American Archaeology Abroad

UCSD Study Tour of Israel and Jordan

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# Schedule

## Saturday, December 10, 2023

Arrive Tel Aviv (See arrival details in appendix)

Hadar will meet the group at the large Menorah just outside of the central gate in the arrival terminal at 18:30. Once passing through customs, go straight out of the terminal to the Menorah. In general, it will take 1 hr or less to get from the airplane through customs.

18:30 Hadar and Bus will leave the airport for Abraham Hostel Tel Aviv. Hadar will arrange check-ins.

Later arrivals: Tang (19:05), Chang, Valencia, and Messier (19:35): Hadar will pick up at 20:45 and arrange taxi to Hostel and check-in.

Braswell (arriving 21:45) will wait to meet Rourke (23:00) and transfer to Abraham Hostel by taxi (Geoff in charge).

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Tel Aviv, 21 Levontin Street, Tel Aviv

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Sunday, December 11

\*We have some flexibility on this day, so if more time with breakfast, Caesarea, or the caves is needed, it should be no problem.

07:30 Breakfast at Hotel

08:00 Depart Tel Aviv

08:30 Arrive Caesarea

Hadar: purchase 27 National Park Orange Cards, good for all National Parks on the trip.

11:30 Depart Caesarea

12:00 Arrive Carmel Caves

Hadar: purchase 27 entry fees @ 19 NIS

13:00 Depart Carmel Caves

13:30 Grab lunch items on the way to Tel Dor

Hadar: any falafel/shawarma place between the Caves and Dor pay for the whole group

14:00 Tel Dor, picnic (swimming for the brave). Park here: <https://goo.gl/maps/DvDQT7251MdGGBrs6>

16:00 Depart Tel Dor Beach

17:30 Arrive Abraham Hostel Nazareth and check in

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Nazareth, Old City Nazareth

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Monday, December 12

\*Druze village schedule is an important time, everything else can be flexible.

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart Nazareth

08:30 Arrive Tel Megiddo

Hadar: Use National Park Orange Pass

10:30 Depart Megiddo

11am Arrive Isfiya Druze village. \*This is a reservation and must keep to time

11:00–12:30 Druze explanation and tour <https://el-carmel.com/>

12:30–13:30 Druze Lunch

Hadar: This will be PAID by mja by bank transfer after the event.

13:30 Depart Isfiya

14:30 Arrive Akko Old City

14:30–17:30 Akko Knights Hall and Templar Tunnel; wander Old City with Geoff

Hadar: Pay for Knights Hall and Templar Tunnel, 50 NIS each per person.

If running late, we may just pay for one of these. Determine at the time.

Obviously don’t pay for anything we won’t have time to do.

After paying, Hadar will leave the group for an appointment in Tel Aviv.

Hadar, please coordinate between Geoff and Bus driver before leaving the group.

17:30 Bus to Nazareth

18:30 Arrive Nazareth

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Nazareth, Old City Nazareth

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Tuesday, December 13

\*Times today are a bit flexible

[Hadar returns]

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart Nazareth

09:00 Arrive Tel Dan

Hadar: Use National Park Orange Pass

11:00 Depart Tel Dan

11:30 Arrive Nimrod’s Fortress

Hadar: Use National Park Orange Pass

12:30 Depart Nimrod’s Fortress

13:00 Lunch at [Gan HaZaphon mall](https://goo.gl/maps/HUB74ggkQtX1JTik6) (falafel, shawarma, etc.)

Hadar: Pay for the food

14:00 Depart Gan HaZaphon

15:00 Arrive Capernaum

Hadar: Pay for entry. 20 NIS per person (I think?)

16:00 Depart Capernaum

17:00 Arrive Nazareth

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Nazareth, Old City Nazareth

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Wednesday, December 14

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart Nazareth

08:00 Arrive Sepphoris

Hadar: Use National Park Orange Pass

10:00 Depart Sepphoris

11:00 Arrive Beth She’an

Hadar: Use National Park Orange Pass

13:30 Depart Beth She’an

14:00 Lunch at [Shipudey Hakikar](https://goo.gl/maps/HmtqTE2W9XxJQsB18) (reserved for 29 people; 04-6060198

Hadar: This is PAID already by bank transfer.

15:00 Depart lunch

17:30 Arrive Jerusalem and Check-in.

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Jerusalem, 67 Hanevi’im St.

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Thursday, December 15

\*Yad Vashem and tour by Y. Shalev are important times.

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel [long day with a very late lunch; bring snacks…]

08:40 Bus to Yad Vashem

09:10 Yad Vashem (Sara Granitza tour)

Hadar: Entry is free, guide has already been paid.

11:00 Depart Yad Vashem

11:30 Arrive City of David; take tunnels up to Givati Parking lot

Hadar: Does the Orange pass work here? I think not. Please pay 65 NIS per person)

The group should go down through Warren’s shaft and to the Siloam Pool.

From there take the sewer tunnel up to the Givati parking lot.

12:30 Arrive via tunnels to Givati Parking lot, tour by Yiftah Shalev (052-628-3366)

14:00 Jerusalem Archaeological Park; Davidson Center

16:30 Bus to First Station

17:00 Late Lunch at Abu Shukri in First Station

Hadar: This is PAID in advance. Hummus and Falafel; fries; salads.

19:00 Bus back to Abraham Hostel

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Jerusalem, 67 Hanevi’im St.

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Friday, December 16

[no breakfast today!]

06:15 Depart Jerusalem

08:00 Arrive Masada (Cable Car) and museum

Hadar: Use Orange Pass for Admission; pay for cable car and museum separately, if needed.

10:30 Depart Masada

11:30 Arrive Kalia Beach Swimming and Lunch

Hadar: This is PAID already by bank transfer.

Optional: Private Locker & towel at Kalia beach – 40 NIS (self-pay)

14:30 Depart Kalia

15:30 Arrive Tell es-Sultan/Jericho

Hadar: please pay 10 NIS per person

16:45 Depart Tell es-Sultan/Jericho

TIME PERMITTING

17:00 Arrive Hisham’s Palace

18:00 Depart Hisham’s Palace

18:45 Arrive Jerusalem

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Jerusalem, 67 Hanevi’im St.

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Saturday, December 17

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart for Old City (Dung Gate) [Walk from Hostel; NO BUS]

08:00 Temple Mount

09:00 Depart Temple Mount through the North exit check out Lions Gate and walk along the Via Dolorosa (optional stops at St. Anne’s Church and Terra Sancta Museum at your own expense; 15 NIS).

11:30 Arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

12:30 Depart Church of the Holy Sepulcher

13:00 Lunch in the Armenian Quarter; Bulghourji

Hadar: PAID by bank transfer ahead of time.

14:00 Bus at Jaffa Gate to the Israel Museum

17:00 Bus to Hotel

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Jerusalem, 67 Hanevi’im St.

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Sunday, December 18

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart Jerusalem

09:00 Arrive Beth Shean crossing

Hadar: Please arrange transfer to Jordan at the window helping with the appropriate paperwork and payment of crossing fee (125 NIS per person).

Hadar goes with bus driver to Beth Shean train station.

10:30 Meet JoScapes

JoScapes Schedule:

Umm Qais, Jerash

Hotel: Amman

## Monday, December 19

JoScapes Schedule:

Citadel, Roman Amphitheater, Museum

Hotel: Amman

## Tuesday, December 20

JoScapes Schedule:

Amman Museum, Medaba map, Kerak Castle

Hotel: Petra

## Wednesday, December 21

JoScapes Schedule:

Petra

Hotel: Petra

## Thursday, December 22

JoScapes Schedule:

Petra & Little Petra

Hotel: Wadi Rum camping

## Friday, December 23

JoScapes Schedule:

Wadi Rum tour

08:00 Hadar meets bus driver somewhere for trip to Eilat (Hadar to discuss with Driver).

12:00 Group crosses from Jordan to Eilat, Hadar meets group.

12:30 Bus to hotel and check-in at hotel.

14:00 Lunch/Beach in afternoon

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Eilat, 3 Hashfifon St.

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Saturday, December 24

\*Schedule at the Makhtesh is important

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart Eilat

09:00 Makhtesh Ramon Jeep tour and Rappelling (two groups; 1 will do rappelling while the other does Jeep tour and then switch).

Hadar: Already PAID by mja via bank transfer.

Boaz: Whatsapp:

13:00 Depart Makhtesh Ramon

13:30 Lunch at Mitzpe Ramon

Hadar: Falafel/Shawarma here: <https://goo.gl/maps/RJokfNJBqQanDt6G9>

Hadar pay for group

14:30 Depart Mitzpe Ramon

16:30 Arrive Eilat

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Eilat, 3 Hashfifon St.

Rooming: See appendix.

Dinner: on your own.

## Sunday, December 25

[no lunch; bring a snack!]

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Depart Eilat

09:30 Arrive Avdat

11:30 Depart Avdat

12:30 Arrive Mamshit

13:30 Depart Mamshit

15:30 Arrive Tel Aviv hostel

16:30 Walk to dinner restaurant

17:00 Petrozilia; here: <https://goo.gl/maps/vEB4KL91Ka8sypsi9>

Hadar:

20:00 Bus to airport for those departing at or before 01:00AM on morning of 26th

Hadar: Give bus driver 2000 NIS in cash for tip.

Hotel: Abraham Hostel Tel Aviv, 21 Levontin Street, Tel Aviv

Rooming: See appendix.

## Monday, December 26

03:00 Taxi for three to Airport for those leaving between 5:20 and 7:00

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel

07:30 Geoff to airport via Taxi

13:00 Taxi for two to Airport for Davis and Malam

20:00 Taxi for two to Airport for Abdu and Bridge-Kurz

PARTICIPANTS, APPENDIX