



# MEJDI TOURS

## **Catalyst Tour for Pastor Keith Carpenter Oct 18-29, 2022**

### **Included:**

- 11 nights' accommodation based on double occupancy at the following hotels or similar: Tal Hotel (Tel Aviv), Kibbutz Degania (North), YMCA (Jerusalem) or similar.
- 2 MEJDI guides for 9 days
- Customary tips for hotels, guides, driver, and restaurants
- Entry and Speaker fees for the sites and speakers mentioned in the itinerary<sup>1</sup>
- Bus for 9 days (small bus for 12-14 travelers / big bus for 15+)
- Meals indicated as included in the itinerary (11 breakfast, 3 lunch, 9 dinner)
- Water bottles in the bus during bus days
- Headsets during tour days (20+ travelers)
- Dedicated US and Jerusalem customer service

### **Not included:**

- International Airfare
- Airport transfers
- Travel insurance-REQUIRED
- Single supplement
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Anything not explicitly listed as included
- Any required COVID testing

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to confirmation based on availability.



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## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Arrival (No Bus, No Guides)**

- Participants arrive in Tel Aviv on own
- Lunch on own (not included)
- Welcome meeting in hotel
- Lecture by a historian
- Dinner on own (dinner plans will be coordinated with group leader)

Hotel: Tal Hotel or similar, Tel Aviv

### **Day 2: Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Tel Aviv and Jaffa (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Dual narrative tour of Jaffa
- Visit the joint kindergarten run by a Jewish-Muslim couple
- Have Lunch at Alya's house, a local enterprise (included)
- After Lunch visit Neve Tsedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv
- Visit the Jewish Diaspora Museum, guided by group leaders and guides
- Dinner on your own (not included)

Hotel: Tal Hotel or similar, Tel Aviv

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch included

### **Day 3: Thursday, Oct. 20 - Haifa and Kibbutz (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out of the hotel and drive up North
- Early lunch in Haifa with a panel of local NGOs (included)
- Visit the Ghetto Fighters' Museum and listen to a young speaker involved in dialogue at the Centre for Humanistic Education
- Head towards your kibbutz and meet one of its inhabitants
- Facilitated discussion with staff
- Dinner at the kibbutz (included)

Hotel: Kibbutz Degania or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



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## **Day 4: Friday, Oct. 21 - Galilee (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at kibbutz
- Visit Safed and learn about Jewish mysticism
- Visit a Druze village (Beit Jann) and learn about the Druze religion, which incorporates elements of Islam and Hinduism
- Have lunch with a local family (included)
- Visit Capernaum
- Free time
- Optional: Group discussion
- Dinner at the kibbutz (included)

Hotel: Kibbutz Degania or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## **Day 5: Saturday, Oct. 22 - Nazareth (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at kibbutz
- Travel to Nazareth and visit the Basilica Church, White Mosque and meet with Sheikh Ghassan Manasra
- Lunch in Nazareth on your own (not included)
- Visit the Tavor mountain reserve and Mount Tavor
- Dinner at the kibbutz (included)

Hotel: Kibbutz Degania or similar

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included

## **Day 6: Sunday, Oct. 23 - Galilee & Jerusalem (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at kibbutz
- Check out of the kibbutz and travel to Jerusalem
- Make a stop at the Jordan river
- Take a dip in the Dead Sea at Kalia beach
- Lunch on your own (not included but reduced price with park ticket)
- Visit Qumran
- Ascend to Jerusalem and check into hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Hotel: YMCA (West Jerusalem)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included



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## **Day 7: Monday, Oct. 24- Jerusalem (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives
- Visit the Western Wall
- Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Lunch in the Old City on your own (not included)
- Meet an Islamic scholar
- Dinner at the hotel (included)
- Meet with Micah Hendler founder of the Jerusalem Youth Chorus at the YMCA

Hotel: YMCA (West Jerusalem)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included

## **Day 8: Tuesday, Oct. 25- Bethlehem (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Drive to Bethlehem
- Attend a church service at the Lutheran church in Bethlehem
- Lunch in Bethlehem on your own (not included)
- Visit the Church of the Nativity
- Visit a refugee camp
- Visit the Bethlehem Bible College
- Meet at the hotel with an Israeli and a Palestinian member of the Parents Circle – Bereaved Families Forum
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Hotel: YMCA (West Jerusalem)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included

## **Day 9: Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Jerusalem (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Al-Aqsa Mosque, the 3<sup>rd</sup> holiest site in Islam
- Visit Mt. Hertzl, Yad Vashem and have a discussion with a holocaust survivor
- Lunch at Yad Vashem on your own (not included)
- Visit Ein Karem where John the Baptist is believed to have been born
- Meet with Dr. Rabbi Daniel Roth, an expert on religion and conflict resolution
- Dinner at the hotel (included)

Hotel: YMCA (West Jerusalem)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included



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## **Day 10: Thursday, Oct. 27 - Ramallah (Bus, 2 Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Travel to Ramallah and explore its many narratives
- On the way visit the Binyamin region settlements and hear their perspective
- Visit Ramallah and lunch on your own (not included)
- Meet with a Palestinian activist and businessman
- Visit a Palestinian museum and tour Ramallah
- Dinner with a Palestinian family and live music (included)

Hotel: YMCA (West Jerusalem)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included

## **Day 11: Friday, Oct. 28 - Jerusalem (No Bus, No Guides) FREE DAY**

- Breakfast at hotel
- FREE DAY! (Recommended activities will be provided. Ex: have lunch in Jerusalem's famous Mehane Yehuda market, visit the Israel Museum (not included)
- Observe shabbat service at the Western Wall
- Have a shabbat dinner with a host family (included)

Hotel: YMCA (West Jerusalem)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included

## **Day 12: Saturday, Oct. 29 - Departure (No Bus, No Guides)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Participants depart on their own

Meals: Breakfast included