

UCLA Anderson Israel Trek Itinerary:

March 22-30, 2014

Day 1 - Saturday, 22 March 2014 – Arrival to Tel Aviv

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport.
- Transfer to Tel Aviv
- Hotel Check-in @ Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv (http://www.hotelmetropolitan.co.il/?page_id=2)
- Meet up for welcoming Dinner and night out

Day 2 – Sunday, 23 March 2014 – North of Israel

- **Visit at Google offices in Tel Aviv – 9:00-11:00am**
- Going north!
- Bus 1 –
- **ATV ride -1:00-2:30pm**
- Lunch and a tour in **Safed – 2:30-4:00pm**
- Visit and wine tasting at **Dishon Vinery – 4:15pm**
- Bus 2 -
- Lunch and a tour in **Safed – 1:00-2:30pm**
- **ATV ride -3:00-4:30pm**
- Visit and wine tasting at **Dishon Vinery – 4:45pm**
- Dinner and overnight: Ramot Holiday Village (<http://www.ramotresort.com/>) **5:30pm**

Day 3 – Monday, 24 March 2014 – North and Jerusalem

North

- **Ramat David Air Base** - a special visit at an active Air-Force base. – **9:00 – 11:00am**
- **City of Haifa - (1 hour drive)**
 - o Bahai Gardens (<http://www.ganbahai.org.il/en/haifa/>) **12:00 – 12:30pm (observation only)**
 - o Daliat El Carmel Druze Village (http://www.tour-haifa.co.il/eng/Daliat_el-Carmel.html) **1:00 – 2:00pm**
(recommended restaurant for launch - Abu Antar – can have 70 ppl)
- **Caesarea** - Visit the Roman Theater, the Herod's Palace, the Palace of the Roman Procurator, the Amphitheater and the Crusaders' City and Harbor (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6Ls2FU3nmg>) **3:00-4:30pm**

Jerusalem – arrival time: 6:30pm

- Enjoy the **Sound and light show at the Tower of David** (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9widTTrYqw>) **7:30-8:30pm (1.25 hour long)**
- Dinner at the **Colony restaurant – 8:45pm**
- Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem (<http://www.booking.com/hotel/il/prima-kings.html>)

Day 4 – Tuesday, 25 March 2014 – Jerusalem

- Tour the **Old City** of Jerusalem (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCQ3YMM3aNE>)
 - o The Temple Mount – **7:45am (leaving hotel on 7:15am)**
 - o The Dome of the Rock.
 - o Walk along the Via Dolorosa
 - o visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
 - o Lunch + free time at the Christian quarter and the bazaar – **11:00am -12:30pm**
 - o Visit the Cardo
 - o The Western Wall - **end on 2:00pm**
 - o Visit to **Mt. of Olives** for a panoramic view of Jerusalem – **2:30-3:00pm**

- Business meetings at JVP – **4:00-5:30pm**
- **Free night out in Jerusalem**
- Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 5 – Wednesday, 26 March 2014 – Jerusalem & South of Israel

- Visit 'Yad Vashem' the memorial to Jewish victims of the Holocaust – **8:45 (leaving hotel on 8:15am) – 11:00am** (<http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/museum/index.asp>)
- Continue to 'Israel Museum' to visit the scale of Jerusalem from the 2nd Temple and Shrine of the book where the Dead Sea scrolls are kept (<http://www.english.imjnet.org.il/>) **11:10 – 12:30pm**
- **Lunch – Beit Hakerm – street mall – 1–2pm - (leaving Jerusalem on 2:00pm)**
- Continue to **Kfar Hanokdim** for Camel ride, Beduin nomad hospitality – **arrival on 5:30pm**
- Overnight: Kfar Hanokdim (<http://www.hanokdim.com/>)

Day 6 – Thursday, 27 March 2014 – South of Israel & Tel-Aviv (leaving hotel 7:45am)

- **Masada:** Ascend by foot through the Rampart. Visit this stronghold of the Jews in the war against the Romans. Visit the palaces of Herod the Great with its Roman baths and pools. Descend by cable car (<http://www.masada.org.il/index.php?q=en>) **8:30 – 10:00am**
- Drive to **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve**. The spectacular Ein-Gedi Nature Reserve, just west of the Dead Sea shore - **10:30-12:00pm**
- **Dead Sea:** Enjoy the Opportunity to swim at the unique water and soak in the therapeutic mud of the Dead Sea at **Mineral Beach/Qumran Beach** (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua4X4AetKN0#t=13>) **12:00-3:00pm** (including launch at the cafeteria)
- Drive to Tel Aviv **arrival on 6:00pm**
- Dinner and live shows at **The Container bar** – [hours]
- Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 7 – Friday, 28 March 2014 – Tel Aviv

- Morning ?
- Afternoon visit Sheinkin Street and Nachalat Binyamin art and craft market (<http://www.touristisrael.com/nachalat-binyamin-market/7423/>)
- Free night out at TLV
- Overnight: Tel Aviv

Day 8 – Saturday, 29 March 2014 – Tel Aviv

- Free Morning in Tel Aviv
- In the afternoon, a very unique way to see Tel Aviv: Enjoy a 3 hours bike ride to see the sights and discover some of Tel Aviv's hidden Gems – old and new. Ride the beachfront promenade and newly renovated port, old city of Jaffa and its colorful flea market and the eclectic architecture of Neve Tzedek. Hours?
- **Farewell Dinner at Tapas 1 Ha'am restaurant** [hours]
- Overnight: Tel Aviv

Day 9 – Sunday, 30 March 2014 - Departure from Tel Aviv / Petra extension

Depart to BGN airport filled with cherished memories, for your return flight home.

Jordan/Petra Extension:

Day 9 - Sunday, 30 March 2014

- Transfer from Tel Aviv to the Jordan border [hours]
- Arrival at Sheikh Hussein border –Transfer to visit:
 - o **Madaba** – (<http://www.visitjordan.com/default.aspx?tabid=189>)
 - o **Mt. Nebo** – (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Nebo)
 - o Proceed to Petra – Dinner & Overnight at Petra Guest-House Hotel

Day 10 - Monday, 31 March 2014

- Visit **Petra** (Horse ride) – (<http://www.visitjordan.com/default.aspx?tabid=63>)
- visit **Wadi Rum** (Jeep tour) – (<http://www.visitjordan.com/default.aspx?tabid=66>)
- Continue to Araba border for crossing back to Israel.
- Transfer to Hotel in **Eilat** (<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/vie/Eilat.html>)
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel Eilat

Day 11 - Tuesday, 1 April 2014

- Flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv – **different hours**
- Fly back home