experience **Street Art Graffiti Tour** of the new graffiti that has been drawn since October 7th and try to understand the sense of the artists on its effect on Israeli society
- Continue to Jerusalem
- **Wine and Cheese welcoming** at the Yemin Moshe overlook to the Old City
- Dinner in Jerusalem (on own)

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 3 - MOUNT HERZL- PREPARATION FOR SHABBAT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, December 13 2024

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Meet with **Yossi Klein Halevi** to hear his perspective of where is at right now, and how he sees the near future
- Encounter the leaders and heroes who are interred at the **Mount Herzl National Cemetery** . Visit the one of the new sections and hear stories from Soldiers who were killed since October 7th
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**- Lunch on own
- Return to hotel for preparation for Shabbat
- **Shabbat dinner with the Pressman students** at the Sefardic Center

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

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

Saturday, December 14
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Join morning services at a **local Synagogue** - we will divide up into small groups
- **Lunch at the Sefardic Center with Pressman students**
- **Walking tours at leisure in the afternoon**
- Havdallah
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - JERUSALEM HILLS- TO THE NEGEV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, December 15
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Enjoy an easy nature hike to the **Sataf spring** in the Jerusalem Hills
- Visit the **Castel** - site of one of the most significant battles to lift the siege of Jerusalem during the War of Independence in 1948
- Enjoy lunch and wine tasting at the boutique **Flam Winery** (Included)
- Travel to the **Negev Desert**
- Enjoy a Bedouin experience at **Kfar HaNokdim** including camel riding, traditional hospitality and dinner with the Pressman Israel trip

Overnight: Kedma hotel, Sde Boker

DAY 6 - NEGEV AND MACHTESH RAMON (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, December 16
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Lookout over the striking **Zin Valley** from the tomb of Israel's legendary prime minister - David Ben Gurion
- Enjoy a beautiful nature walk in the **Ein Avdat** desert oasis
- Picnic Lunch (included)
- Learn about Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut at the **Ramon Visitor's Center**
- Explore the fascinating **Ramon Crater off-road by jeep**
- **Star-gazing** in the Ramon Crater far away from the city lights
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Kedma hotel

DAY 7 - GAZA ENVELOPE- DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, December 17
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Depart for the Western Negev to the **Otef Aza**- Gaza envelope
- Visit **Kibbutz Kerem Shalom** and hear 1st hand about the events that happened there on October 7th
- Visit the **Nova music festival site** - hear first hand from one of the survivors their personal story
- Lunch in Sderot (included) - and assist with the local community
- Visit the **City of Sderot** - the Old Police station and hear about some of the heroic stories that happened in Sderot from October 7th
- Continue to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US

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