

Reflective Practice in Israel/Palestine

SAMPLE ITINERARY

The Center for World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution

*This itinerary is a **sample** based on previous years' classes. The list of speakers and day trips varies significantly from year to year based on individuals' availability and other scheduling considerations. In general, students spend the first half of the trip in Jerusalem and its environs and the second half in the northern part of the country (Haifa or Tiberias). If you are interested in a particular location, speaker, or institutional visit, please contact CRDC to confirm the current year's itinerary.*

Day 1	Arrive at the Tel Aviv airport and transfer (on your own) to the National Hotel in Jerusalem, where our group will meet for a welcome dinner and program orientation.
Day 2	Start the day with a walking tour of the Old City, visiting sacred and historical sites such as the Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Dome of the Rock. After our tour, take time on your own to explore this amazing city before returning to the hotel. In the afternoon, Dr. Fakhira Haloun delivers a lecture and introduces our first guest speaker.
Day 3	On our field trip to west Jerusalem, we visit Ben Yehuda street and the neighborhood of Nachlaot. After lunch at the sprawling Mahane Yehuda market, we drive to Jaffa for a walking tour with our guide Elad. There, take in the beautiful waterfront and wander the very first neighborhoods of Tel Aviv. From Jaffa, we travel to Bar Ilan University for a talk by Rabbi Daniel Roth, Director of the Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution. Engage in lively discussion with your counterparts, conflict resolution students from Bar Ilan, before returning to Jerusalem.
Day 4	After a morning lecture, we travel to the Knesset, Israel's parliament, to meet with political figures and observe a plenary discussion. We then drive to Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, a cooperative village where Israeli Jewish and Palestinian Arab families live together. Our host for lunch is Rayek Rizek, former mayor of the town, who speaks about his decades of experience in this community and takes us on a walking tour of the village.
Day 5	Following a visit to the UN's office in Jerusalem, we travel to Bethlehem and meet Mazen Faraj, a member of the Parents Circle Families Forum, at the Deheisheh refugee camp. Then, enjoy free time for lunch in Bethlehem's Manger Square on the eve of Orthodox Christmas, with a guided tour of the Church of the Nativity. Later in the day, we meet with Myron Joshua, a settler who lives in Kfar Etzion and has worked on dialogue projects with Palestinian neighbors. Finally, we return to Jerusalem for our last night there.
Day 6	Today we make our way to Tiberias via the West Bank, stopping at an abandoned nightclub on the shores of the Dead Sea before journeying on to Nabi Musa, a site believed by Muslims to be the tomb of the

	<p>prophet Moses. At Kasr el Yahud on the Jordan River, learn about the history of the site and its importance to tourism in both Israel and Jordan -- and wave hello to the tourists on the Jordanian side, a stone's throw away on the river's opposite bank. Enjoy lunch in Jericho, one of the world's oldest cities, where our speaker will discuss his life as a Palestinian living in Area A. We finish the day in the most ancient part of the city, Tel es-Sultan, an archaeological site more than 10,000 years old. Once we reach Tiberias in the late evening, check into the hotel and take time to relax in this peaceful setting.</p>
<i>Day 7</i>	<p>Enjoy a full morning, with a talk from our guide Elad and a workshop led by Israeli peace activist Lee Ziv. After lunch, we take a boat trip on the beautiful Sea of Galilee, followed by free time to explore the seaside city of Tiberias. Tiberias is an ancient city, famous for its many pilgrimage sites and its hot springs.</p>
<i>Day 8</i>	<p>We start the day with a morning lecture and then spend some time visiting an integrated Arab-Jewish kindergarten. Learn how the school is breaking down cultural and language barriers and meet with parents to discuss why they chose this experience for their children. Afterwards, we gather for lunch at a women's cooperative where we'll learn about trauma healing and solidarity. In the evening, we stop on the Mediterranean coast and enjoy a celebratory farewell dinner at a Palestinian family's home before journeying onward to Tel Aviv.</p>
<i>Day 9</i>	<p>After breakfast, check out of the hotel and head to the airport, with unforgettable memories of your week spent studying and engaging in this incredible region.</p>