

Eco Israel: Sustainability & Conservation

Itinerary Subject to Change

Day 1 | Wednesday

Welcome

Land in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport. Meet the CEO of Sachlav| Israel on the house. Travel to Jerusalem and break the ice with a warm introductory session.

Overnight - Jerusalem

Day 2 | Thursday

Introduction to the Academic Program

Travel to Hebrew University and speak the Arava Institute professor for an intro about the rise of sustainability and an opening for the academic trip.

Overnight – Jerusalem

Day 3 | Friday

From Memory to Contemporary

Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum followed by an opportunity taste your way through the famous Machane Yehuda food market and prepare for Shabbat. Get spiritual with a unique Shabbat service followed by a delicious Friday night meal.

Overnight – Jerusalem

Day 4 | Saturday

The Spirit of Shabbat

Relax and take in the Shabbat atmosphere. Explore your roots and discuss what Judaism means to you with a Jewish identity session. Tour the Israel Museum and discuss geopolitics with Neil Lazarus and learn about saving lives with Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry.

End your Shabbat experience with a group Havdallah service.

Explore Israel's nightlife with an evening out on Jerusalem's buzzing night scene.

Overnight- Jerusalem

Day 5 | Sunday

Ecology and Conservation

Drive to Ramat Hanadiv and check out Israel's Green Building at the Ramat Hanadiv Visitor Center. Discuss Measuring Sustainability and the Environmental movement in Israel: challenges from past to present with Dr. Lavi-Neeman and end with a visit TAEQ Green Building in Saknin

Overnight – North

Day 6 | Monday

Northern of Israel: The Sights, People and Nature

Bike through the mystical Hula Valley followed by a Hike through the Golan Heights many following rivers and check out the Syrian border from the historical Bental bunker. End with Kayaking down the Hatzbani River.

Overnight – North

Day 7 | Tuesday

Deepen your Israeli experience and meet your Israeli peers

Meet your Israeli Mifgash in the ancient city of Caesaria. Explore the Caesaria National Park. Drive to Jerusalem and get to know your Israelis with an ice breaker activity. After checking in go on a walking tour of Jerusalem's Old City and Western Wall and prepare for the following day.

Overnight – Jerusalem

Day 8 | Wednesday

Sustainable Agriculture: Food Politics and Social Justice

Visit Mt. Herzl, Israel's military cemetery and memorial. Begin your drive south - Meet with Hedai Offaime, the founder of one of Israel's largest farm to table empires. Experience Bedouin hospitality, ride a camel and deepen your understanding of Indigeneity and agriculture in the Negev.

Overnight – Chan Hashayarot

Day 9 | Thursday

Sustainability and Environmental Social Justice

Hike the Ein Avdat oasis. Tour the ancient city of Avdat and then visit the Wadi Arika- Bedouin heritage and agricultural center. Drive to Kibbutz Ketura. Discuss science and policy and how they interconnect with Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed from the Arava Institute.

Overnight – Ketura

Day 10 | Friday

Renewable Energy & Conservation

Drive to Israel's renowned resort and beach town of Eilat and enjoy a relaxing boat cruise in Eilat's port and learn of the actions taken down south for energy conservation. Get ready for Shabbat and experience a unique Shabbat service with the Ketura community.

Overnight – Ketura

Day 11 | Saturday

Connecting the Dots - Shabbat in Ketura

Enjoy a relaxing Shabbat with plenty of free time, group activities and a community lunch. Explore Kibbutz Ketura's delicate orchards and garden. Say goodbye to Shabbat with a spiritual and intimate Havdalla ceremony.

Overnight – Ketura

Day 12 | Sunday
Water Resource Management

Learn about desert agriculture and then experience it first hand with a tour of an Off Grid Village. Tour the Green building at Kibbutz Lotan and then experience a solitary farm in the Negev. Drive to Kramim.

Overnight – South

Day 13 | Monday
Cross-Border Environmental Cooperation between Israel and its Neighbors

Start the day early with a hike up Masada! Float in the Dead Sea and learn about the Dead Sea sinkholes with Dr. Clive Lipchin and Dr. Jawad Hassan. Relax on the beach at Premier Beach Resort. Continue the conversation about water technology at the Shafdan Educational-Ecological center. End the day with some Israeli folk dance with Dance Israel.

Overnight – Center

Day 14 | Tuesday
Wrap Up

Drive to Tel Aviv and enjoy a wonderful walking tour of Jaffa followed by free time in Tel Aviv's famous flea market. Check out a soil-less green farm among the hustle and bustle of Tel Aviv on the roof of the Dizengoff Center. End the night with a night out in Israel's largest city- Tel Aviv!

Overnight – Tel Aviv

Day 15 | Wednesday
Goodbye

Start the day with some coffee and cake and then head out to the airport! Have a safe flight!!