

THANK YOU

FOR JOINING THE 2021 MASADA EXPEDITION...

...and welcome to the family! We are so excited for the coming season, and anticipate that it will be full of new discoveries, wondrous experiences and thrilling archaeology. In this guide you will find helpful information regarding scheduling, equipment, and transport details for the coming 2021 season.

Should you have any questions or require clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact our excavation administrator at Masada.expedition@gmail.com.





Members of the 2021 expedition will be housed at the Masada Hostel. Settled amongst the Judean Mountains at the base of Masada National Park, the hostel offers stunning panoramic views of the Dead Sea.

At the Masada Hostel, volunteers will work with visiting academics, enjoy engaging fieldwork lectures and rest after a full day of excavating.

Quaint private rooms and dorms provide satellite TV, free Wi-Fi, a mini-fridge, en-suite bathrooms, and a tea and coffee kit. Volunteers will enjoy breakfast and dinner in the hostels airy dining room with more incredible views.

All meals are kosher and we will do our best to accommodate dietary requests. The excavtion provides breakfast, a light lunch, afternoon coffee and dinner. Volunteers who wish to bring their own snacks are welcome to do so. If you have any dietary concerns that you wish to notify us of, email administration at Masada.expedition@gmail.com.

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Telephone: 02-594-5622

TRAMSPORTATION

The excavation provides transport for volunteers to/from Masada daily, as well as weekend bus service to collect you at the start of the excavation week (Sunday, aside from Wednesday, Sept. 29) and drop you off at the end (Friday) from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Please arrive to the pickup point 15 minutes prior to bus departure. An excavation team member will manage bus travel on Sundays. Any volunteers who have problems meeting the bus can contact them via Whatsapp. The bus will not wait for students who are late and do not contact the team.



Please register your transport on the Google document emailed to you.

Volunteers who make their own way to Masada are required to notify administration at **Masada.expedition@gmail.com**Students MUST arrive by 18:00 on each Sunday and Wednesday Sept. 29 at the to be determined arrival time.



Expedition Director: Dr. Guy Stiebel

Field Director: Boaz Gross

Registrar: Nurit Rosenfeld

Administrator: Angela Hodson

Surveyor: Josh Errington

Area A

Supervisor: Rikki Zalut Har-Tuv

Assistant: Kristen Maiocco

Area B

Supervisor: Angela Hodson

Assistant: Yotam Roten

Area C:

Supervisor: Heidi Maynard



Excavating is rewarding and exciting, but it is important to be properly equipped for archaeological working conditions. We've attached a list of our recommendations after years on the mountain, but feel free to bring whatever additional items you require.

There is little access to stores and shops at the park and hostel, so be sure to be well equipped with toiletries, snacks and the necessary equipment.

We encourage volunteers to bring clothes for a range of weather conditions. The desert is unpredictable, and there may be a few rainy days and hot afternoons. Added to that, mornings can often begin chilly and warm up before noon. Layered clothing that you are prepared to get dirty (or even damaged!) is recommended for the field.

There is no access to laundry facilities at the Hostel, so be sure to bring 5 changes of field clothes and 5 changes of afternoon wear.

Although there are no strict clothing regulations, we recommend long-pants and shirts with sleeves to protect from the elements. It is essential that all volunteers wear closed-toed shoes while digging.

CHECK OUT OUR RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST BELOW.

MASADA EXPEDITION PACKING LIST

Field Equipment/First Aid

- A good backpack for the field (it will get dirty)
- 2x 1 liter water bottle (MANDATORY)
- 1x Hat
- 2x large water bottles
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Insect Repellent
- Gloves (we will provide some, but they are one size fits all)
- A bandana/balaclava
- Lip Balm (it's windy on the mountain!)
- Standard Pain medication

Additional Equipment

- Toiletries
- Moisturizer
- Needle and thread
- Antiseptic Cream
- Snacks & sport drinks

Clothes

- 8x socks (for the field and chilly nights)
- 5x Field Shirts
- 3x Field Pants
- 1x Excavation Sweater
- 1x Rain Jacket
- Field shoes/boots (heavy duty work/hiking boots are the best!)
- Comfortable clothes for afternoons and evenings

Volunteers will have the opportunity to buy snacks and drinks at a small convenience store on the way to Masada and at the mountain, however, please do not rely on these stores for necessities.

Contact administration with any questions at masada.expedition@gmail.com



Every year, the Masada Expedition offers a fieldwork course which provides students with the practical and theoretical skills necessary for field archaeology.

While the courses are recognized by Tel Aviv University, their credit value at another institution is at the discretion of that institution.

All lectures are free and open to all our students and volunteers. If you'd like to achieve formal credits, register and note that you would like to participate in the formal course, our administrator will contact you for pricing.

Course: Introduction to Field Archaeology (3 Credits) Course Coordinators: Boaz Gross and Angela Hodson

"Introduction to Field Archaeology" will be delivered in English and Hebrew, with an aim to introduce students to the theory ad practical skills associated with field archaeology. Specialists will lecture about field assessment and practice, reading and writing field reports, identifying and assessing pottery and archaeological drawing and surveying.

Please email our administrative team at masada.expedition@gmail.com to register or for more information.



We would like to reassure you that the Masada team is closely monitoring travel restrictions, quarantine requirements and health guidelines set forth within Israel and abroad. As Israel is continuously lifting restrictions, we foresee the conduction our season without issue.

At this stage we are proceeding with the 2021 season of the Masada Expedition as planned. As the global circumstances of COVID-19 evolve we will be adhering to all COVID-19 policies as set forth by the Israeli Ministry of Health. *All payment deadlines will be extended as described in registration details.*

Our top priority is the health and safety of our participants, so the Masada team will be implementing social distancing and safety protocols throughout the excavation. Thank you for bearing with us as we learn to be flexible during this new way of life and archaeology!

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MASADA EXPEDITION SEASON 5, 2021 - MMXXI HEALTH INSURANCE FORM ---

The following form MUST be completed and submitted by volunteers in order to excavate. Upon completion, please submit this form to Angela Hodson, Masada Administrator.

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MASADA EXPEDITIONS SEASON_5, 2021 - MMXXI HEALTH INSURANCE FORM---

INSURANCE: All excavation participants must be covered by a health insurance policy. Please provide your health insurance (or travel insurance) details below:

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