

Eligible individuals are those who identify as Jewish and are recognised as such by their local community or by one of the recognised denominations of Judaism. Applicants must also have at least one Jewish birth parent, or have completed Jewish conversion through a recognized Jewish denomination.

Previous Israel Experience

If you have been to Israel before but only with your family or on other personal business, you are still eligible.

You are not eligible if you have been to Israel for more than three months since the age of 12. You are also not eligible if you were in Israel as part of a touring group, educational program, study program or an organized extended residential program since you were 18 years of age or older. If you went to Israel on an educational, peer-group program with your high school, before the age of 18 (for a duration of less than 3 months) then you are still eligible.

There are a few programs such as volunteering for Magen David Adom, participating in the Maccabiah games and UIA/JNF family missions that do not affect your eligibility.

If you were born in Israel or are an Israeli citizen you are only eligible if you left Israel before the age of 12. If you have served in the Israeli Army or volunteered on an Israel Army base, you are not eligible.

If you were born in Israel or have ever held Israeli citizenship or have held an Israeli passport you are not eligible unless you prove by official documentation that you left Israel before the age of 12. If you are accepted to the program you will need to obtain army exemption papers from your local Israeli consulate.

Jewish Studies Students

Students in exclusively Jewish Studies programs in any institute of higher learning, including Jewish teacher training programs, Jewish Studies Programs (not including Jewish Studies major or minor candidates at secular institutions), rabbinical programs, yeshivot/seminaries, Jewish communal service programs and the like are not eligible for the Taglit-Birthright Israel gift while they are still in the study program.

CONDITIONS – PLEASE READ BEFORE APPLYING.

Important Notes:

1. Each program can, at its discretion, decide the appropriate age range for its program. Please check with the program organiser for more information.
2. Taglit Birthright Israel trip selection is a lottery process. Once applications close, all Complete and Eligible applications are placed in the lottery.
3. Participants may extend their tickets (at their own cost) after the end of their Taglit-Birthright Israel program, but may only extend their ticket for a maximum of three (3) months. Participants must return to Australia within 3 months of the program ending.
4. All participants must purchase compulsory travel insurance
5. Breakfasts, dinners and all meals on Shabbat are covered by Birthright Israel. Participants will need to purchase their own lunch throughout the program. A budget of \$100 – \$150 should adequately cover this.
6. Participants traditionally each give a tip of approximately \$100USD for the Israeli staff on the program. Group leaders will typically collect this at the beginning of the trip.
7. Participants must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity on it from the date of return to Australia. If a participant needs to renew their passport, it must be done so at least 1 month prior to departure for the trip.
8. Participants are required to:
 - o Pay a deposit (\$250USD) in indication of good intentions.
 - o Agree to the Online Waiver and Alcohol Waiver in the application form.
 - o Submit a copy of their valid passport (needs to be valid for at least 6 months after your return flight home)
 - o Provide proof of purchased travel insurance.
 - o Eligible participants who were born in Israel or lived in Israel and left after the age of 12 and anyone with one Israeli parent must apply for an army exemption and Israeli passport from the Israeli Embassy in Canberra before he applies and submit an online application.

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