

# THREE, TWO, ONE. GO.

# FZY ISRAEL TOUR 2024

8<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August\*

(\*See inside for full dates. Dates subject to change)



Applications open 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

[www.fzy.org.uk/israeltour](http://www.fzy.org.uk/israeltour)



# COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN ISRAEL TOUR 2024

## THIS IS THE START OF THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

An unforgettable summer in Israel.

Engage with friends, old and new.

Embark on new adventures.

Encounter the rich and diverse culture of Israel.

Explore your Jewish identity.

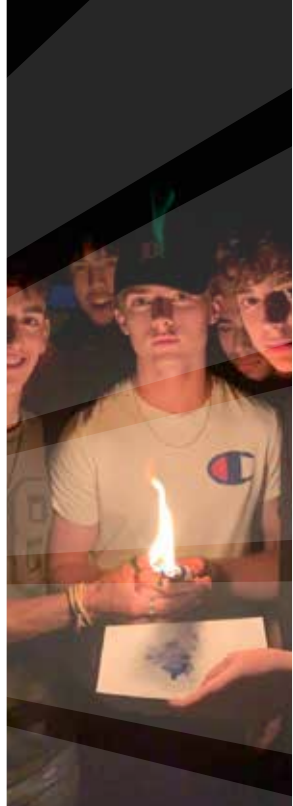
And do it all with the UK's oldest, Zionist youth movement in a safe environment. We're pluralist, bold, and daring. We discuss what others can't and go where they won't.

On FZY Israel Tour you're not just a participant, you're an explorer. A hiker. A rafter. A debater. An ice cream connoisseur. A shwarma critic. A proud Zionist. When you travel with us, you're FZY. And you believe that Israel is the place to be.

**The safety, security and welfare of the Israel Tour participants is our number one priority.** Full details on our security arrangements is on page 7.

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“ FZY tour was a once in a life time experience and exceeded all my expectations. I've made friends and memories that will last a lifetime. The combination of fun and informative activities were perfectly balanced, allowing me to connect more closely with my Jewish identity whilst also having the best time ever. If I could do it all over again I would in a heartbeat. ”

Zara Zell Davis, Tour 1, 2023



“ We just wanted to say a huge huge thank you. George had the most wonderful time. He loved every minute!! From the Incredible Madrachim, great accommodation, an unbelievable programme of activities and tours. Kindness, meeting new friends, seeing Israel as a proper tourist, meaningful Shabbats and just being with one big family!!!! He also said the food wasn't too bad either!! Thank you to you and all your staff that organised this behind the scenes with such skill and perfection, we can't imagine what work has to be done to create this unforgettable, sensational once in a lifetime trip for our kids. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!!! ”

Melissa & Scott Franklin, parents of George Franklin, Tour 4, 2022





# THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE FZY ISRAEL TOUR

## BECAUSE OF WHAT WE BELIEVE...

FZY is a **pluralist** youth movement. That means **we respect and celebrate** people with diverse beliefs and values. Our Israel Tour programme is not afraid to engage with a range of political viewpoints.

In a world of increasingly fractured opinions, **we won't tell you what to believe**. Instead, we'll introduce a wide range of political and religious voices, enriching your knowledge and experiences and giving you the best opportunity to draw your own conclusions. For us, learning is about embracing ideas, not rejecting them.

## BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT WE CAN GIVE...

FZY Israel Tour has consistently been amongst the **most popular programmes in Britain** throughout the last three decades, with a track record of providing the highest level of support for our participants. Our expertise in the field has enabled us to inspire **over 10,000 young adults** on our programmes in Israel.

This means that we make every effort to care for our participants, providing a **full and expert support structure**, before, during and after the programme. This includes: four staff-members per group, one of whom is a fully trained first aider, a full-time health coordinator, a consultant doctor, a consultant mental health adviser, and a team of dedicated staff in both Israel and the UK.

*“ I was naturally a bit nervous meeting my group for the first time, bearing in mind only 4 of us were from Manchester. But I soon found that everyone in the group was so friendly. The Tour experience really let me come out of my shell and helped me develop my leadership skills and character. As cliché as it sounds, it really was an unforgettable experience and it will always remain a summer which I look back on fondly. ”*

Shai Portnoy, Tour 4, 2023





## AND BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAMME ITSELF!

We firmly believe that our Israel Tour programme is **the best**. We don't want to bore you with all of the nitty, gritty details, but here are some of the highlights that we think we do better than anyone else:

### THE FZY MACCABIAH GAMES

...where FZY groups compete against each other in the hope to be crowned champions on the shores of the Kinneret. During the Games, all of the FZY Tour groups descend upon one patch of sacred and hallowed turf in a friendly, competitive atmosphere, for sports, education and talent contests.

### MEANINGFUL, PEOPLE-FOCUSED INTERACTIONS

Not just packing boxes, FZY Tour groups have the chance to engage in real, meaningful volunteering opportunities, working alongside wonderful charities such as Save a Child's Heart and working on community projects. We also meet amazing role models from all different backgrounds and celebrate Israel's wonderful people.

### ON TOP OF ALL OF THIS, OUR PROGRAMME IS ABSOLUTELY JAM-PACKED!

In previous years, a typical day saw groups wandering around ancient cities, kayaking the Jordan River, meeting up and doing activities with young Ethiopian Israelis, driving down to the desert and spending the evening riding camels, before finally sleeping under the stars.

### PLUS ONE MORE THING (we promise!)

FZY Israel Tour really is the next step in your FZY journey; the programme opens a door to so many incredible possibilities with the Movement, including learning to lead on our Hadracha course, taking part in the international Diller Teen Fellows programme, or the best gap year in the world with FZY Year Course...

*\*The programme is subject to change*

“A million thank you's from us and Talia for a trip of a lifetime She's home and is missing her group, leaders and experience already. They couldn't have been better leaders Tali loved them and she loved her group and totally immersed herself daily in the activities and experiences and challenges before her. You have given these kids memories to last a lifetime new friendships and new appreciation for all they have around them. What a fabulous organisation.”

Claudine & Daniel Mark, parents of Talia Mark, Tour 2, 2022



# ONE LIFE CHANGING SUMMER

## WHAT'S THE CORE PROGRAMME?

The core programme (subject to change) for each of our buses includes all of the following:

Jerusalem, the Kotel, Old City, Yad Vashem & Mt. Herzl | Tel Aviv  
Touring the north and south | Bedouin hospitality | Tsfat  
Sand surfing | Desert hikes & water hikes | Maccabiah Games  
Masada at sunrise | Dead Sea | Camel rides | Volunteering  
Kayaking | Snorkelling the Red Sea | Druze hospitality

## FZY ISRAEL TOUR



## WILL I BE SPLIT UP FROM MY FRIENDS?

**No!**

When applicants fill out the online application form, they are invited to submit the names of up to three friends that they would like to be in the same group as. We work hard to ensure that friends are not split up, and we guarantee that participants will be placed with at least one of their named friends (and often more!).

## WHAT IS THE ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD LIKE?

Like most Israel Tours, FZY groups stay in lots of different types of overnight accommodation, including Kibbutzim, youth villages, and campsites. You can expect that the vast majority of nights will be spent in youth hostels; these are basic but clean and often quite lovely. Rooms typically sleep around four participants, normally with en-suite bathrooms and showers.

Breakfast and dinner are often served buffet-style in hostels. Because participants spend each day out and about, lunch varies between sandwiches, packed lunches, and hot lunch deliveries (like school meals!). All of the food we provide is certified Kosher and the programme caters for a wide range of allergies and dietary requirements.

Sometimes, if groups are spending a lunchtime in a marketplace or an evening in a shopping mall, participants receive the cash-equivalent of a meal so that they can choose their own food.

## I HAVE LOTS MORE QUESTIONS. HELP!

- We understand that with the recent situation in Israel, many of you may have more questions than usual regarding Israel Tour.
- If you have queries about insurance, FCDO advice, cancellation policies, security or more - Please see the FAQs on [www.fzy.org.uk/israeltour](http://www.fzy.org.uk/israeltour) which should answer any questions you may have.
- If you need any further information about anything to do with FZY Israel Tour, email us at [israeltour@fzy.org.uk](mailto:israeltour@fzy.org.uk)
- We also love it when people call us! 020 8201 6661



## ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES

To apply for FZY Israel Tour, please visit: [www.fzy.org.uk/israeltour](http://www.fzy.org.uk/israeltour)

It is quick and simple to register. The account and Primary Email Address should both be in the name of the parent or guardian whom you wish to receive the majority of Israel Tour communications.

### Online application process and deadlines:

- Applications will open at 9:00am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Places are subject to availability and require a deposit of £500.

### Price: £4,489

- The Deadline for the initial application is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- All full application and medical forms need to be received and completed by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- If you withdraw from the programme prior to March 18<sup>th</sup>, you are entitled to a full refund of the deposit.
- After March 18<sup>th</sup>, if you choose to cancel, you would be subject to the normal cancellation policy and you would lose your deposit.
- The full balance payment must be made no later than 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024.

## INSURANCE

- As part of the Israel Tour cost, basic medical, travel and baggage insurance are included. Policy details are available on request.
- Pre-existing health conditions and non-emergency psychiatric and dental treatment are not included in the policy.
- To ensure participant are comprehensively insured, families should consider taking out their own personal insurance policy.
- The travel insurance policy covers you for cancellation, curtailment, and disruption in a number of scenarios, as well as covering lost, delayed or damaged luggage.
- Despite this cover, we encourage all participants not to bring expensive or valuable items with them on Israel Tour to avoid unnecessary upset.
- The policy **does** cover you during times of war, and whilst FCDO guidance is against travel to Israel, however it does not cover claims brought about as a direct result of war.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

UJIA and FZY who run Israel tour, are committed to financial inclusion to ensure that all young people in the British Jewish community can participate in the programme. Families unable to meet the full cost of the programme can apply for means-tested financial assistance provided by the UJIA, FZY and the Friends of FZY.

By ticking the relevant box on the online registration form you will be automatically sent an email with a link to the bursary forms. If you do not receive the form, please contact FZY immediately.

The UJIA Bursary Fund Committee guarantees complete confidentiality throughout the process and the identities of the recipients of bursaries remain anonymous. More details can be found online.

## PLEASE NOTE

Please note that at any time up until departure, you may incur the price of an additional fuel surcharge and airport tax by the airline. FZY will have to pass any increased charges on to participants and their families, as per our terms and conditions.

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## SECURITY MEASURES

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*We can only begin to imagine the challenges of arranging these tours, keeping a group of teenagers safe and happy and the logistics & organisation that goes on behind the scenes. From my own point of view we have found the updates perfectly balanced in terms of keeping us up-to-date and your sharing photos of everybody on the group excellent, and we have been thoroughly impressed with your organisation and communication throughout the whole process. The itinerary and range of activities and experience to connect our children to Israel and understanding the country, history, culture, geography - and politics - has been absolutely brilliant. So basically a HUGE thank you from the Hodes family to all of you behind the scenes for organising this important and once in a lifetime trip.*



**Simon Hodes, parent of Matthew Hodes, Tour 3, 2022**



*“ My tour experience was the best I'd ever had and exceeded all my expectations, introducing me to new things and amazing friends. Volunteering with Save a Child's Heart was definitely a highlight. I think I speak for all of my tour when I say it was an experience I'll always treasure.*

**Lola Cohen, Tour 1, 2019**





# THE NEXT STEP



Please see online application form for full terms and conditions.

## **IN THE MEANTIME, HERE ARE THE KEY DETAILS:**

Applications open: 9am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Age: Y11 England / S4 Scotland

Dates: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August\*

Cost: £4,489

Included: Accommodation, return flights to Israel, activities, staffing, entrance fees, local private transportation in Israel, basic medical, travel and baggage insurance, all meals, security and transport from main UK meeting points to airport.

*\*Dates are provisional and may be altered.*





## FZY ISRAEL TOUR

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## OUR PARTNERS

FZY's land provider in Israel is Tlalim

UJIA Israel Experience is organised by the Jewish Agency for Israel and supported by UJIA. In conjunction with Tlalim Educational Tours Ltd., it provides the ultimate rite of passage to Israel for young people in the UK. Financial assistance is available from the UJIA, FZY and the Friends of FZY.



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