



# FZY ISRAEL TOUR 2020

12 July - 05 August\*

(\*See insert for full dates. Dates subject to change)

Applications open 21 November 2019  
Apply by 17 January 2020 for reduced price.

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This is The Next Step to the best summer of your life.

This is The Next Step in your story.

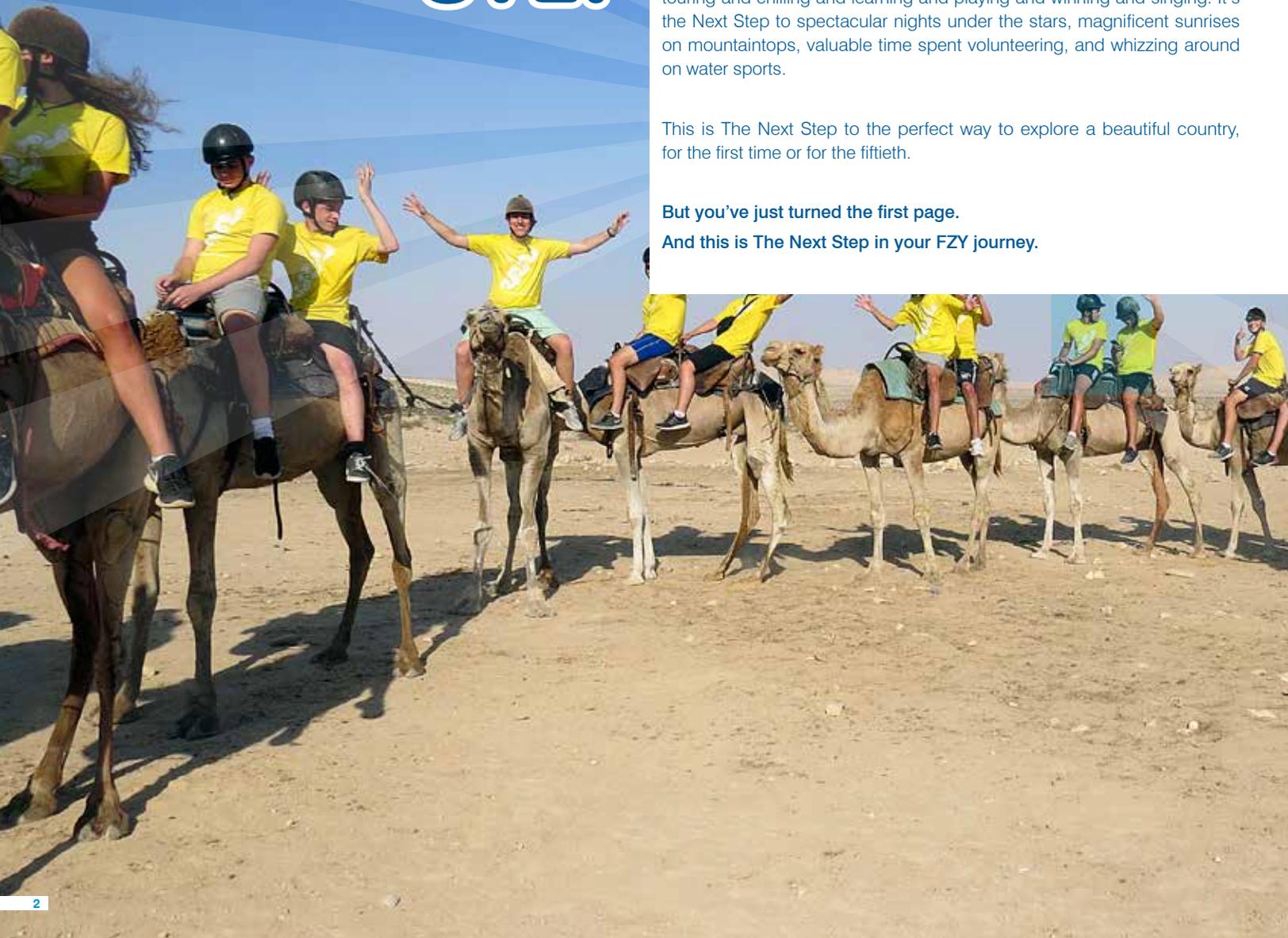
This is The Next Step, experiencing an unforgettable three weeks in Israel. In engaging with friends, old and new. In embarking on new adventures. In encountering the rich and diverse culture of Israel. In exploring your Jewish identity.

This is The Next Step towards a summer of hiking and swimming and touring and chilling and learning and playing and winning and singing. It's the Next Step to spectacular nights under the stars, magnificent sunrises on mountaintops, valuable time spent volunteering, and whizzing around on water sports.

This is The Next Step to the perfect way to explore a beautiful country, for the first time or for the fiftieth.

**But you've just turned the first page.**

**And this is The Next Step in your FZY journey.**





“ FZY gave me the summer of my life and the opportunity to experience Israel like none other. I’ve come away with so many amazing memories, friends that are more like family and a better sense of my Jewish identity. ”

Libbi Wise, Tour 1, 2019



“ A huge thank you to FZY for giving Josh the summer of a lifetime. He loved every moment of Israel Tour: the treks, the sights, Shabbats, the singing, and the feeling you get from seeing the best of Israel in such a meaningful way with special friends who become so close in such a short time. As parents, we are extremely grateful. ”

Julie & Steve Davidson, parents of Josh Davidson  
Tour 6, 2018





# THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE FZY ISRAEL TOUR

“Tour was the most amazing experience. My highlight of tour was when all the tours met up for Maccabiah, where we were able to reunite with old friends and make new ones from all over. The feeling of everyone coming together to participate and supporting your friends competing in the games was incredible.”

Sophie Scholl , Tour 3, 2019

## BECAUSE OF WHAT WE BELIEVE...

FZY is a **pluralist** youth movement. That means **we respect and celebrate** people with diverse beliefs and values. Our Israel Tour programme is not afraid to engage with a range of political viewpoints.

In a world of increasingly fractured opinions, **we won't tell you *what to believe***. Instead, we'll introduce a wide range of political and religious voices, enriching your knowledge and experiences and giving you the best opportunity to draw your own conclusions. For us, learning is about embracing ideas, not rejecting them.

## BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT WE CAN GIVE...

FZY Israel Tour has consistently been amongst the **most popular programmes in Britain** throughout the last two decades, with a track record of providing the highest level of support for our participants. Our expertise in the field has enabled us to inspire **over 10,000 young adults** on our programmes in Israel.

This means that we make **every effort** to care for our participants, providing a **full and expert support structure**, before, during and after the programme. This includes: four staff-members per group, one of whom is a fully-trained first aider, a full-time health coordinator, a consultant doctor, a consultant mental health adviser, and a social worker on call 24/7.



## AND BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAMME ITSELF!

We firmly believe that our Israel Tour programme is **the best**. We don't want to bore you with all of the nitty, gritty details, but here are some of the highlights that we think we do better than anyone else:

### THE FZY MACCABIAH GAMES

...where FZY and Young Judaea Tour groups compete against each other in the hope to be crowned champions on the shores of the Kinneret. During the Games, all of the FZY Tour groups descend upon one patch of sacred and hallowed turf in a friendly, competitive atmosphere, for sports, education and talent contests.

### HIKE THE NIGHT

Everyone hikes in the day time, but not everyone hikes in the night time. We do. See a totally different side of Israel as the desert cools off and the animals climb out of their burrows and the stars light up the region, miles away from the nearest town or city.

### MEANINGFUL, PEOPLE-FOCUSED INTERACTIONS

Not just packing boxes, FZY Tour groups have the chance to engage in real, meaningful volunteering opportunities, working alongside the wonderful charity Save a Child's Heart and working on community projects. We also meet amazing role models from all different backgrounds and celebrate Israel's wonderful people.

## ON TOP OF ALL OF THIS, OUR PROGRAMME IS ABSOLUTELY JAM-PACKED!

Last year, a typical day saw groups wandering around ancient cities, kayaking the Jordan River, meeting up and doing activities with young Ethiopian Israelis, driving down to the desert and spending the evening riding camels, before finally sleeping under the stars.

### PLUS ONE MORE THING (we promise!)

FZY Israel Tour really is the next step in your FZY journey; the programme opens a door to so many incredible possibilities with the Movement, including visiting Ghana on our Netina programme, learning to lead on our Hadracha course, taking part in the international Diller Teen Fellows programme, or the best gap year in the world with FZY Year Course...

*“FZY has been the making of Charlie. Thank you for all the thought and planning, both in Israel and in the build-up, to make everyone feel welcome and relaxed.”*

**Lisa Armstrong, parent of Charlie Armstrong, Tour 7, 2018**





*I just want to thank you for all the regular emails and updates while Sophie has been away. It has been so reassuring to see what they have been up to; and I know she has had a fabulous time.*

**Jeremy Lennard, parent of Sophie Lennard,  
Tour 6 2018**



*My tour experience was the best I'd ever had and exceeded all my expectations, introducing me to new things and amazing friends. Volunteering with Save a Child's Heart was definitely a highlight. I think I speak for all of my tour when I say it was an experience I'll always treasure.*



**Lola Cohen, Tour 1, 2019**





# FIND OUT MORE



We wanted to keep this brochure simple to read, so we have put all of the boring-but-important details together in one paper insert, which you can find between the pages here!

If you do not have the paper insert, you can find out all of the boring-but-important details on [www.fzy.org.uk/israel-tour](http://www.fzy.org.uk/israel-tour).

Please see online application form for full terms and conditions.

## **IN THE MEANTIME, HERE ARE THE KEY DETAILS:**

<u>Applications open:</u>	Tuesday 21 November 2019
<u>Age:</u>	15-16 (Y11 England / S4 Scotland)
<u>Dates:</u>	12 July - 05 August 2020*
<u>Cost:</u>	£3,425, or £3,550 after 13:00 on 17 January 2020

Included: Accommodation, return flights to Israel, activities, staffing, entrance fees, local private transportation in Israel, basic medical insurance, all meals, security and transport from main UK meeting points to airport.

Financial Assistance: Financial assistance is available through UJIA to provide support to applicants who cannot meet the full cost of the programme. The UJIA Bursary Fund Committee guarantees complete confidentiality throughout the process and the identities of the recipients of bursaries remain anonymous. More details can be found online and on the paper insert.

*\*Dates are provisional and may be altered.*





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## OUR PARTNERS

FZY's land provider in Israel is Young Judaea Israel.

FZY Tours are joined by Israeli participants from our partner movement in Israel, the Tzofim (Israeli Scouts), or from our partnership region in the North of Israel.

UJIA Israel Experience is integral to our operations and provides an invaluable service.

UJIA Israel Experience is organised by the Jewish Agency for Israel and supported by UJIA. In conjunction with Young Judaea, it provides the ultimate rite of passage to Israel for young people in the UK. Financial assistance is available from the UJIA and includes an input from FZY



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## WHAT'S THE CORE PROGRAMME?

The Next Step in your FZY Israel Tour journey, and what a journey it is going to be. The core programme (subject to change) for each of our buses includes all of the following:

Jerusalem, the Kotel, Old City, Yad Vashem & Mt. Herzl | **Hike The Night**  
Tel Aviv | **Touring the north and south** | **Tsfat** | **Abseiling** | **Desert**  
**hikes & water hikes** | **Kayaking** | **Druze and Bedouin hospitality**  
**experiences** | **Dead Sea** | **Masada at sunrise** | **Snorkelling the**  
**Red Sea** | **Camel rides** | **Maccabiah Games** | **Volunteering**



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## WILL I BE SPLIT UP FROM MY FRIENDS?

**No!**

When applicants fill out the online application form, they are invited to submit the names of up to three friends that they would like to be in the same group as. We work hard to ensure that friends are not split up, and we guarantee that participants will be placed with at least one of their named friends (and often more!).

## WHAT IS THE ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD LIKE?

Like most Israel Tours, FZY groups stay in lots of different types of overnight accommodation, including Kibbutzim, youth villages, and campsites. You can expect that the vast majority of nights will be spent in youth hostels; these are basic but clean and often quite lovely. Rooms typically sleep around four participants, normally with en-suite bathrooms and showers.

Breakfast and dinner are often served, buffet-style, in hostels. Because participants spend each day out and about, lunch varies between sandwiches, packed lunches, and hot lunch deliveries (like school meals!). All of the food we provide is certified Kosher and the programme caters for a wide range of allergies and dietary requirements.

Sometimes, if groups are spending a lunchtime in a marketplace or an evening in a shopping mall, participants receive the cash-equivalent of a meal so that they can choose their own food.

## I HAVE LOTS MORE QUESTIONS. HELP!

So come speak to us! We are holding the following information evenings for Parents and Young People.

Information evenings:

- London,  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Manchester,  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Essex,  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- JCOSS Israel Tour Fair (for JCOSS pupils),  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

If you want any more information about *anything* to do with FZY Israel Tour and information evenings email us on [israeltour@fzy.org.uk](mailto:israeltour@fzy.org.uk).

We also love it when people call us! 020 8201 6661..



## ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES

To apply for FZY Israel Tour, please visit:

[www.fzy.org.uk/israel-tour-signup-page](http://www.fzy.org.uk/israel-tour-signup-page).

It is quick and simple to register. The account and Primary Email Address should both be in the name of the parent or guardian whom you wish to receive the majority of Israel Tour communications.

Applications will open on Thursday, 21 November 2019. Places are subject to availability and require a non-refundable deposit of £500.

**Reduced price: £3,425\***

**Full price: £3,550\***

- The reduced price is only available to applicants who make their initial application and deposit payment before 13:00 on 17 January 2020.
- Deadline for the initial application form and deposit is 4 February 2020.
- The GP form must be printed, signed and returned by 25 February 2020.

\* *Dates subject to change.*

\* *This price does not include a refundable damages deposit or driver's tip.*

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance, in the form of bursaries and payments by instalment, is available through your Youth Movement/Organisation and UJIA to provide support to applicants who cannot meet the full price of the programme. Through bursary funding, UJIA aims to offer young people the opportunity to take part in a Youth Movement Israel Tour. If you are in a financial situation where you are unable to afford the full price of the programme, please tick the appropriate box on the Initial Application Form and you will be sent a link to the Financial Assistance Form. The UJIA Bursary Fund will assist individuals to the best of its ability based on a means-tested process. The UJIA Bursary Fund Committee guarantees complete confidentiality throughout the process and the identities of the recipients of bursaries remain anonymous.

## INSURANCE

Participants are covered by basic medical insurance whilst they are on the programme. This does not cover any pre-existing or ongoing medical issues. We strongly recommend that participants have their own medical insurance. In addition to this, applicants are required to have their own baggage insurance and travel insurance in order to cover any cancellations or curtailments.

## PLEASE NOTE

Please note that at any time up until departure, you may incur the price of an additional fuel surcharge and airport tax by the airline. FZY will have to pass any increased charges onto participants and their families, as per our terms and conditions.

## CANCELLATION

In the event that a cancellation is made, a £150 administration fee will be administered. See our terms and conditions on the online application form for full cancellation policy.

