

Jerusalem / Israel

- capital of Israel
- about 850.000 inhabitants
- major part of the Middle East conflict
- holy city in the religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- one of the oldest cities in the world
- most spoken languages: arabic, hebrew, english and russian
- nice diversity of food
- great place if you like cats
- Israel: small country (size of Hesse)
- nice to travel by bus



Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design

- Israel's national school of art
- established in 1906
- currently about 2100 students
- in 10 different departments: *Fine Arts, Architecture, Ceramic Design, Industrial Design, Jewelry, Photography, Visual Communication, Animation, Film and Art History*
- Bachelor / Master degrees
- located on Mount Scopus in the eastern part of the city
- Master is located in Tel Aviv
- new location in Jerusalem's downtown is coming soon
- station to borough hardware like: cameras, screens, etc.
- art supply located in school



Department of Fine Arts

- I can recommend it for artists interested in: installation, sculpture and performance
- courses with different topics
- “Meeting Points” with different professors
- working in class rooms
- offers different workshops like: sculpture and printing
- computer rooms



My personal experiences at Bezalel

- great relationship to some of my professors and class mates
- enjoyed to have different exercises during the class
- exciting and inspiring environment on top of Mount Scopus in the center of Middle East
- learning Hebrew is way to difficult to me and language course is to expensive
- some classes are in english / classmates were totally helpful
- mind opener for my personal perception / philosophy



My personal experience in Jerusalem / Israel

- finding an apartment was horrible
- my shared flat was in bad conditions / cost me 600€ each month / but in the city's center
- Bezalel offers dorms but it's outside the city, in bad conditions and too expensive / everybody I know who took it was upset
- Israel is really expensive
- no working permission
- already connected in advance which was helpful
- football culture showed me the whole country
- beautiful nature



My recommendation

- learn about the history and the current political situation in advance
- awareness for different cultures needed
- be clear it's a conflict zone
- if Bezael or soldiers say don't go to some places - mostly ignore it!
- go to Yad Vashem
- eat Hummus everyday

