



MEJDI TOURS

Optional Pre-Tour Extension - Temple Micah of Denver

March 18 - March 22, 2020

Included, Extension:	4 nights' accommodation at the following hotels (double occupancy): ¹ March 18-22, 2020: Villa Ba'Moshava or Similar, Jerusalem 1 MEJDI-Trained Guide for 4 days 4 days of private group bus transportation, per itinerary Meals listed in the itinerary: 4 breakfasts, 1 dinner Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers Water on bus throughout tour Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff Custom tour webpage with online registration, payment, processing Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
Not included, Extension:	International airfare Travel insurance- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Single Supplement-\$360 (limited availability) Meals not mentioned in the itinerary Transportation outside of group itinerary Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
Pricing, Extension	14-15 Full-Price Participants: \$1,300 per paying participant 12-13 Full-Price Participants: \$1,458 per paying participant 10-11 Full-Price Participants: \$1,564 per paying participant 8-9 Full-Price Participants: \$1,841 per paying participant

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

Itinerary:

Day Ext1, Wed, Mar 18: Arrival (No Guide, No Bus)

- Upon arrival, transfer on own to the hotel in Jerusalem. A group transfer (not included) can be arranged if a large number of people arrive on the same flight.

Hotel: Villa Ba'Moshava or Similar, Jerusalem

Day Ext2, Thr, Mar 19: Herzl Museum, Ein Kerem, and the Knesset (1 Guide, Bus)

- Meet your Israeli guide and begin your pre-trip extension by visiting the Herzl Museum to learn about the history of Zionism through the perspective of Theodore Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement.
- Visit the neighborhood of Ein Kerem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and location of Mary's Well. There, hear competing narratives about the 1948 Arab-Israeli War and the displacement of the local Palestinian population.
- Have lunch on your own in Ein Kerem.
- At 2:00 pm, tour the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. This tour introduces visitors to the nature of Israeli democracy, to the Knesset's roles and responsibilities, and to the works of art displayed throughout the building. The tour visits the Knesset Committees Wing, the Plenary Hall, Chagall Hall, and the exhibit of Israel's Declaration of Independence. Please note, entrance to the Knesset is permitted "only in dignified and appropriate attire (no tank/spaghetti tops, crop tops, clothing with political slogans, shorts or ¾-length trousers, ripped trousers, short skirts and dresses, tracksuits or sweatpants, flip-flops, or clogs)."

Hotel: Villa Ba'Moshava or Similar, Jerusalem [Breakfast included]

Day Ext3, Fri, Mar 20: Yad Vashem, Mount Herzl, and Shabbat (1 Guide, Bus)

- After breakfast, be on the bus by 8:00 am. Take a sobering walk through Yad Vashem, Israel's living memorial to the Holocaust. Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. Have lunch on your own there.
- For those who are interested, then visit Mount Herzl to learn about Israel's wars. Conclude the cemetery tour with a visit to the Memorial of Ethiopian Jews at Mount Herzl. There, learn about the waves of immigration of Ethiopian Jews to Israel via Sudan that started in the 1980s. By the end of that decade, some 17,000 immigrants arrived. The memorial site at Mount Herzl commemorates the thousands who died along the journey due to the harsh conditions that these immigrants faced.
- Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat.
- Join a liberal egalitarian congregation for Shabbat services.

- Be hosted by a Jewish family for Shabbat dinner.

Hotel: Villa Ba'Moshava or Similar, Jerusalem [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day Ext4, Sat, Mar 21: Masada, Dead Sea, and Qumran (1 Guide, Bus)

- Travel south to the mountaintop fortress of Masada. There, take in breathtaking views of the Judean Desert, explore the archaeological park, and learn the dramatic story of Masada's role in the Great Revolt.
- Take a dip in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea.
- Visit Qumran to see the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.
- Return to Jerusalem and have a free evening.

Hotel: Villa Ba'Moshava or Similar, Jerusalem [Breakfast included]

Day Ext5, Sun, Mar 22: North Tel Aviv (1 Guide, Bus)

- Check out of the hotel after breakfast and travel to Tel Aviv.
- Start the day at Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People (formerly known as the Diaspora Museum). The museum presents and displays the unique and ongoing 4,000 year-old story of the Jewish people – past, present and future. Beit Hatfutsot connects Jewish people to their roots and strengthens their personal and collective Jewish identity. Beit Hatfutsot recently completed a comprehensive renewal process that celebrates the multiculturalism of Jewish diversity and adopts an inclusive, pluralistic approach.
- Have lunch on your own at the museum.
- In the afternoon, visit the Yitzhak Rabin Center, a museum is dedicated to the life of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that serves as a time-thread connecting the faces and events of modern Israeli history.
- Meet up with the rest of the group arriving that day.

End of Pre-Trip Extension [Breakfast included]