2020
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP MISSION
JUNE 26-JULY 2
FIDF

"* ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON IDF ACTIVITIES AND AVAILABILITY OF LOCATIONS."
DAY ONE
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

Bruchim Habaim - Welcome to Israel

- Arrival at Ben-Gurion International Airport
- Meet an FIDF Israel representative who will be waiting for us at the arrival hall
- Drive to Jerusalem
- Arrive at the Herbert Samuel Hotel - check-in, relax, and unpack
- 4:30 pm - After resting and freshening up, everyone will join together in the lobby for a “meet & greet”
- Welcome Shabbat at the Kotel with dancing and singing
- 8:00 pm - Shabbat dinner at the hotel

ACCOMMODATIONS: HERBERT SAMUEL HOTEL

DAY TWO
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

Shabbat in the Old City

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:30 am - Explore the Old City and delve into the deep history of conflict within it’s walls. Tour the non-Jewish quarters and learn about the fascinating history that lies in each and every stone, nook and cranny. See up close how the diverse population of the Old City lives side by side
- Lunch at the Sephardic Center
- Leisure time for the remainder of the day
- Come together for a quick Havdalah service at the hotel, where we will say kiddish, sing songs, and celebrate being in Jerusalem
- Enjoy the Sound & Light Show at the Tower of David Museum, showing the chronological history of Jerusalem in all its glory
- 8:00 pm - Dinner at a Eucalyptus

ACCOMMODATIONS: HERBERT SAMUEL HOTEL
DAY THREE
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
From Jerusalem to the North
• Breakfast at the hotel and check out
• 09:00 am - Visit Mount Herzl, the site of Israel’s national cemetery. Here, Israel’s former leaders are buried, many soldiers who were killed during their army service, and many civilians that were killed in terrorist attacks. Join us for a guided tour of the IDF cemetery and memorial site
• Visit the spiraling memorial dedicated to Israel’s fallen soldiers located at the top of the historic Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. It was designed and constructed by Kimmel Eshkolot Architects to commemorate members of Israel’s security services killed in the line of duty
• Drive to Modi’in for lunch on the way up north
• Check in to our accommodations in the Upper Galilee
• 8:00 pm - Wine tasting and dinner at Dalton Winery. The area is known for its rich soil and air, which are both ideal conditions for cultivating prime grape vines. This is one of the best areas in Israel for local wine tasting

ACCOMMODATIONS: PASTORAL KFAR BLUM HOTEL

DAY FOUR
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020
Explore the Golan Heights
• 9:00 am - Breakfast at the hotel
• Visit an IDF army base
• Morning hike of Tel Dan Reserve, one of the most spectacular natural attractions in Israel. It also boasts extensive excavations, of ancient Canaanite civilization and the Israelite tribe of Dan.
• Lunch
• Cherry picking on one of the farms in the Golan
• Drive to the lookout point “Rampat Hatayarim” and meet with Eyal Dror from the “Operation Good Neighbor”. Gain an insider’s view of the IDF’s efforts to provide aid to Syrians
• Jeep tour of the Golan. Enjoy an unforgettable 4X4 jeep ride and learn about the region’s borders, history, and the different ways of life in the Golan Heights.
• 7:00 pm - Enjoy a delicious home cooked Druze meal either hosted in a home or in the “field” after the jeep tour

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DAY FIVE

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

From the North to Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out
- 10:00 am - Drive to IDF army base, Havat Hashomer and meet with soldiers from Project Overcome where troubled youth have a chance to reform their lives. The program offers the soldiers a clean slate and a path to change their future
- Enjoy a lecture and tour with Dani Tirza, former Head of the Rainbow Operation Administration of the Israel Defense Forces and the architect of the security fence surrounding Israel
- Stop at Herzliya marina and enjoy some regatta sailing on the Mediterranean. The first part will be teaching the basics of sailing and the second half will be a race between the boats. This activity will take place with Big Brother, one of FIDF’s partner organizations. Learn firsthand about the programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life changing support for the soldiers
- Check into hotel
- 8:00 pm - An intimate culinary experience, hosted at “Copula” by an urban chef. Enjoy a special hospitality experience together with IMPACT! students

ACCOMMODATIONS: SHALOM HOTEL

DAY SIX

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

Discover Tel Aviv

- 09:00 am - Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit an IDF army base
- Return to Tel Aviv and visit “The Squadron”, the world’s only flight simulator squadron for flying F-16 fighter jets inspired by the Israeli Air Force
- Continue to the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation founded by the late President of Israel, Shimon Peres, which develops impactful and meaningful programs with a focus on promoting a prosperous Israel, nurturing and highlighting Israeli innovation, and paving the way for shared-living between all of Israel’s citizens
- Enjoy a free night out in the city and explore Tel Aviv’s nightlife. Dinner on your own at a local restaurant

ACCOMMODATIONS: SHALOM HOTEL
DAY SEVEN

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

Tel Aviv Before We Say Goodbye

• Breakfast at the hotel
• 9:00 am - Meet Gadi Ezra for a fascinating lecture. Gadi is a human rights attorney and a civic advisor to the Israeli Joint Chiefs of Staff, counseling on the IDF’s legal and diplomatic international legitimacy
• Walking tour of Tel Aviv at Neve Zedek, Tel Aviv’s first neighborhood. The neighborhood was nicknamed “Little Paris” because of its eye-opening architectural innovations, including Bauhaus. We will have the opportunity to view the beautifully restored houses and narrow lanes which were home to many of Israel’s intellectuals and artists including Naham Guttman and Hebrew Nobel Prize winning author Shai Agnon
• Lunch on your own. Remainder of day at leisure for last minute shopping
• 6:30 pm - FIDF farewell dinner
• Transport to Ben-Gurion Airport for your flight

TESTIMONIAL

“This opportunity can only be described as a life-changing, incredible experience. It was eyeopening to see the work of the FIDF hands-on, meet with soldiers, impact! Scholars, and Holocaust survivors, to gain a richer understanding of the moral, physical, and emotional challenges our Israeli brethren experience on a day-to-day basis.

I was truly honored to have had this experience alongside such an esteemed group; I imagine that many of us will stay close for years to come. I feel reconnected to my Jewish and Israeli roots, and have renewed compassion for the IDF, and all citizens of Israel, for the daily sacrifices they make for the broader worldwide Jewish community. This experience has given me a deeper appreciation of the important work they do.”

- Aviva, FIDF mission participant