

Ambassadors to Bulgaria

SAMPLE PROGRAM ITINERARY

We have provided the following sample itinerary to give you a better feel for this experience. The actual itinerary may vary slightly. A formal itinerary, including a list of confirmed accommodations will be sent 4-6 weeks prior to the start of the program.

Day #1 | Monday | Departure!

- Depart from New York City on a supervised group flight (optional)
Spend the night in the sky en route to Europe

Day #2 | Tuesday | Hachnasat Orchim – Welcoming Guests

- Arrive to Sofia, meet the local program staff and travel to the Black Sea region
- Evening: Welcome and orientation with local European teens
- Overnight: Lighthouse Golf & Spa Resort – Balchik, Bulgaria

Day #3 | Wednesday | B'tzelem Elohim – In the Image of God

- Icebreakers and group bonding activities
- Beach time on the Black Sea
- Afternoon touring in the region
- Program: Our Roots, Our Journeys
- Program: The New Jewish Diaspora
- Overnight: Lighthouse Golf & Spa Resort – Balchik, Bulgaria

Day #4 | Thursday | VeAhavta L'Recha – Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

- Depart for Veliko Turnovo
- Sightseeing in Tsarevets
- Group dinner at famous restaurant and light show activity
- Overnight: Rachev Hotel Residence – Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria

Day #5 | Friday | Arevut – Understanding Our Responsibility

- Depart for Plovdiv and stop and visit Etura along the way
- Arrive to Plovdiv in the afternoon
- Service project: Clean up the local Jewish cemetery
- Check-in and prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner with the Jewish community
- Overnight: Trimontium Princess Hotel – Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Day #6 | Saturday | Tzedakah - Righteousness

- Shabbat programming
- Sightseeing in the old town of Plovdiv
- Meet with local Holocaust survivors
- Havdallah service – Start of a new week
- Overnight: Trimontium Princess Hotel – Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Day #7 | Sunday | K'lal Yisrael – Global Jewish Community

- Travel to Sofia – Bulgaria's capital

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- Service project in Sofia
- Program Being a Global Ambassador
- Overnight: Park Hotel – Moskva, Bulgaria

Day #8 | Monday | Orphanage Shalom Bayit – Peace in the Home

- Service project: with orphans from Sofia orphanage
- Shopping and sightseeing in Sofia
- Overnight: Park Hotel – Moskva, Bulgaria

Day #9 | Tuesday | Jewish V;Shinantam L'Vanecha – You Shall Teach Your Children

- Tour and service project at a synagogue in Sofia
- Visit to Joint Distribution Committee office in Sofia
- Service project: Home visits with local Sofia residents
- Final reflections and farewell program
- Closing dinner party at a traditional Bulgarian restaurant
- Overnight: Park Hotel – Moskva, Bulgaria

Day #10 | Wednesday | Farewell!

- Depart Sofia on a supervised group flight in the morning (optional)
- Arrive back to New York City in the afternoon