

HABONIMDROR

Israel Tour 2016

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See Israel in
HD

*Not just a month of memories.
A life changing experience that you'll take with you forever...*



Habonim Dror is committed to providing a well rounded Jewish and Zionist education for the Jewish youth of today. As a socialist movement, we emphasise the principles of equality and inclusivity by creating the ultimate group experience. Habonim Dror believes strongly in the establishment and continuity of Israel; particularly where the society embodies the Jewish visions of **leading by example** and **making a difference**.

Tour with Habo is the best way to gain an understanding of our values of equality and inclusivity, whilst having a once in a lifetime summer in Israel.

Whilst travelling the entire country, you will participate in amazing activities such as riding a camel, a Bedouin Tent experience and floating in the Dead Sea! You will delve deep into your Jewish heritage with Shabbat at the Kotel, climb Masada for sunrise and a visit to Yad Vashem. Don't think we've forgotten about relaxing on Tel Aviv beach, stunning markets or refreshing water hikes either!

The fun doesn't stop here, with Habo offering several unique experiences you won't find anywhere else. Experience

the might of Yom Habonim Dror where you will see Habo groups from across the world. From Brazil to Australia to South Africa, it is truly a mind blowing day on the beach. You will also have the opportunity to volunteer in Israeli society and participate in a leadership weekend.

All tours are run under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for Israel and are organised through them.

Each tour group will be led by two senior madrichim (leaders), who have undergone a specific, extensive training process and have a wealth of experience within the movement. They will be accompanied by two Israeli madrichim, one a trained tour guide, and the other a qualified medic.

Israel tour is just the beginning of an exciting journey with Habonim Dror. The journey to becoming a motivating and inspiring leader starts here...

Israel Tour

15 - 16 years olds
School Year 11
Scottish Year S4

Dates

14 July - 9 August 2016
(to be confirmed)

Early Bird Price £2,995

31 January 2016 onwards £3,075

Price includes:
Flights, food, accommodation, tours and hikes, madrichim, tour guide, private transportation, security, basic travel, medical and baggage insurance.

"The most unbelievable month of my life! I made the best memories and would do anything to be at the very beginning of Habo Dror Tour now!"

Gabi H


If you have any further queries or questions please contact Jake on 0208 209 2111 or jake@habodror.org.uk



Participant's Reviews

“Tour to me was a time of my life that I will never forget. I've learnt things that I will never forget and I will cherish every memory. I wouldn't change a thing.”

Josh H

“Tour was an unbelievable experience and I loved every second of it. I loved spending a month with all my friends in Israel and I certainly recommend anyone to pick Habo Tour!”

Eytan D

“Habonim Tour was a unique combination of education tied with fun with friends that you could not experience anywhere else in the world.”

Saul B



“Tour was one of the best experiences to share with my friends, we created unforgettable and hilarious memories that I will treasure for life.”

Alex R

“Tour was an incredible experience! There isn't one thing I can choose that stands out in my mind as all of it was, and still is, memorable!”

Adam F

“It was definitely one of the best times of my life. A rollercoaster of emotions whilst also educational as it exposed the other the other side of the middle-eastern conflict as well as the conflict as a whole in much more detail.”

Jay R

Parent's Reviews

“Habonim provided a professional, well-organised opportunity for our child to explore the land, customs, people and ways of life in Israel which will leave him with life long memories, experiences, friendships and a love for Israel.

The leaders were responsible and caring, enabling the participants to feel at ease.

Communication was spot on. There were plenty of pictures on Facebook and the UJIA website, and a regular and detailed blog of what the chanichim had been doing, which was emailed every few days - great for putting parents' minds at rest.”

The Ultimate Group Experience

Tour with Habonim Dror is a unique group experience. Each kvutsah (group) runs their own kuppah (kitty) system, encouraging and enabling them to communicate together to make shared decisions and enhance group bonding and mutual respect. The “give what you can, take what you need” policy helps us to create an inclusive atmosphere whilst teaching about equality and social consciousness.

“Kuppah allowed us to bond more closely and take collective responsibility, not only over money, but for each other.”



“I wanted to thank you for the excellent communication throughout Israel Tour. The group had such an amazing and inspiring experience, well organised, thought provoking and loads of fun. He has had the time of his life. We wanted to thank you again for the help on this tour. It was a marvellous experience for him.”

Social Action

Habonim Dror places huge emphasis on social action. As such, our program includes working with underprivileged children or refugees alongside other projects which make a real impact on society. Volunteering in Israel allows participants to really connect with the country and understand how, as Jews, we can do more to help society especially in Israel.

“Volunteering in Israel was amazing. Spending time with the refugees was so meaningful and I really felt like we were giving something back.”

Leadership

Habonim Dror tour offers unique, comprehensive and invaluable leadership training whilst in Israel. We bring in special educators to run a hadracha (leadership) weekend which will start the preparation for becoming a leader, during which participants will receive their chultzah (movement shirt). This, along with continued training upon returning back to the UK, creates a group of newly qualified madrichim who can take part in a range of activities and projects in their respective communities at home. These include weekly meetings for Years 3-10, Summer Machaneh (camp), Reunion Weekends and Day Schemes all over the UK.

“We learnt so much about becoming good leaders, I can’t wait to lead Summer Camp next year!”

Educational Rationale

The educational content of tour is unique to Habonim Dror. It is a combination of teaching about moral codes and values of equality and respect, mixed with an emphasis on playing out these ideas in practice, within the group and the wider community. It is a month that poses questions to every participant about their beliefs and provides them with a safe environment to find answers. It allows them to shape their identity on a moral and Jewish level through the educational rationale along the whole tour experience.

The education we provide is not merely facts and figures, it is about understanding why events happened and how they impact us, and Jews, in the world. This ensures that, not only the participants will come back with a better knowledge of Israel and Judaism, but that they will come back with a better knowledge of who they are as people.

Garin Kasher (£20):

Garin Kasher is an exciting and new membership initiative being launched this year (2015/16). By becoming a member of Garin Kasher, you will have discounted events and access to exclusive “member’s only” merchandise which can be swapped at Yom Habonim with other world members of Habo.

Why? Previously the idea of Garin Kasher was known as Mas Chaver; however this was a compulsory thing that everyone did when signing up for Summer Camp. The idea of Garin Kasher is that it is completely voluntary for people to become a part of, and will inspire those that sign up to attend more Habonim Dror events and take more of an active role in the movement.



The Fine Print

Cancellation

- If you wish to cancel a place on a programme you must contact us in writing
- If you cancel a place prior to the deposit payment deadline (Monday 29 February 2016) you will be entitled to a refund less the administration fee (£175)
- If you cancel after the deposit payment deadline you will be entitled to a refund according to the following schedule:
 - 61 days or longer prior to the departure date: 100% of monies paid less deposit and the administration fee
 - From 31-60 days prior to the departure date: 50% of monies paid less deposit and the administration fee
 - From 15-30 days prior to the departure date: 20% of monies paid less deposit and the administration fee
 - From 1-14 days prior to the departure date: No monies will be refunded

Payment and Deposit

A £350 deposit is required with the application form. The Full balance to be paid by Monday 2 May 2016.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available through the UJIA to provide financial assistance for applicants who cannot meet the full cost of the programme. Through bursary funding, UJIA aims to offer young people the opportunity to take part in a Youth Movement Israel Tour. If you are in a financial situation where you are unable to afford the full cost of the programme, please tick the appropriate box on the Initial application form and you will be sent a financial assistance form. The UJIA Bursary Fund will assist individuals to the best of its ability based on a means tested process. The earlier you apply for the financial assistance, the more favourable your application will be received. The UJIA Bursary Fund Committee guarantees complete confidentiality throughout the process and that the identities of the recipients of the bursaries remains anonymous.

Process of Application Online

This year, all forms for Tour must be completed online. On receipt of the initial application form and deposit of £350, you will receive an email which will contain:

- (a) Your unique user name and password
- (b) The payment schedule for the programme
- (c) Important information and terms & conditions
- (d) Other information concerning Israel Tour

All you have to do is print off the information, read it carefully and then, using your unique username and password, get online and complete the application and medical forms as soon as possible. All application and medical forms must be printed off, completed, signed and sent to us by Friday 26 February 2016.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that on your initial application form that you identify (by ticking the box) which is the PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS to which the username and password will be sent and will be the main channel of communication.

Group Kitty (Kuppah)

Please **do not** send your child with spending money as they will **not** be able to spend it. Habonim Dror has a unique group kitty system (kuppah) as a means of realising our belief in equality. The kuppah system is run by the participants, for the participants, with the guidance of the madrichim (leaders). This encourages shared decisions, group bonding, mutual respect, trust and ultimately a more profound friendship. The money is spent on everything that is not included in the programme. For example, this include; all “merchandise” that participants design themselves, money to spend in markets, extra snacks and drinks, movement shirts (chulzot), and replacing lost water bottles. Due to valuable feedback from previous years, we have decided to make a significant change to the way kuppah is administered. Participants have to pay the full amount of kuppah, in advance, as part of paying off their account for Tour. It will be an item on the balance that is mandatory. The principle of “give what you can” will remain intact. Financial circumstances will be taken into account by the bursary committee. In light of these changes, we have reduced the contribution to £135 per participant.

Obligations/responsibilities/requirements of your participants

- Medical and application form
- To attend interviews
- To attend orientation
- To attend follow-up activity

Security

The safety, security and wellbeing of the Participants is, and always has been, our primary concern. Habonim Dror Israel Tour is planned according to the security directives of the relevant security authorities in Israel, who check all the itineraries regularly and advise on changes which need to be made.

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