

# KAHAL GLOBAL CAMPUS

## A FUN & FREE SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**If you have any questions that are not answered,** reach out to Raya [here](#)!

**Where:** Berlin

**When:** April 11-14, 2024

**Why:** Meet new friends! Explore a new city! Have a meaningful and unique Shabbat while abroad! Be connected to Jewish life around the world!

#### **What is the application process?**

Fill out our registration form [here](#)! You will see identity and demographic questions, a short answer section, dietary preferences, and some more logistical questions. We ask that you input your credit card information in the event that you cancel within a week of the program. It will not be charged or stored otherwise. We envision the form taking approx. 30 minutes-1 hour to complete.

#### **When will I hear back?**

We are reviewing forms on a rolling basis. Once you submit your form and we deem you are eligible for the program, you will receive an invitation to a 15 minute zoom call with Entwine staff. This screening conversation is required in order to move forward in confirming your spot on the program. We aim to let participants know that they are confirmed for the trip within a week of applying.

#### **Did I hear you say FREE?**

YES! All you need to pay for is your transportation to and from the program! We are covering accommodations, food, activities, tours, and the overall experience. This means your costs include transportation to and from Berlin and to/from the hotel when you arrive and depart from Berlin.

We ask you to share your credit card information in the event that you cancel your participation less than a week before the event, where we will then charge \$100 (USD).

#### **What does the program actually look like?**

See our draft itinerary here (subject to change).

Arrival is expected Thursday evening, where we will kick things off with a celebratory opening dinner.

Highlights include: trying local cuisine, immersive city touring, a fun Shabbat experience (with locals!), authentic night out on the town, and a chance to make a ton of new friends!

#### **Wow sounds like a packed itinerary! Will I have any free time?**

Yes! We know you will want time to explore on your own, shop, nap etc. so every day we will build in time for you to do just that.

**Jewish observance:**

JDC Entwine programs are pluralistic and designed for all levels of Jewish observance; travel is not required on Shabbat. When possible, Shabbat is spent with the local Jewish community and local traditions/practices are observed. A variety of options are given throughout the day on Shabbat that will all be Shabbat-friendly.

**Food:**

We will be mainly eating at Kosher restaurants and providing Kosher catering. At some points, we might be eating at non-kosher, vegan restaurants due to proximity to visits or activities.

**Are all activities mandatory?**

Yes! We have built in a lot of free time and optional activities. For non-optional activities we ask for full attendance to ensure a cohesive group experience. As this is a fully subsidized trip, we expect full participation.

**Why travel with Entwine?**

- This is a fully organized trip (outside of your travel to and from) so no worries on your end - sit back & relax & enjoy the ride!
- As part of JDC we are connected to the local community and aim to provide an authentic and intentional travel experience.
- We have been leading trips for over a decade!
- We try to incorporate Jewish values into everything we do to ensure that our programs are a space for you to learn, meet new people, and have fun.

**Am I the right fit for this trip?**

We are seeking study abroad students who are interested in participating in a group travel experience and learning about the global Jewish community. KAHAL participants come from a wide range of diverse backgrounds and experiences. We encourage you to apply if you are interested!

## **Packing List | 4 days, 3 nights**

Although the following list is fairly comprehensive, please do not forget to bring anything else you deem necessary. Dress is casual but there will be a few instances that you will be asked to dress modestly (covering your shoulders, knees, and chest). Otherwise, wear what makes you feel comfortable!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passport/Photo I.D.</li><li>• Any necessary prescription medication</li><li>• A combination of cash &amp; credit/debit cards</li><li>• Long pants/jeans</li><li>• Shirts</li><li>• Light &amp; warm layers including sweaters, a good jacket</li><li>• Shabbat outfit</li><li>• “Going out” clothing for nicer dinners or evenings out</li><li>• Plenty of undergarments and socks</li><li>• Supportive walking shoes</li><li>• Eyeglasses/contact lenses if needed</li><li>• Sunglasses/hat</li><li>• Adapters/converters</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snacks—food will be plentiful, but we suggest to bring granola bars, nuts and other snack items</li><li>• Drugstore items (Band-Aids, Tylenol, Pepto Bismol, Tums, Dramamine, electrolytes, etc.)</li><li>• Toiletries—toothbrush &amp; toothpaste, shampoo, razor/shaving cream, menstruation products, hygiene products, etc.</li><li>• Reusable water bottle</li></ul> |
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- \*\*\*Do not pack expensive valuables, jewelry, or extra electronics!