



MEJDI TOURS

- Tour:** An Interfaith Multi-Narrative Listening Tour of Israel/Palestine
- Dates:** Jun 29-Jul 7, 2020
- Included:** 8 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) in hotels listed in itinerary or similar as necessary
2 MEJDI-Trained Guides for 8 days
7 days private bus transport, including 1 group departure
Meals as listed in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner): 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
Audio headsets on touring days
Water on bus throughout tour
Customary tips for drivers, guides, hotel, and wait staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- Not included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement: \$655, while available
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary, or listed as "on own"
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Pricing:** \$3000 per person (double occupancy/\$655 single room supplement)

Itinerary

Day 1: Mon, Jun 29: Arrival and Introductions

- Arrive in Tel Aviv (Ben Gurion International Airport) and transfer to the hotel in Jerusalem. There is no group transfer arranged. Private transfers can be arranged by MEJDI tours and additional details on other transfer options will be provided in the pre-tour confirmation received after registration. If you are planning to arrive before June 29, MEJDI can assist with arranging a pre-stay at the starting hotel up to 2 days prior to the tour start date.
- Enjoy free time until dinner.
- Gathering dinner in Jerusalem. Evening's activities to be convened by group leaders.

Hotel: Eyal Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem (Dinner included)

Day 2: Tue, Jun 30: Jerusalem Old City

- Brief spiritual reflection on bus.
- Meet your Israeli and Palestinian guides and begin the dual narrative tour program.
- Introduction to East Jerusalem via bus tour to Mt of Olives overlook.
- Overview of Jerusalem from Mt of Olives, and then descend the Mount of Olives with stops at Dominus Fleuit (“the Lord Wept”) and the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Walk the start of the Via Dolorosa before making a stop for a group lunch at Abu Shukri in the Old City. Visit the Noble Sanctuary / Temple Mount. Then stop for a time of reflection and prayer at the Western Wall. From there, continue the Via Dolorosa concluding with a brief tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
- Dinner at hotel with guest speakers from Parents Circle / Family Forum.

Hotel: Eyal Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 3: Wed, Jul 1: Dual Narrative Modern History

- Brief spiritual reflection on bus.
- Head to Ramat Rachel for a discussion of early Zionism, and its eventual expression in the kibbutz movement.
- Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.
- Lunch on own at Yad Vashem.
- Ein Karem with conversation on competing narratives on 1948.
- Debrief on way to hotel, with closing spiritual reflection.
- Dinner at hotel with a guest speaker.

Hotel: Eyal Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 4: Thr, Jul 2: Bethlehem (Bus, 2 Guides)

- Brief spiritual reflection on bus.
- Separation Wall tour, including a visit to the Banksy Museum.
- Visit the Aida Camp w/ a cooking class by Noor Women’s Empowerment Group (includes lunch).
- Tour Old City Bethlehem.
- Dual Narrative tour of Hebron/Al Khalil with stops at a mosque and synagogue.
- Dinner at hotel with guest speaker as available.
- Supportive Gathering for discussion and sharing.

Hotel: Eyal Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 5: Fri, Jul 3: West Bank & Jerusalem / Shabbat

- Brief spiritual reflection in morning.
- Overview of History and preparation by guides.
- Lunch (or not) at Tent of Nations farm with guest speaker or meet with the Holy Land. Trust in Bethlehem, incl. conversation, brief shared meditation session.
- Muslims may opt to visit al Aqsa Mosque for Friday Prayers.

- Old City Market (Suk) or Mamilla Mall shopping or resting time.
- Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat experience to be arranged by group (poss. extra cost).
- Supportive Gathering for discussion and sharing.

Hotel: Eyal Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem (Breakfast included)

Day 6: Sat, Jul 4: Shabbat/Jerusalem

- Brief spiritual reflection.
- Israel Museum or Old City Market (Suk) morning option.
- Jews & others to Synagogue.
- Lunch at hotel.
- Rest /quiet activity.
- West Jerusalem Walking Tour by Chaim (friend of Amy's) or another leader.
- Possible guest speaker.
- Special dinner of makloubeh with family of Aziz Abu Sarah, in Bethany neighborhood, with live Palestinian and Israeli musicians.
- Private space for spiritual reflection led by group.

Hotel: Eyal Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 7: Sun, Jul 5: Nazareth

- Option for Christian worship in morning in Jerusalem.
- Depart to Nazareth. Lunch on own en route or in Nazareth.
- Tour the Old City and White Mosque in Nazareth. Meet with 2 local speakers, either over dinner or during tour.
- Dinner at hotel in Nazareth.

Hotel: Golden Crown Old City (or similar), Nazareth (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 8: Mon, Jul 6: Tzfat and Galilee

- Brief spiritual reflection on bus en route to Tzfat / Safed.
- Morning tour of Tzfat, including the Kabbalah Center and a synagogue. Explore local cafes in Tzfat for lunch on own.
- In the afternoon, visit Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes, followed by a boat ride on the Galilee with spiritual reflection.
- Close the evening with a special dinner at Nazareth's Oud Restaurant by Chef Johnny Goric of Chefs for Peace.

Hotel: Golden Crown Old City (or similar), Nazareth (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 9: Tue, Jul 7: Haifa, Givat Haviva, and Farewells

- In the morning, depart for Haifa. Brief spiritual reflection on bus en route.
- Visit with Beit Hagefen Arab/Jewish Cultural Center in morning.
- Tour the Baha'i Gardens and enjoy a special lunch in Haifa's beautiful and multi-cultural German Colony.

- End your program at the Givat Haviva Center for a Shared Society, with a speaker from the Kibbutz.
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport.
- 6:00 PM: Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and bid farewell to your guides and driver.
- (Earliest recommended departure flight is 9:30 pm in order for this group transfer to work. If you would like to depart the next day, MEJDI Tours can arrange a post-stay at a hotel near the airport. You will be dropped off at this hotel as part of the group transfer.

End of tour program (Breakfast and Lunch included)