



Israel Sports Experience

March 25- April 1, 2015
Led by The Sports Rabbi, Josh Halickman

Itinerary

Wednesday March 25

- Late afternoon/early evening: meet at the hotel for our Opening Program.
- Welcome to Israel dinner.

Overnight: *Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Thursday March 26

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- We'll start the day with the story of the Munich massacre in 1972. See the special memorial for Israeli Olympic Athletes murdered by terrorists.
- Meet with Israel's first Olympic Medalist, Yael Arad, and Anke Spitzer, widow of Andriy Spitzer, one of the 11 Munich athletes.
- Lunch stop (on own).
- Visit the Israel Paralympics Center, and learn about the challenges and accomplishments of Israel's athletes.
- Evening choice of:
 - (a) Maccabi Tel Aviv Euroleague game (extra cost)
 - (b) A Night Out—attend one of Tel Aviv's many cultural events
 - (c) Watch Maccabi Tel Aviv play at a local Israeli Sports bar with local sports media/former players
- Dinner on your own.

Overnight: *Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Friday March 27

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Meeting with Tal Brody, former Maccabi Tel Aviv star. Brody was born in New Jersey and was drafted # 12 in the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft, but chose to pass up an NBA career to instead play basketball in Israel.
- Visit to the Israel Tennis Center at Ramat HaSharon, and learn about their special programs for youth at risk, special needs and immigrant and refugees programs.
- Lunch stop on your own.
- Drive north to Haifa to check in at our hotel and prepare for Shabbat.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: *Crowne Plaza Hotel, Haifa*

Shabbat March 28

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Free morning to enjoy the spa and the pool.
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel.
- Optional bike ride tour.
- Dinner at the hotel.
- Watch Israel vs Wales Euro 2016 Qualifying match at the brand new Sammy Ofer Stadium in Haifa!

Overnight: *Crowne Plaza Hotel, Haifa*

Sunday March 29

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Meet with Doron Sheffer, former professional basketball player in Israel and UCONN Alumni, and hear about his spiritual journey.
- Check out of our hotel and head to Ramla to meet with Ornit Schwartz, former Israel National team player who works with inner city and underprivileged children.
- Lunch stop on your own.
- Drive to Tel Aviv for free time and dinner on your own.
- Evening activity: Basketball Super League game – Location and teams to be determined.

Overnight: *Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Monday March 30

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning speaker to be determined. (Options: Arik Ze'evi, a former Israeli judoka and one of Israel most prominent judoka. He has a dan 6 black belt in Judo and won an Olympic bronze medal in the 2004 Summer Olympics Judo in Athens. Alternatively, Yarden Gerbi, an Israeli judoka world champion. She won the gold medal at the 2013 World Judo Championships).
- Check out of the hotel.
- Lunch stop on your own.
- Visit the Orde Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports or visit the Sport 5 studios in Herzliya, the Israeli sports channel.
- Drive to Jerusalem for check in and dinner on your own.
- Evening activity: Possible basketball/soccer game.

Overnight: *Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem*

Tuesday March 31

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Stand in solemn memory at Israel's Yad Vashem memorial to the Holocaust, and learn about sports before and during the Holocaust.
- Lunch stop on your own.
- Explore the restored Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem, including the rooftops and Western Wall overlook, and have the opportunity for private prayer and contemplation time at the Western Wall.
- Summary discussion and farewell dinner.
- Israel vs Belgium Euro 2016 Qualifying match at Teddy stadium in Jerusalem.

Overnight: *Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem*

Wednesday April 1

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out and depart.

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet tour leader.
- All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
- All included meals are Kosher.
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