

***Pride in Israel***  
***The YJ Impact! Israel Experience***  
***June 16-26, 2008\****

**Monday, June 16**

***Welcome Home!***

Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport  
Opening ceremony on the beautiful beaches of Tel Aviv  
Hotel check in  
Tour and gallery hopping in the chic quarter of Neve Tzedek  
Your first taste of Tel Aviv night life

**Accommodation: Tel Aviv**

**Tuesday, June 17**

***Oh Jerusalem!***

Scenic drive to Jerusalem; following in the footsteps of our ancestors  
LGBT politics in Israel at the Jerusalem Open House, Jerusalem's LGBT community center  
Stunning view of the Old City from the Tayelet Promenade  
Sightseeing in the Old City of Jerusalem  
Meeting with the *Women of the Wall*  
Optional Judaica/Israeli shopping on Ben Yehuda Street  
Discussion on the topic of Judaism and homosexuality  
Visit to Tmol Shilshom: gay -owned bookshop, café and cultural center

**Accommodation: Jerusalem**

**Wednesday, June 18**

***Queer & Jewish History***

Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial  
Holocaust survivor testimony  
Mt. Herzl: heroes of war, peace & politics, special memorial at Rabin's grave  
Lunch at Jerusalem's Machane Yehuda food market  
Hadassah Hospital; visit the trauma center and the Chagall Windows  
Return to hotel for a bit of a rest  
Cocktail hour at YJ Impact! Center: meet the first gay married couple in Jerusalem  
Presentation: Programs and Services for Young adults visiting or living in Israel  
Explore the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender nightlife in Jerusalem

**Accommodation: Jerusalem**

## **Thursday, June 19**

### ***From High to Low: Jerusalem to the Dead Sea***

Israel Update: Get the latest on what's going on from a place that changes every second  
Drive to the Dead Sea (the lowest place on earth!)  
Ein Gedi: Hike to the Oasis in the desert  
Shop for Dead Sea beauty products  
Dead Sea spa  
Drum circle and BBQ dinner

**Accommodation: Dead Sea**

## **Friday, June 20**

### ***Masada: Heroes, Harlots, and Everything in Between***

Climb or take cable car up Masada for sunrise  
Discussion: "Taking it to the Limit: Masada Heroes and their Last Stand"  
Lunch among the Desert People: Camel riding and Bedouin hospitality  
Drive to Tel Aviv  
Kabbalat Shabbat in Synagogue Beit Daniel (Reform)  
Optional night out on the town in Tel Aviv

**Accommodation: Tel Aviv**

## **Saturday, June 21**

### ***Shabbat in the Promised Land: Not your Grandmother's idea of Shabbat***

Life's a Beach: Rest, lay out and enjoy the sun  
Meet with Klaf; feminist lesbian community  
Panel on LGBT issues, including teenagers, the army, and families  
Havdalah in Rabin Square and visit to the Memorial  
Cocktail hour  
Dance Performance at the Dalal Center

**Accommodation: Tel Aviv**

## **Sunday, June 22**

### ***Love in the Mountains: Coexistence in Israel***

Drive to Haifa and the stunning Carmel Mountains  
Scenic view of the Haifa bay area  
Beit Hagefen Haifa (Center for coexistence): discussion on the Arab-Israeli conflict and hear from a gay Arab-Israeli  
Lunch and shopping in the Druze market  
Tree Planting in the Pride Forest near Carmiel with representatives from the Open House of the Galilee  
Dinner and evening program at Klil : Eco-spiritual commune of the Galilee

**Accommodation: North**

**Monday, June 23**

***In the footsteps of the Kabbalah: Israel's North***

Visit the spiritual city of Safed (birthplace of Kabbalah): tour the city and its many Jewish art galleries

Drive to Bental Mountain

Discussion: "Israel, Syria and the Future of the Golan"

Wine tasting at the Golan vineyards

Kayaking on the Jordan River

Naot Mordechai: Outlet shop at Israel's world famous comfy shoe/sandal factory

Early Israeli feminism: The Kinneret cemetery

Hot Springs at Hammat Gader

**Accommodation: North**

**Tuesday, June 24**

***The White City: Modern Tel Aviv***

Drive to Tel Aviv

Visit the old city of Jaffa

Antiquing in Jaffa's flea market

Coffee and shopping in Shenkin and Nachlat Binyamin, the city's chic boutiques

Meet a queer member of the Tel Aviv city council.

Watch "Walking on Water" – meet with producer and director (and long time partners) – Gal

Ochovski and Eitan Fox

The Tel Aviv Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

Last chance to party: Evita (hot night spot)

**Accommodation: Tel Aviv**

**Wednesday, June 25**

***Never Gonna Say Goodbye!***

What does it mean to be an independent nation? Independence Hall

Explore Tel Aviv for the last time on your own

Farewell dinner and wrap-up

*\*Schedule is tentative and subject to change.*