



MEJDI TOURS

Optional 5-Day, 4-Night Pre-Trip Extension for First Timers: March 31-April 4, 2021

Included: 4 nights' accommodation at the following hotel (double occupancy) or similar¹: Harmony (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 speakers²
Water on bus throughout tour
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 - \$520
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Public and Private transportation on days with no bus
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing³: 9-12 Paying participants - \$1,835 Per person
6-8 Paying participants - \$1,995 Per person

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

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Itinerary:

Pre-Trip Extension for First Time Visitors, Day Ext1, Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (Chol Hamoed Passover): Arrival

- Upon arrival, transfer on your own to the hotel in Jerusalem. A group transfer can be arranged (for an additional cost) if a large number of people arrive on the same flight.

Hotel: One of the Atlas Boutique Hotels, Jerusalem

Pre-Trip Extension for First Time Visitors, Day Ext2, Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Chol Hamoed Passover): Mount Herzl, Ein Kerem, and the Knesset

- Meet your Israeli guide at breakfast and be on the bus by 8:00.
- 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 Mount Herzl Cemetery to learn about Israel's wars. Conclude the 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.
- Have lunch on your own in Ein Kerem (Kosher for Passover options will be available), 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.
- 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: One of the Atlas Boutique Hotels, Jerusalem [B]

Pre-Trip Extension for First Time Visitors, Day Ext3, Friday, April 2, 2021 (Chol Hamoed Passover): Yad Vashem and Shabbat

- 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.

- Return to the hotel and have free time to have lunch on your own, shop, and prepare for Shabbat.
- Join a liberal egalitarian congregation for Shabbat services.
- Be hosted by a Jewish family for a Kosher for Passover Shabbat dinner.

Hotel: One of the Atlas Boutique Hotels, Jerusalem [B, D]

**Pre-Trip Extension for First Time Visitors, Day Ext4, Saturday, April 3, 2021
(Chag: Passover Day 7): Masada, Dead Sea, and Qumran**

- 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: One of the Atlas Boutique Hotels, Jerusalem [B]

**Pre-Trip Extension for First Time Visitors, Day Ext5, Sunday, April 4, 2021:
North Tel Aviv**

- 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.

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