



MEJDI TOURS

Multiple Narratives Tour in Israel-Palestine with Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Extension March 5 - 8, 2019

ITINERARY

Included:

- 3 nights' accommodation based on double occupancy at the following hotel or similar: Three Arches Hotel (Jerusalem)
- 2 MEJDI guides for 3 days (1 Israeli and 1 Palestinian)
- Sites and entrances listed per the itinerary
- Meals listed per the itinerary: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotels
- Water on the bus
- 1 group airport transfer upon departure

Not included:

- Flights
- Travel insurance-HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Meals not listed as included
- Single Supplement- \$225
- Airport transfers outside of scheduled group transfer

Pricing:

10-15 paying participants-\$1,284

Night 8, Tuesday, March 5, 2019: Overnight in Jerusalem

- After dropping participants off at the airport, continue to Jerusalem and check into your hotel.

Hotel: Three Arches Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 9, Wednesday, March 6, 2019: Birzeit

- Travel to the Palestinian city of Birzeit. Begin the day at the new multi-million dollar, LEED Certified, Palestinian Museum.
- Have a falafel lunch in the Old City area of Birzeit.
- Then tour the Birzeit Brewery and meet the founders.
- In the afternoon, meet some of the students and/or faculty from the Palestinian Circus School in Birzeit.
- Return to the hotel and have a free evening.

Hotel: Three Arches Hotel, Jerusalem [B, L]

Day 10, Thursday, March 7, 2019: Ancient Jerusalem Outside the Old City

- Begin the day at Mount Zion. There, meet a representative of the Jerusalem Intercultural Center who will tell you about the organization's work and take you to visit a holy site to Jews, Muslims, and Christians associated with both King David's Tomb and the Jesus Last Supper.
- Enter the Old City through the Zion Gate to grab a quick lunch on your own.
- Exiting the Old City through the Dung Gate, tour the "City of David" archaeological site using a critical analysis approach.
- Be invited into the family home of Efrat and Rabbi Chen Halamish, Israeli settlers in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan that surrounds the "City of David" archaeological site. Efrat will talk about her life experience from her more than 25 years living in the neighborhood.
- Then meet a community activist from Madaa Silwan Creative Center who will talk about his life experience as a Palestinian living in Silwan.

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Day 11, Friday, March 8, 2019: Jaffa and Tel Aviv

- Join Women of the Wall for their monthly Rosh Chodesh service at the Kotel.
- Return to the hotel to check out.
- Drive to Tel Aviv-Jaffa.
- Take a walking tour of the historic port city of Jaffa highlighting how it has become an incubator for coexistence.
 - Stop at Physicians for Human Rights-Israel at their Jaffa clinic and learn about the communities they serve [don't go in].
 - Check out the Yafa Coexistence Bookshop [go in].
 - See what's on display at the Jaffa Art Salon where Israeli and Palestinian artists work together under one roof [go in].
 - Stop at two multiethnic/multilingual theaters, the Elmina Theater - Multicultural Theater for Children and Youth and the Arab-Hebrew Theater [don't go in].
 - See the Wishing Bridge in the center of the Old Town.
 - See the Tabeetha School, founded by Jane Walker-Arnott, a mid-19th century young Scotswoman who came to Jaffa on a Christian Mission, who found a lack of educational opportunities for girls under Turkish

rule. The school remains supported by the Church of Scotland and continues to provide education for youngsters of all faiths. Visit the school's Museum of Coexistence, if it is open at the time of the tour.

- Have lunch on your own along the route.
- In the afternoon, make your way to the Nachalat Binyamin arts and crafts fair in the center of Tel Aviv.
- See the impressive Bauhaus architecture and learn about the important sites along Bialik Street, including the locations of Tel Aviv's historical Town Hall, the former home of the Israel's national poet Chaim Nachman Bialik, and former residence of the great Israeli painter Reuven Rubin.
- End the day at Meir Park, opened in 1944 and named after the first mayor of Tel Aviv, Meir Dizengoff. Meir Park is home to a prominent city funded gay community center. Outside of the center, you can find a monument dedicated to the gay victims of the Holocaust and a garden serving as a memorial to 2009 shooting spree at a Tel Aviv LGBT youth club.
- Group transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for those who are leaving that night.
 - Shabbat recommendations will be provided for those remaining in Tel Aviv-Jaffa. MEJDI Tours can extend hotel reservations for anyone staying on.

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