

JCC Maccabi Games in Israel Sample Itinerary

During this three-week immersive experience, more than 1,000 Jewish teens from across North America, Israel, and the globe, representing 50+ delegations will experience the magic of JCC Maccabi in Israel.

This transformative experience will begin with an 8-day Olympics-style JCC Maccabi Games experience in the Haifa area. JCC Maccabi delegations will then hit the road for an action-packed and fun-filled tour across the country including visits to Israel’s most culturally, religiously, and historically significant sites and opportunities to continue to their JCC Maccabi journey with old and new friends as they explore Israel through the lens of sport. Groups will experience similar itineraries but travel via differing routes throughout these days, reuniting as one large group at various points. ALL delegation itineraries will culminate in an ultimate JCC Maccabi Shabbat and final program days in Jerusalem.

We have provided the following sample overview and itinerary to give you a better feel for this experience. The actual program, including activities and order of travel will vary. A confirmed itinerary will be distributed no later than two weeks prior to the start of the program.

8 Day Olympic Style JCC Maccabi Games

Location	Haifa, Israel	Dates	July 5-13, 2023
Team Sports	Baseball, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball	Individual Sports	Dance, Swimming, Tennis

Days 1-9 Games Activities	
Day 1	Travel Day
Day 2	Arrivals in Israel Check-in to JCC Maccabi ‘Olympic village’ accommodations Orientation and welcome event
Day 3	Sports Practices and Trainings JCC Maccabi Kabbalat Shabbat
Day 4	JCC Maccabi Shabbat Experience
Day 5	Sports Competition or practices Opening Ceremony

Day 6-9	Sports Competition continued
	Hang Time: opportunities to participate in a variety of free-time activities with fellow JCC Maccabi teens and to meet with influential Israeli speakers, coaches, and professional athletes.
	<i>Mifgash</i> (encounter) experience with Israeli peers
	JCC Cares community service projects
	Large social and cultural events Closing Party

12 Day JCC Maccabi Israel Tour

Location Across Israel **Dates** July 14-25, 2023

Northern Israel

From **Rappelling** or **rafting** and **sport activities** to the **Aqua Kef inflatable water park** every teen will get a taste of adventure before exploring Israel's Northern borders. Look out into Lebanon from the summit of **Mt Bental**, a dormant volcano, or hear the heroic tale of superspy Eli Cohen while taking in the view of Syria during a hike of the **Golan Heights**.

Continue to experience the beauty of the Galilee with a **Lake Kinneret dinner cruise**, visit a **kibbutz**, and tour and enjoy free time to explore the ancient and mystical town of **Tzfat**

Tel Aviv

Explore Israel through the lens of sport. Visit **Kfar Maccabiah**, home of the Global Maccabi Movement, to enjoy a fun day of **sport activities** and interactions with leading figures in the Israeli sport world and visit the newly minted **International Jewish Sport Museum**. Be inspired by visits to leading social impact organizations including **Israel Sport Center for the Disabled** or **Peres Center for Peace**.

Walk in the footsteps of the nation's pioneers as groups visit **Independence Hall**, the very site that in 1948 Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion declared the State's independence. Take in the history of **Machon Ayalon**, a secret underground ammunition facility, before soaking up the beauty and history of the city of **Jaffa** with a stroll through the ancient port and the colorful flea market.

Get active with a **Krav Maga** workshop or **surfing lesson** in the Mediterranean and enjoy free time to relax and refresh at Tel Aviv's world-famous **beach**, peruse **Nahalat Binyamin artisan market** or barter for souvenirs at **Shuk Ha'Carmel**.

Experience the party as **ALL JCC Maccabi groups reunite** and join thousands of other North American Jewish teens for a night of food, entertainment, and fun at the **RootOne Big Tent event**.

Southern Israel

A once in a lifetime experience as **all 1,000 JCC Maccabi athletes** reunite in the desert for an overnight **Bedouin tent experience** and dinner feast. An action filled adventure awaits with opportunities to **camel ride**, float in the **dead sea**, hike and swim under the **waterfalls of Ein Gedi** and experience the magic of scaling the Herodian desert fortress of **Masada** for sunrise.

Jerusalem

For the final four nights of this ultimate Jewish peoplehood program, all delegations will reunite in the city that is the heart and soul of the Jewish people - Jerusalem. **1,000+ teens** and chaperones will stay at **one hotel complex**, celebrating a very special JCC Maccabi Shabbat experience including a transformative and emotional **Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel**, before continuing to experience all that Jerusalem has to offer.

Teens will explore thousands of years of Jewish history as they walk the streets of the **Old City** and rooftops of the **Jewish Quarter** and splash through **Hezekiah's underground aqueduct**.

The group will pay their respects at **Yad Vashem** – the World Holocaust Remembrance Center and **Mount Herzl National Cemetery** to honor Israel's founders, leaders, and fallen soldiers.

No trip to Israel's capital city can be complete without experiencing the vibrancy of modern Jerusalem. Teens will have free time to shop and taste their way around **Machane Yehuda market** and enjoy an evening on **Ben Yehuda Street**.