

# Ibrahim Winter 2019 Itinerary

(December 16th - January 12th)

## New York, USA

Sunday, December 16th

- Students from outside the New York area arrive to the Millennium Hilton Hotel, One UN Plaza, Manhattan (hotel phone # 212-702-5018)

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00am - Students from New York, New Jersey, New Haven and the greater metropolitan NY area arrive at the Millennium Hotel
  - 7:00pm - Departure from hotel to JFK (TK 12 - JFKIST) TK is Turkish Air
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## Israel/Palestine

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

- Arrive in Israel on Tuesday evening (TK 864 – ISTTLV)
- Check in to Gil Gal Hotel in Tel Aviv

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am - Breakfast early in the hotel
- 8:15am – Departure from hotel
- 9:00am – Visit Award winning Israeli Bialik Rogozin Campus, an innovative and social entrepreneurial educational venture located in south Tel Aviv that caters to immigrant children, mainly African and undocumented. This school has been featured in “Strangers No More,” the Oscar winning Documentary
- There will be a discussion with the principal of the school, Eli Nechama as well as teachers and students
- 1:00-2:30pm – Meeting at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), one of the leading Israeli think tanks
- Discussions on Israeli security and peacemaking dilemma with Gilead Sher, the former Chief of staff, Policy Coordinator & Senior Peace Negotiator under the former Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Ehud Barak
- 4:00pm – Discussion with Yossi Alpher, a former Mossad intelligence analyst and former director of Jaffa Center for Strategic Studies. His latest books include No End of Conflict: Rethinking Israel-Palestine and Periphery, Israel’s Search for Middle East Allies
- 6:30pm – Dinner

Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00-10:30am – Meeting with Dan Rothem, Senior Policy Advisor for the S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace with a visual and psychological overview into the dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He is a researcher, analyst and creator of the website, [ispeacepossible.com](http://ispeacepossible.com)
- 1:00-2:30pm – Meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussion with Akiva Tor, Head, Bureau for World Jewish Affairs and World Religions and Sarah Weiss Ma'udi, Adv. Director, International Law Department Office of the Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 4:00pm – Back at the hotel, possible free time and group discussion
- 7:00pm – Dinner

### Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

- 6:30am- Breakfast
- 7:00am – Depart hotel for meeting at Ort Arab School of Science in Lod, Israel
- 8:30-10:30am – Visit to the Ort Arab School of Science in Lod, Israel, one of the country's poorest cities. We will meet with the brilliant Palestinian-Israeli, Muslim feminist Principal, Shirin Natour Hafi.
- 12:30-3:30pm - Lunch and debriefing, digesting our first week in our debriefing session till 3:30pm
- Shabbat for those who are observant
- 7:00pm – Dinner followed by free time

### Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 12:30-3:00pm – Walking tour & sightseeing in Tel Aviv with Ilan Shchori
- Beach (weather permitting) and blogging (all the time)

### Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 6:30am – Breakfast
- 7:00am – Departure from Gil Gal Hotel.
- Drop off luggage in Jerusalem to the Little House in Rechavia Hotel
- 1:00-2:30pm – Meeting with Yonatan Rabinovitch, former Alumni of the Ibrahim Program as well as leading Israeli security officials. Yonatan has since made Aliyah to Israel and is currently serving in the I.D.F. working in the International Dept. of the coordinator of government activities in the West Bank. We will be meeting with him and Israeli officers at the Beit El base.
- Lunch
- 4:00pm – Meeting with Yossi Klein Halevi, esteemed author, co-Director of the Muslim Leadership Initiative of the Shalom Hartman Institute. His latest books include *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* (see our recommended reading) and *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*
- 7:00pm – Dinner

### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30am – Breakfast
- 7:15am – Depart from hotel
- 7:45-11:00am – Morning tour of the Old City in Jerusalem with Avi Ben-Hur, distinguished guide, scholar and lecturer.
- 12:00pm – Lunch
- 1:00-3:00pm – Yad Vashem, Israel Holocaust Museum
- 5:00pm – Meeting with Moshe Halbertal, award winning Israeli Jewish Orthodox Philosopher, Professor of Jewish Thought and Philosophy at Hebrew University, and an author of the IDF Code of Ethics.

- 7:00pm – Dinner

## Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30am – Breakfast
- 8:30am-12:00pm – Depart hotel for Peace Now Settlement Watch Tour led by Hagit Ofran and Brian Reeves
- 3:00-5:00pm – Visit the Jewish community of Efrat. Discussion with Rav Shlomo Vilk, the Rosh Machanaim at Efrat and discussion with members of the Hesder Yeshiva that combines military service with Torah Study
- 7:00pm – return back to Jerusalem by 7:00pm, Dinner

## Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30am - Breakfast
- 7:45am – check out of the hotel to Rawabi
- 9:00am – check into Royal Court Hotel
- 9:15-11:15AM – Visit Rawabi – The first planned city, built for and by Palestinians in the West Bank, hailed as a “Flagship Palestinian Enterprise.” Tour and meetings with Bashar Al-Masri, social-economic entrepreneur and the mastermind of the Rawabi initiative
- 12:30-1:30pm – Dialogue at the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR) -
- Discussion with Khalil Shikaki, one of the most respected and independent researchers and policy analysts in the WB and Founder & Director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR)
- 1:30-2:30PM - Dialogue with Salwa Duaibis, who works with Military Court Watch that monitors the treatment of children in Israeli detention, and Sam Bahour, a Palestinian businessman and entrepreneur who is the Managing Partner of Applied Information Management (AIM)
- Please note that there will be other significant programs that will also be taking place in Ramallah

## Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

- Early Start - Breakfast
  - 8:45am – Depart hotel for meetings in Ramallah
  - 10:00-12:00pm – Tour and visit to Jalazone Refugee Camp with Nidhal Rafa, a Palestinian free-lance producer and journalist
  - 12:00-2:00pm walking tour of Ramallah and lunch
  - 2:00-3:00pm – Meeting with Donn Hutchison, former teacher and principle of the Quaker run schools, The Friends Schools of Ramallah
  - In the process of rearranging a date for meeting with Sara Haetzni Cohen, Chairwoman of NGO Yisrael Sheli (MY Israel) during our Jerusalem visit
  - Return to hotel and prepare for flight on Royal Jordanian Air to Jordan (RJ 341 – 11:30pm)
  - Please note there are many other programs after Ramallah. The Israel/Palestine part of our trip is but the beginning
- IBR

## Jordan

## Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30 pm – Arrival in Amman, Jordan on flight # RJ 341.
- Check-in to La Locanda Boutique Hotel (Hotel Tel: +962 6 200 0600).

## Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am – Breakfast at the hotel.
- AM – Amman city tour of the Citadel, Roman Theatre, Panoramic tour.

## Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Meeting with Mouayad Al Windawi at La Locanda Boutique Hotel conference room.
- 12:00pm Visit to King Hussein Business Park.

## Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

- Early breakfast early in the hotel
- 8:00am – Check-out of hotel, La Locanda Boutique Hotel.
- 8:30am – Bus departs to Wadi Rum. Check in to camp, Captain's Desert Camp (Camp Tel: +962 3 206 0710).
- PM – Disi jeep tour of Wadi Rum.
- Overnight stay at Wadi Rum

## Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

- AM – Breakfast at the camp.
- AM – Group departs for Petra.
- Full day Petra activities.
- PM – Group departs from Petra to Amman.
- PM – Group checks in to hotel, La Locanda Boutique Hotel (Hotel Tel: +962 6 200 0600).

## Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

- Happy new year !
- AM – Breakfast at the hotel.
- AM – Mount Nebo activities.
- PM - Lunch at Madaba.

## Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 am – 12:00pm Meeting with Hasan Abu Hania, expert on ISIS.
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Meeting with Dr Abdel Elah Alkhatib.
- 3:00 pm – Check out of hotel.
- 3:30 pm – Group departs to Queen Alia International Airport.
- 6:25pm – Group departs to Muscat on flight # WY 414.

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# Oman

## Wednesday January 2nd

- Arrival from Jordan 11:40 pm local time.
- Airport welcome, Talal & transport to accommodation.
- Hormuz Grand Hotel, Muscat P. O. Box 128, PC 111 Seeb, Sultanate of Oman
- D: +968 2435 0550 | M: +968 9213 6880 | F: +968 2435 0599

## Thursday 3rd. January

- 9.00 am - 11.30 noon - Orientation with Ahmed Al Mukaini, former expert with the Oman State Council.
- 12.30 pm - Audience with HE Abdul-Aziz Al-Rowas
- 2.30 pm - Welcome buffet brunch at Grand Hormuz hosted by Dr. P Mohammed P Ali & his son, Mohiuddin - owners of the hotel and [www.galfar.com](http://www.galfar.com) and author of a book about entrepreneurship.
- 4.00 pm - Road orientation tour - Parliament Building, National Museum, Alam Palace, Muttrah Souk - ending at ROH
- 6.00 Zuccherò - King of Blues at the Royal Opera House (ROH) - Meet with Zuccherò & HH Sayyid Kamil Al Said?

## Friday 4th. January - Weekend

- Day tour to Sur Sink Hole Wadis Shab & Tiwi & the desert with lunch at the beach-front home of Sheikh Abdulla & Sheikh Fahad Al Araimi in Sur.

## Saturday 5th. January - Weekend

- Visit Grand Mosque & National Museum
- Lunch - on my beach with swimming TBA
- Traditional farewell dinner hosted by HE Sheikh Abdulla Al Rowas with HE Abdul Aziz Al-Rowas, former US Ambassador, Richard Baltimore, Thomas F. Schneider - German Ambassador, Azim Nasser Zia, former Afghan Ambassador, HE Ali Bin Fahad Al Hajri - Qatar Ambassador, Hamish Cowell - British Ambassador

## Sunday 6th. January -

- 10.00 am Visit to the US Embassy with Ambassador Mark Sievers
  - Lunch - Diplomatic Club or Kargeen
  - Departure 4.30 pm to Dubai - 2.30 p.m. check-in?
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# UAE Itinerary

## Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 pm Meet & Greet at Dubai International Airport.
- PM Group check-in to hotel, XVA Art Hotel (Hotel Tel: 04 353 5383).

## Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 7:30 am Bus departs to Jebel Ali.
- 8:00 am – 11:00 am Diamond Line tour & presentation with Rasha Shehadeh in Jebel Ali.
- 11:30 am – 3:30pm Conferences & Meetings at Orient Research Center in JLT. First topic is Dr. Samir on Syria, second topic is on the U.A.E.
- PM Dinner at Beit Maryam in JLT.
- 5:00 pm Bus departs to Bluewater & The Beach at JBR.

## Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am Meeting with Nabil Khatib at XVA Art Hotel.
- 11:45 am Bus departs to JLT.
- 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm Conferences & Meetings at Orient Research Center in JLT. Topics TBD by Mark.
- 3:30 pm Bus departs to Dubai Mall & Visit to Burj Khalifa.
- PM Dinner at Dubai Mall.

## Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 am – 7:30 am breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 am Bus departs to Emirates Towers.
- 8:30 am- Visit to Area 2071 at the Emirates Towers with Charmaine D'souza.
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Visit to Art Jameel with Sachin and insight into the real estate surrounding Culture Village.
- 1:00 pm Drive by tour in Al Quoz, home to many of the labor force of Dubai. Followed by ethnic Indian lunch, stop by at AISerkal Art Avenue.
- PM Dinner at Ustaadi, Bur Dubai

## Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Note : Conservative Attire is compulsory for today. One member departs for New York.

- 5:30 am (Pre-Ordered) Taxi Departs to Dubai International Airport.
- 6:00 am – 7:30 am breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 am Bus departs to Abu Dhabi.
- 10:00 am Visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.
- 11:30 am Bus departs to Institute of Diplomacy.
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Visit to the Institute of Diplomacy with Dr. Samir & ORC Staff.
- 3:00 pm – Lunch and Visit at the Louvre Museum, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi.

## Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 am Visit to Al Etihad Museum.
- Free time at Kite Beach in Jumeirah.
- Return to XVA on your own.

## Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 am Breakfast at the hotel and check-out of the hotel.
- 5:30 am Bus departs to Dubai International Airport.
- 8:30 am Flight departs from Dubai, UAE to New York, USA.

## Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Note: Only two group members.

- 5:00 am breakfast at the hotel and checkout.
- 5:30 am – (Pre-Ordered) Taxi departs to Dubai International Airport.
- 8:30 am – Flight departs from Dubai, UAE to New York, USA.