



Birthright Israel Plus: Desert Treks

Israel Outdoors

Sunday- Day 1 Keturah

Time	Activity
9:00 am	Pickup from Tel Aviv and travel south
	Opening ceremony and intro to the desert at the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies
	Meet with those who have helped make a once barren desert bloom
	Evening Program – Orienteering and basic survival skills workshop
	Overnight: Camping at Shchoret Campground

Monday- Day 2 Shchoret

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Hike along the Israel National Trail from Shchoret campground through Shchoret Creek to Mt. Shchoret and what is known as the Lost Valley. We'll arrive to Netafim Creek and Netafim Spring. Finally, climb Mt. Yoram to the evening's campground.
	Evening Program: cooking in the field workshop
	Overnight: Camping at Mt. Yoram

Tuesday- Day 3 Eilat Mountains

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Hike Mt. Yoram to Mt. Shlomo, Israel's highest granite mountain
	Along the way we will see and learn about the area's beautiful geological phenomena, including the unique plutonic rock found here





Evening Program: drum circle and star gazing Overnight: Camping at Shlomo Creek Campground

Wednesday- Day 4 Eilat Mountains

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Hike from Nahal Gishron through the Gishron Cliffs and to the Red Sea
	Continue through the Eilat Mountains, overlooking the Sinai Desert to the peak of Mt. Tzfahot
	Celebrate the completion of your desert journey with a swim in the Red Sea, glass of beer on the beach, and festive BBQ dinner
	Evening Program: Free night in Eilat
	Explore the beach promenade lined with restaurants and bars
	Overnight: Eilat Hotel

Thursday- Day 5 Eilat

Time	Activity
9:00 am	Scuba diving course in the Red Sea in the world's northernmost tropical coral reef
	Two separate courses for unlicensed participants and a guided dive for licensed participants
	Final stop at Kasui Sand Dunes – this golden sand is one of the desert's true wonders
	Drop-off in Tel Aviv for program conclusion

Please note: the itinerary is subject to change depending upon weather conditions

