



MEJDI TOURS

- Tour:** FCC Litchfield CT: Israeli/Palestinian Mission Trip
- Dates:** November 30 - December 10, 2019
- Included:**
- 10 nights' accommodation at the following hotels or similar (double occupancy): Olympia Hotel (Tel Aviv), Holy Land Hotel (Jerusalem), Sea of Galilee Village (Galilee)
 - 2 MEJDI-Trained Guides (1 Israeli, 1 Palestinian)
 - 11 days of private bus transportation, including 1 group arrival and 1 departure airport transfers
 - Meals listed in the itinerary: 10 Breakfasts, 3 lunches, 10 Dinners
 - Bottled water on the bus throughout the tour
 - Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
 - Personal headsets for daily use
 - Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
 - Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- Not included:** International airfare
- Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
 - Single Supplement - \$765
 - Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
 - Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
 - Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Pricing:**
- 25-30 Paying participants - \$2,095 Per Person
 - 20-24 Paying participants - \$2,215 Per Person

Itinerary:

Day 1: Saturday, November 30, Arrival

Arrive at Ben Gurion airport and transfer to Tel Aviv for check-in and a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Hotel: Olympia Hotel, Tel Aviv (Dinner included)

Day 2: Sunday, December 1, Jaffa and Tel Aviv

Begin your tour with a walking tour of the historic port city of Jaffa, continue to Neve Tzedek (the first neighbourhood in Tel Aviv) and Rothschild to discuss the establishment of Israel. Visit Rabin Square to discuss Yitzhak Rabin's assassination and his memory today. Participate in a facilitated discussion on peace building before relaxing with free time to shop or enjoy the beach in Tel Aviv.

Hotel: Olympia Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 3: Monday, December 2, Caesarea Maritima, Haifa and Acre

Head up the Mediterranean coast to Herod's port city of Caesarea Maritima, to tour the ruins and enjoy the ocean breezes. Continue along the coast through Haifa stopping at the Bahai Gardens and discussing the unique coexistence in the city. Visit the port of Acre, tour the city and discuss the historic crusader period.

Hotel: Olympia Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 4: Tuesday, December 3, Jerusalem in Conflict

Begin the morning with an overview of Jerusalem's religious history from the Mount of Olives. Then, take a full day alternative tour of the Old City's Jewish, Christian, and Muslim holy sites with two guides, one Arab and one Jewish. Visit the hotly contested Temple Mount, to see the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque and then explore the Muslim Quarter. Next, visit the Western Wall and Jewish Quarter. Finally, tour the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and discuss the many conflicts over the site.

Hotel: Holy Land Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 5: Wednesday, December 4, Hebron and Bethlehem

Journey south to Bethlehem, for a tour of the Church of the Nativity. Walk the Separation Wall, and then head to the Tent of Nations to savor fresh local cuisine and hear their unique story. Later, travel to Hebron, to tour the Old City of and the Cave of the Patriarchs. Meet Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) members, and visit a Jewish settlement to have a discussion with Israeli settlers.

Hotel: Holy Land Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 6: Thursday, December 5, Jerusalem

Start the day with a devotional at the Garden Tomb, Mount of Olives, or Garden of Gethsemane. Then, explore Jerusalem's political history from an Israeli perspective - Tour the Kotel Tunnels and Pay a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum. In the evening, enjoy a special dinner with Israeli and Palestinian guest speakers from the Parent's Circle-Families Forum.

Hotel: Holy Land Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 7: Friday, December 6, Dead Sea and Masada

Explore Herod's mountain top fortress of Masada, with its breathtaking views of the Judean Desert and Dead Sea. There, discuss the ways archaeology is used in Israeli national narrative. Next, walk the ruins at Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and home to the ancient Essene community. Take a dip in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Hotel: Holy Land Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 8: Saturday, December 7, Jericho and Galilee

Leave the city towards the Jordan Valley. Visit the traditional location of Jesus's baptism by John at Bethany beyond the Jordan/Al-Maghtas.

Continue to Jericho, march around biblical Jericho, view the Mount of Temptation from a distance, and stop at Zacchaeus tree for a picture. Have a conversation with a local about the life of inhabitants in the world's oldest city. End the day in the Galilee.

Hotel: Sea of Galilee Village, Galilee (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 9: Sunday, December 8, Galilee (Nazareth, Mount Tabor and Megido)

Spend the day in the village where Jesus lived most of his life. Start at the Mount of Precipice, followed by the Basilica of the Annunciation. Then go back in time with a visit to Nazareth Village, where you can begin to imagine what life was like in the first century. Have lunch with a Palestinian Christian and learn about the status of the church in the boyhood home of Jesus. In the afternoon, drive by Mount Tabor, the traditional location of Jesus's transfiguration and stop at the archaeological site of Megiddo, where Revelation says the end of the world will take place. End the day with a stop at Cana, the village where Jesus turned water into wine.

Hotel: Sea of Galilee Village, Galilee (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 10: Monday, December 9, Galilee (Capernaum, Tabgha, Magdala, Mount Arbel, Cana)

Begin the day at Capernaum, the home base of Jesus in Galilee, where Peter's house is also located. Visit Tabgha, the location of Jesus's multiplication of bread and Jesus's appearance to his disciples after his resurrection. Afterward, go to Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene and the site of a beautifully reconstructed first-century synagogue. Then stroll around the top of Mount Arbel, which commands the best views of the Sea of Galilee. Finally, bid your new friends goodbye at a farewell dinner at your hotel.

Hotel: Sea of Galilee Village, Galilee (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 11: Tuesday, December 10, Departure

Depart Ben Gurion Airport for the United States.

(Breakfast)

MEJDI Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be received by MEJDI in writing and will become effective as of date of postmark for appropriate refund minus the following fees.

120-70 Days Prior: \$300 per person deposit

69-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost

45-21 Days Prior: 80% of tour cost

20 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

If the trip has to be cancelled because of low registration numbers, any per person deposits received are refunded in full directly to travelers. If MEJDI Tours has to cancel the trip for any reason other than low registration numbers, the per person deposits are refunded in full.