

NIF Spring 2024 Study Tour

DRAFT Itinerary

Day 1 (Tel Aviv) : Orientation to this Moment in Israel

Understanding the current political and social reality in Israel – Conversation with Israeli scholar and thought leader

Civil society in times of crisis- Meeting with activists and civil society leaders heading the crisis response in Israel

Dinner with NIF leadership

Day 2 : Exploring Communities in the South of Israel

A tour of Bedouin and Jewish towns in the south of Israel to understand the impact of October 7 and its aftermath for these diverse communities

Meeting with local activists and organizations bringing together Arab and Jewish communities while providing humanitarian assistance to people in need

Day 3 (Friday) (Tel Aviv): Politics in Israel

Inside Israeli Politics today: Conversation with Israeli journalists and political analysts

Promoting Liberal Policies and Supporting Israel's Democratic Camp: Conversation with thought leaders and change agents at the forefront of Israel's pro-democracy camp and leaders from the pro-Democracy protests of 2023

Optional Shabbat services

Shabbat dinner

Day 4 (Saturday) (Tel Aviv): Shabbat in Tel Aviv

Walking Tour of Jaffa: Life in a Mixed Jewish-Arab city at a time of increased tensions

Israel's leading Grassroots Movement for Social Change: An evening with Israeli NGO Standing Together

Day 5: The Reality of Palestinian Life Under Occupation and the Co-Resistance Movement

A journey to the South Hebron Hills and Massafer Yatta.

Meeting with Palestinians and Israelis working together to resist the occupation and combat settler violence

Dinner with leaders of organizations working to end the occupation of the West Bank

Day 6 (Jerusalem): East Jerusalem

A Geopolitical Walking Tour of the Temple Mount/Haram Al-Sharif

Lunch in the Old City

The Politics of Heritage Sites - a conversation on the politicization of antiquities

Day 7 (Jerusalem): Religion and State

Understanding the Rise of Religious Nationalism in Israel

Culinary Tour of Machane Yehuda Market

“Leftists of Faith”- with leaders of Israel’s emerging progressive-religious movement

Day 8 (Jerusalem): Israel in the Middle East

Israel’s Foreign Policy: Realities and Opportunities with leading Israeli foreign policy experts

Emerging Models for Peace: With thought leaders committed to innovative resolutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Closing Dinner with NIF leadership and staff