

## DIVERSITY IN OUR SMALL COUNTRY - ISRAEL

Date	Week day	Description	Remarks
17/12/2017	Sunday	Arrive at homes of Servas hosts in Tel-Aviv or Jerusalem area	List of inviting hosts will be provided to guests after they send flight bookings and LOI to israel@servas.org - coordinate your Tel Aviv or Jerusalem host
18/12/2017	Monday	Free day alone or with the hosts. <b>Welcome meeting in the evening at Harel family in Sde Warburg</b> , together with the hosts - Background information about the program, lighting the 6th candle of Chanukah, singing and dancing . Light dinner at party	Stay with your hosts as coordinated.
19/12/2017	Tuesday	By bus from Tel Aviv to Mitzpe Ramon youth hostel. On the way: Kibbutz Sde Boker, Midreshet Ben Gurion including lecture. Walk with view of Zin river to Ben-Gurion grave site. Visit Bedouin site near Avdat, including light meal. Learn about the ancient Nabatean agriculture and view ancient rock art nearby. Visit small farm that manufactures Argan oil. <b>Evening meeting at hostel, Guests' presentations.</b> Self-paid dinner in town.	Bus pickup point early morning: <b>Tel Aviv Savidor Merkaz train station.</b> <b>Mitzpe Ramon youth hostel:</b> <a href="http://www.iyha.org.il/hostels/south-hostels/mitzpe-ramon/?lang=en">http://www.iyha.org.il/hostels/south-hostels/mitzpe-ramon/?lang=en</a> , Nahal HaEla 4, 02-5945713 <b>Kibbutz Sde Boker:</b> <a href="https://www.touristisrael.com/sde-boker/5947">https://www.touristisrael.com/sde-boker/5947</a> <b>Midreshet Ben Gurion:</b> <a href="http://www.boker.org.il/english/aboutmidrasha.htm">http://www.boker.org.il/english/aboutmidrasha.htm</a>
20/12/2017	Wednesday	Guided tour by bus - Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater) - Vists at Mitzpe Ramon visitor center, then - along and inside the crater - HaMinsara, Ammonite Wall, Ein Saharonim - <b>Evening meeting at hostel</b> , with African Israelite community members. <b>Guests' presentations.</b> Self-paid dinner in town.	<b>Mitzpe Ramon visitor center.</b> 08-6588691, <a href="https://www.touristisrael.com/mitzpe-ramon-visitor-center/11166">https://www.touristisrael.com/mitzpe-ramon-visitor-center/11166</a> <b>Makhtesh Ramon:</b> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Makhtesh_Ramon">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Makhtesh_Ramon</a> ,
21/12/2017	Thursday	Guided tour by bus to Jerusalem via the Dead Sea. On the way: visit desert agriculture site at Neot Hakikar, stop at Ein Bokek beach including self-paid lunch. Optional: Tower of David in Jerusalem - night spectacular 19:00. <a href="https://www.tod.org.il/en/the-night-spectacular">https://www.tod.org.il/en/the-night-spectacular</a> . <b>Dinner and Evening meeting at Beith Ben-Yehuda hostel. Guests' presentations.</b>	<b>Ein Bokek, the Dead Sea:</b> <a href="http://www.einbokek.com/deadsea.htm">http://www.einbokek.com/deadsea.htm</a> <b>Beith Ben-Yehuda hostel</b> , Jerusalem: <a href="http://www.beit-ben-yehuda.org">http://www.beit-ben-yehuda.org</a> , 28 Ein Gedi Str. 02-6730124, <a href="mailto:info@beit-ben-yehuda.org">info@beit-ben-yehuda.org</a> . <b>Eden hostel:</b> <a href="http://jerusalemhotel.co.il">http://jerusalemhotel.co.il</a> , 4 Giladi Str. 02-6724999
22/12/2017	Friday	On the way to the Old city of Jerusalem via Mahane Yehuda market, self-paid tasting local delicacies for lunch. Half day guided walking tour of Jerusalem Old city - Three religions in Jerusalem, watch Kabbalat Shabbat at the Wailing Wall. <b>Dinner and Evening meeting at the Beith Ben-Yehuda hostel. Guests' presentations.</b>	<b>Mahane Yehuda market:</b> <a href="http://en.machne.co.il">Mahttp://en.machne.co.il</a> <b>Old City of Jerusalem:</b> <a href="https://www.touristisrael.com/old-city-jerusalem/403">https://www.touristisrael.com/old-city-jerusalem/403</a>
23/12/2017	Saturday	By bus to Nazareth. On the way - guided tour - Holy sites around the Sea of Galilee. Self-paid lunch / dinner in town. <b>Evening meeting at Al Hakim hostel</b> including guests from an Arab Christian community nearby. <b>Guests' presentations.</b>	<b>Holy sites at the Sea Of Galilee:</b> <a href="https://www.israel21c.org/top-10-christian-sites-at-the-sea-of-galilee">https://www.israel21c.org/top-10-christian-sites-at-the-sea-of-galilee</a> <b>Al Mutran hostel, Nazareth:</b> <a href="http://www.al-mutran.com">http://www.al-mutran.com</a> , <b>Al Hakim Guest House, Nazareth:</b> <a href="http://www.alhakim.co.il">http://www.alhakim.co.il</a>
24/12/2017	Sunday	Guided walking tour of Nazareth old city - White mosque, Mary's well, along the Pilgrim's Path, all the way to Basilica of Annunciation , the lit Christmas tree and Old Market, self-paid tasting local delicacies for lunch. Christmas Eve in Nazareth - Christmas Parade, Mass. Self-paid dinner in town.	<b>Old city of Nazareth:</b> <a href="http://www.nazarethinfo.org/en/nazareth-old-city-tour">http://www.nazarethinfo.org/en/nazareth-old-city-tour</a> <b>Christmas in Nazareth:</b> <a href="https://www.israel21c.org/celebrate-christmas-in-nazareth/">https://www.israel21c.org/celebrate-christmas-in-nazareth/</a>
25/12/2017	Monday	By bus to Haifa. Short visit a Daliat Al Carmel (Druze village) home, including refreshments. Haifa viewpoint, and Bahai center gardens, Holiday of Holidays festival in Wadi Nisnas. Hosts will join. In the evening - <b>farewell meeting in Haifa</b> , women making a necklace from <b>beads you brought</b> , while the men prepare the <b>Guests' party program</b> . Light dinner at party	<b>Daliat El Carmel:</b> <a href="http://www.visit-haifa.org/eng/Daliat_el-Carmel">http://www.visit-haifa.org/eng/Daliat_el-Carmel</a> <b>About Haifa:</b> <a href="https://www.touristisrael.com/what-to-do-in-haifa">https://www.touristisrael.com/what-to-do-in-haifa</a> <a href="http://www.carmelithaifa.com/solel-boneh-station/wadi-nisnas">http://www.carmelithaifa.com/solel-boneh-station/wadi-nisnas</a> List of inviting hosts in all areas will be provided to guests after they send flight bookings and LOI to israel@servas.org - coordinate your Haifa host
26/12/2017	Tuesday	Free day alone or with hosts. Enjoy Israel on your own - Akko and Kfar Masarik kibbutz nearby or elsewhere in Israel. Thank you for visiting us in Israel.	Stay with your hosts as coordinated.