

Volunteer Program Schedule for 2022

VFI PLUS ADVANCED is an all-inclusive 17-day program with 2-weeks volunteering on an IDF base + 8-days unique touring of hidden gems in style. [CLICK HERE www.tinyurl.com/vfi2022B](http://www.tinyurl.com/vfi2022B)

VFI PLUS ARCHAEOLOGY is an all-inclusive 14-day program with 1-week volunteering on an IDF base + 1-week at a Jerusalem archaeological dig + touring in style. [CLICK HERE www.tinyurl.com/vfi2022A](http://www.tinyurl.com/vfi2022A)

Visit www.vfi-usa.org/program-options/vfi-plus/

May 2022

5/6 to 5/22..... [VFI PLUS ADVANCED](#)
All-Inclusive Program17 days

5/8 to 5/12.....1 week

5/8 to 5/19..... 2 weeks

5/22 to 6/2..... [VFI CAMPUS](#)
All-Inclusive Program for
University Students12 days
Lag B'Omer is May 18-19

June 2022

6/12 to 6/23 2 weeks

6/12 to 6/21 – *Int'l Youth Groups (IYG)*10 days
Sar-El Israel Discovery Program, Ages 18-28

Shavuot is June 4-6

July 2022

7/3 to 7/71 week

7/3 to 7/14..... 2 weeks

7/24 to 8/2 – *Int'l Youth Groups (IYG)*10 days
Sar-El Israel Discovery Program, Ages 18-28

7/24 to 8/4..... 2 weeks

August 2022

8/14 to 8/181 week

September 2022

9/4 to 9/8.....1 week

9/4 to 9/15..... 2 weeks

October 2022

10/23 to 10/271 week

10/23 to 11/3 2 weeks

10/23 to 11/5 [VFI PLUS ARCHAEOLOGY](#)
All-Inclusive Program14 days

10/23 to 11/10..... 3 weeks

November 2022

11/6 to 11/101 week

11/6 to 11/17 2 weeks

11/6 to 11/24 3 weeks

11/11 to 11/27..... [VFI PLUS ADVANCED](#)
All-Inclusive Program17 days

11/13 to 11/171 week

11/27 to 12/11 week

11/27 to 12/8 2 weeks

December 2022

12/4 to 12/81 week

12/4 to 12/15 2 weeks

12/11 to 12/15.....1 week

12/25 to 12/29.....1 week

[Consult the Schedule page regularly for possible changes.](#)

Flights and Requirements as of May 1, 2022

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHT UNTIL YOU ARE APPROVED BY VFI AND SAR-EL (UNLESS YOU ARE GOING TO ISRAEL ANYWAY). SAR-EL'S FINAL APPROVAL IS CONTINGENT ON YOUR REGISTERING ON THEIR LINK, PAYING THEIR 100 SHEKEL FEE*, AND RETURNING YOUR SIGNED WAIVER TO THEM. DO THIS IMMEDIATELY. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ACCEPTANCE EMAIL FROM SAR-EL. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS. TELL YOUR REGIONAL MANAGER YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

**SAR-EL's fee is \$100 U.S. dollars for volunteers who apply for sessions that start after July 1, 2022.*

After you are accepted to the Program, book your flights and fill out the Travel Information Form that is on p. 8 of your Application package. Send it to your Regional Manager ASAP. Look carefully at the websites below for updated pre-flight requirements. Currently you will need:

- **A PCR TEST:** See <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/abroad/arriving-foreign-nationals/#pre-flight>
- **A COMPLETED ISRAEL ENTRY STATEMENT:** See <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/flights/>

All Programs begin on Sunday, but arrive before the Sunday start date. After you land you will need time to go through customs, get your luggage, take a required PCR test, go directly to your quarantine location, and wait several hours for the test result. Then you may want to locate an ATM, eat, shop, rest, and be at the bus on time on Sunday. **Therefore, we strongly suggest that you book a flight that arrives no later than Thursday.**

If you miss your flight, or if it is delayed for any reason, contact SAR-EL for instructions. See Contacts on p. 24 of your blue Program Handbook.

Booking your return flight: Before you can board your return flight you must take another PCR test, wait for results, and show proof that it is negative. This can take hours. So factor in time for the test and results, getting to the airport 3 hours before flight time, checking in and going through screening, etc. You might need to stay in Israel an extra day. Book accordingly.

Organized groups of 10 or more may start any Sunday.

Birthright extensions may start any Sunday immediately after the Birthright trip ends.

Passport and Visas

Most countries require your US passport to have a minimum of 6-months validity after your intended return date. The US State Department recommends that U.S. citizens renew their passports approximately nine months before the date of expiration.

For most U.S. citizens, a tourist visa is not required unless you plan to stay in Israel longer than 90 days.

Links

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