

HONEYMOON ISRAEL

Trip Itinerary Highlights

We hope you'll join the HMI family! Honeymoon Israel is about building community, and right now community is needed more than ever. With safety as our absolute top priority, we are confident that our Honeymoon Israel trip will offer you a unique opportunity to connect with your partner and your peers who are having similar experiences.

We're excited to share a few of the can't-miss highlights we're including in our upcoming trips! We've adapted our itinerary to build understanding of recent events and ensure you're experiencing the full diversity of Israel. Each HMI itinerary is unique and regularly adjusted to create a meaningful and safe experience. In summer 2025, HMI groups will be primarily based out of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; some groups will spend a night near the Sea of Galilee. Participants receive a detailed daily itinerary in the weeks before their trips.

Activities and Tours

Here are just some of the many historical and modern sites and experiences our cohorts take part in during their Israel journey.

Shabbat and Havdalah

If you've celebrated Shabbat your whole life or you've never heard the word *Havdalah* (ceremony marking the end of Shabbat), there's something remarkable about honoring this part of the week with your new HMI family. Whether we're talking about the concept of rest on the beach at sunset, or lighting candles overlooking Jerusalem, it's sure to be special.

The Dead Sea

A fan-favorite stop on our trip is the Dead Sea! Enjoy the surreal sensation of floating in the water and coating yourself in the world-famous mud, a time-honored tradition enjoyed by all ages. The mud and minerals of the Dead Sea have special healing and beauty qualities that you'll have to see and feel to believe.

The Old City of Jerusalem

Are you a history buff? Wait until you get to walk through the Old City of Jerusalem. Between the magnitude of the *Kotel* (Western Wall) to the beautiful architecture of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, it's an eye-opening way to witness diverse communities, their history and holiness.



Activities and Tours Cont.

Hostage Square

This public plaza in Tel Aviv received its current name following the October 7 Hamas-led attack on Israel, and features art installations that bring attention to the people still being held hostage by Hamas and calling for their release. While we hope this vigil is no longer needed during your trip, we will find opportunities to learn about the changes across Israeli society due to the October 7 attacks.

ANU – Museum of the Jewish People

Join a fascinating journey that portrays the memory of the Jewish people, a story that stretches across generations and up to the present time. The Museum represents the diversity of the Jewish people and highlights the creativity and culture that has allowed Jewish communities to thrive in different places and across different periods of history.

Yad Vashem

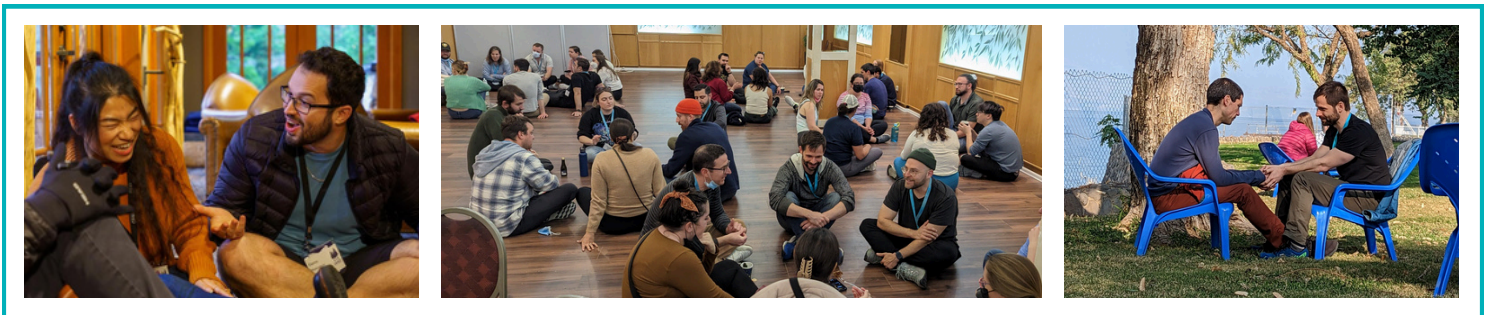
As a group, we visit Yad Vashem, the national museum and memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. It's an essential emotional and educational experience where we remember the horror of the Holocaust and consider how it affects our future.

Tasting Tour in Carmel Market

Enjoy a tasting tour through the trendy and colorful outdoor Carmel Market in Tel Aviv and sample the diverse food and cultures that combine in this unique modern metropolis.

HMI Conversations

Over the course of our trips, experience four of our signature Honeymoon Israel Conversations, four times for the group to join together in a safe and brave space to debrief our experience and consider our future together.



Service Project

On each of our trips, we take part in a volunteer project to learn more about the diverse communities and needs of Israel and do what we can to give back. For example, last summer, many of our cohorts spent time volunteering with the Yahel Israel Initiative, an organization passionate about people working side by side to bring about personal and social change in Israel.



Speakers

HMI is committed to providing a variety of perspectives about politics, religion, and Israeli society. While specific speakers may change, all of the speakers we hear throughout the trip represent a multitude of viewpoints to ensure that you can experience the diversity of Israel. See a few examples below.



[Avraham Infeld](#)

No HMI trip is complete without hearing from Avraham Infeld, leading Jewish educator, President Emeritus of Hillel International, and member of the Honeymoon Israel Board. He welcomes most HMI cohorts and shares his vision that Judaism is much more than a religion.



[Ashager Araro](#)

In Florentin, we'll enjoy an Ethiopian dinner at Battae Cultural Center, a space devoted to Ethiopian Jewish Heritage, and share the memories of this important and inspirational community. There you'll meet Ashager Araro, born in Ethiopia, and who made *Aliyah* (moved to Israel) during Israel's Operation Solomon in 1991, in which Israel airlifted more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel.



Survivor of the Nova Music Festival

As part of the horrors of October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a sudden attack on civilians at the Nova Music Festival, killing 364 individuals and taking 40 people hostage. During your HMI experience, you'll hear from a Nova Music Festival survivor who will share their harrowing story, the healing process, and their hopes for the future.



[Amira Mohammed and Ibrahim Abu Ahmad](#)

Are you a podcast fan? We'll hear from Amira Mohammed and Ibrahim Abu Ahmad, the co-founders of the influential podcast, *Unapologetic: The Third Narrative*. Amira Mohammed, a Palestinian peace activist and Israeli citizen from East Jerusalem, champions tolerance and dialogue as catalysts for meaningful change in the region. Ibrahim Abu Ahmad, a Palestinian-Israeli political and peace activist, speaker and writer, speaks to various groups including students, journalists, elected officials, and policymakers.