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Got Israel?

If you know my daughter, Jessica Stern, and me then you know



that Jessica was recently in Israel on a Birthright trip. She had a fantastic time and loved it! While talking with friends, we began to ask each other if there were similar trips for adults. So that is what we'll explore this month – trips to Israel for adults of any age.

If you are in the senior age category, [Trip Advisor](#) has a host of topics on traveling in Israel. One topic of interest is "Best tours for first time Jewish Israel seniors." Many replies offer an honest take on the reality of touring in Israel and what you can expect.

[Frommer's](#) also has a long list of topics for traveling in Israel. Senior travelers can take advantage of [Road](#)

[Scholar](#) (formerly Elderhostel) programs and [AARP](#) travel benefits. Did you know about the Association for Americans and Canadians in Israel ([AACI](#)) which offers social activities and tours? This organization has several locations in Israel and a full event calendar.

A similar organization is the Canadian and American Active



Retirees in Israel ([CAARI](#)). This one offers a combination of volunteering, touring, and speaker's forums on trips of 2 – 6 weeks in length.

[Washington Jewish Week](#) published an article in 2016 about types of travel to Israel for adults. It is still valid for today, and offers a good overview of ordinary and not so ordinary trips. This includes tours through the Jewish National Fund ([JNF](#)), [Skilled Volunteers for Israel](#), and travel seminars organized

by the [Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning](#), a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In July 2018, [Hadassah Magazine](#) published a



travel article. This has a definite Jewish perspective on travel and mentions some of the travel companies that do Israel trips, including its own Hadassah Israel Missions.

According to the [Israel National News](#), the UJA-Federation of New York created the "Birthright Israel for Boomers" trip to provide older American Jews, who have never visited Israel, an experience identical to the one that young adults go on through Birthright. Unfortunately, this program does not appear to be available at this time.

If none of these appeal to you, then Google "Israel travel" or "Israel trips for Jewish seniors" and you will find many more possibilities. Bon voyage!

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