

About the program:

Israel Basketball Experience is a 7-months program, open for boys and girls, where you will be able to feel and live as a professional basketball player. The program is for young adults 18 - 23 years old, the program will provide the participants with a professional basketball player on a daily routine.





During the program, you will train, learn and play like professionals. Compete in the official Israel basketball league, train in high standard basketball venues, visit famous and prestigious stadiums and meet & greet the young adult divisions from the most prestigious basketball local teams. Your home base will be in Tel Aviv/ Ramat Gan in VIP apartments together with your program partners.



Program details:

- The program begins on October 2022 to May 2023
- +8 hours of activity per day
- Physical training
- Technical training
- Training on the fields
- Join and play at the Official Israel basketball league: Boys plays at "ליגה ב" (Bet league
 = second division)
- Technical Assistant Coach Course with
 Wingate מכון וינגייט Certification.

- Basic Hebrew Ulpan (Learn Hebrew to bond with locals)
- Motivational talks and lectures with high-performance athletes
- Volunteer activities during the program you will volunteer in organizations that emphasize sports activities
- Sightseeing Tours and recreational tours of Israel.

Registration process: complete the following mandatory steps

- Online Application for MASA Scholarship https://www.masaisrael.org/ and click on "Apply Now"
- Apply to "Israel basketball experience 22-23" Program Register here
- All participants must have a program participation psychology approval before arriving in Israel,
 the participant chooses a psychology specialist
- VISA application
- Pay for the program

IMPORTANT:

- Carefully read detailed stage-by-stage information on each module, payment, exchange and return policies and the list of personal items necessary for participation in the program.
- You must process the Multiple Entry VISA A-2, valid until the Program's concluding date.
 Prepare your Passport & any required Documentation in advance, especially regarding special categories, e.g. child of Israeli citizens/ Israeli nationality, etc.
- You must deposit NIS700 upon entering the program in Israel; this will be held by Program Management as a guarantee against damages to any facility where you are accommodated. If no damage occurs, your total deposit will be refunded at the end of your program.

Masa is the Israeli institution awarding financial subsidies based on socioeconomic factors to participants in approved study programs. Besides facilitating contact, sending documentation & adjusting applications, MWU Maccabi World Union has no input into applying for scholarships or decision-making processes.

Masa scholarships

Masa grants scholarships only to:

- Jewish applicants, 18 years old at the time of the program, or turning 18 during the program;
- Applicants who never previously received a Masa scholarship;
- Applicants who were not resident in Israel during the preceding 4 years;

Please Note: Masa scholarship amounts vary according to participants' country of residence.

On the MASA page: Find the Israel basketball experience 2022-23 session. Complete
your application to Masa with exact program dates, i.e. <u>dates of your participation</u> in the
program, <u>NOT</u> dates of your arrival in & departure from Israel.

Masa scholarship grants are based on these dates. If you complete these dates incorrectly, you will have to pay or reimburse the difference between the amount Masa grants you, and how much Masa should have granted under the actual dates of your participation.

The Visa

Tourist Visas grant a stay of no more than 90 days in Israel Israel basketball Experience 2022-23 participants are not categorized as tourists: Apply for a Student VISA (A-2)

Essential: Process the Visa in your country of origin You need the following:

- Israeli Consulate Documentation (Deliver to Maccabi office)
- Two passport photographs 5x5cm (2x2 inch)
- Certificate of Jewishness (Processed in local Jewish Community offices)
- Letter of parental responsibility
- Letter of participation in Israel Basketball experience (From Maccabi office)
- Passport valid for at least six (6) months <u>after</u> your expected departure from Israel

If you are an Israeli Citizen, or your parents are Israeli Citizens, it is your responsibility to complete required procedures at the Israeli Embassy or Consulate. If you do not, serious problems will arise immediately upon your arrival at Ben Gurion Airport.



The program cost:

The program cost is 18.000 American Dollars.

- The cost includes all land arrangements and the sports program
- The airfare is not included in the price
- At the time of starting the program, at least USD 1,500 must have been paid.
- Two months before the end of the program, the cost of the program must be covered completely
- Payments must be done directly to Maccabi World Union by bank transfer or credit card.
- Payment by Credit Card carries a 3% commission.
- Bank transfers have a charge of U\$D 25
- Installments are allowed.

Stuff you don't need for your stay in Israel

Too much of anything; in Israel, you tote your baggage, so keep it basic, stay comfortable, and save the schlepp

<u>Important</u>: Maccabi World Union is not responsible for valuables you bring to Israel. Program Insurance does not cover theft, damage, or loss of valuables of any kind. You are 100% responsible for your belongings throughout the program; we strongly advise you not to bring items of high or sentimental value to you.

We appreciate your trust in us, and together with you, your parents, your fellow participants, and their parents, we hope to make 2022-23 the most significant and rewarding year in your life. For additional information or answers to any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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