



MEJDI TOURS

Group Contract

- Title:** Pilgrims and Peacemakers - Rev. Chris Bedding Group
- Dates:** Nov 22-Dec 6, 2022
- Included:** 14 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) as listed in itinerary, or similar as necessary¹
2 MEJDI-Trained Guides in dialogue for 4 Days
1 MEJDI-Trained Guide for 9 days
14 days of private group transportation, including 1 group departure airport transfer.
Meals listed in the itinerary: 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 14 dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers²
Audio headsets on touring days
Water on bus throughout tour
1 land package free of charge for group leader in a single room
Customary tips for drivers, guides, hotel and wait staff
Custom tour webpage with online registration, payment, processing
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- Not Included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**REQUIRED**
Single Supplement- \$1,040 per person, as available
Meals not included in the itinerary
Transportation outside of group itinerary
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Price:**³ 30-34 Paying Participants: \$3,970 per paying participant
25-29 Paying Participants: \$4,070 per paying participant
20-24 Paying Participants: \$4,190 per paying participant
15-19 Paying Participants: \$4,350 per paying participant

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

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³ Subject to change based on confirmation.

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Day 1: Tues, Nov 22, 2022 (No Bus, No Guide)

- Arrive on own schedule, and meet up at hotel.
- Begin the program with a **group welcome dinner**, convened by your group leader.

Overnight: St. George's College Guesthouse or Similar, Jerusalem

Meals: Dinner included. Any other meals on own.

Day 2: Wed, Nov 23, 2022 (Bus, Two Guides)

- **Meet your two guides - one Jewish Israeli and one Palestinian Arab** - and learn about their biographies as you overview the importance of Jerusalem to its two people groups and three major faith traditions.
- Ascend to the **Noble Sanctuary / Temple Mount**. Take an up-close view of the **Dome of the Rock** (from outside currently), and meet with a representative of the **Islamic Waqf** that oversees the site.
- Visit the iconic **Western Wall**, discuss its history, and take a time for prayer at the site.
- After a break for lunch, visit sites revered by many over centuries of tradition as the **tomb of King David** and site of the **Last Supper**.
- End the day with an introduction to modern East and West Jerusalem, as you travel the **"seam road"** with modern history 101 and overview of geopolitics.
- Over dinner, welcome **Rabbi Daniel Roth** as available to speak on religion and peace.

Overnight: St. George's College Guesthouse or Similar, Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 3: Thr, Nov 24, 2022 (Bus, Two Guides)

- In the morning, tour Israel's **Holocaust Memorial, Yad Vashem**, with a specialist guide - **Tamar Avraham** if available. Also include **Mt. Herzl**, located on the same site.
- Stop at nearby **Ein Karem**, a depopulated Palestinian village pre-1948, now a predominately Jewish Israeli community of West Jerusalem.
- Debrief with both guides to end the day, and include a time of prayer in the evening.

Overnight: St. George's College Guesthouse or Similar, Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 4: Fri, Nov 25, 2022 (Bus, Two Guides)

- Continue discussing the **"seam road"** narratives as you travel along the **"Green Line"** to the barrier separating Jerusalem from **Bethlehem**.
- Head out to speak with a **Jewish resident** of the **Israeli settlements** to hear their perspective on Jewish connection to the land.
- Visit the **Banksy Museum** alongside the cement wall before heading into **Aida Refugee Camp** for a **Palestinian cooking class**, tour of the camp, and lunch.
- Bid farewell to your Israeli guide.
- Then break out to meet your **Bethlehem host families** for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Bethlehem homestays

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 5: Sat, Nov 26, 2022 Christ the King Sunday (Bus, One Guide)

- Head to the **Church of the Nativity**, a UNESCO world heritage site built over the site pilgrims have associated with the birth of Christ since the time of some of the earliest Christian communities.
- Visit with **Sami Awad of Holy Land Trust**, as available
- Following a break for lunch hear a Palestinian perspective on the issue of settlements at the **Tent of Nations**, a farm owned by a Palestinian Christian family.

Overnight: Bethlehem homestays

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 6: Sun, Nov 27, 2022 Caesarea, Baha'i Gardens, Atlit (Bus, One Guide)

- On Sunday, **worship with a local Christian church in Bethlehem.**
- Then drive north to Herod's port city of **Caesarea Maritima**, seat of government of Pontius Pilate, and site where Paul stood trial before Felix. Explore the relationship between Rome and Judea around the beginning of the Common Era.
- From Caesarea, continue north to **Haifa** for a tour its stunning **Baha'i Gardens**, and an overview of the Baha'i faith. (Note there are almost no practicing Baha'is in Israel, but guides are specially trained for the site.)
- After a break in Haifa's **German Colony**, tour the nearby **Atlit Detainee Camp**, reflecting on the plight of Jews fleeing Europe during the 1930s, and connections between realities there and the complex situation that was British Palestine at the time.
- Finally, continue from Atlit to **Nazareth** - today, a bustling city with the highest population in Israel of its Palestinian Arab citizens.

Overnight: Villa Nazareth or Similar, Nazareth

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 7: Mon, Nov 28, 2022 Nazareth Village and Sepphoris (Bus, One Guide)

- On Tuesday, return to reflection on Jesus' First Century context. As a point of contrast with Caesarea, visit **Nazareth Village**, a re-creation of small-town life in the Galilee at the beginning of the Common Era.
- Stop at the nearby **Sabeel Liberation Theology Center**, Nazareth Office, for a discussion on its ministry in Nazareth.
- Break for lunch before heading to tour **Sepphoris**, a large city that was being built during Jesus' childhood, just a few miles from Nazareth.

Overnight: Villa Nazareth or Similar, Nazareth

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 8: Tues, Nov 29, 2022 Today's Nazareth and the Annunciation in Context (Bus, One Guide)

- On Wednesday, continue to consider the First Century context as you focus on the Annunciation, tour modern Nazareth, and look ahead to Advent. Stop by Mary's Spring

inside **St. Gabriel's Orthodox Church**, and at the **Church of the Annunciation**, with its global collection of depictions of Mary and Jesus. Consider all you've seen and heard, and how this context would have shaped the way the annunciation would have sounded to first century Jewish hearers.

- Before leaving Nazareth, stop at **Christ Church Nazareth** to visit **Rev. Nael Abu Rahmoun** and to hear about his complex sense of identity.
- Then head out to the **Galilee** to meet with a speaker on the history and present **Kibbutz movement**, and check into a kibbutz hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosar, Galilee

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 9 Wed, Nov 30, 2022 Golan and Capernaum (Bus, One Guide)

- On day 9, head north to the **Golan Heights**. Discover the temples and altars of **Caesarea Philippi**, sites of the Great Confession. Then, take a short walk to the **Banias Waterfall**.
- Discuss the modern Golan Heights, and enjoy a traditional lunch with a member of the area's **Druze community**.
- Head back to **Tiberias, Capernaum**, hub of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Discuss the dynamics of the communities alongside the **Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret)** in Jesus' time.
- Finish the day with a group **boat ride** on the Galilee, followed by a traditional **St. Peter Fish dinner**.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosar, Galilee

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 10 Thr, Dec 1, 2022 Jordan Valley and Jericho (Bus, One Guide)

- On Friday, check out and head south through the **Jordan Valley** to **Qasr al Yehud**. The site has been associated since the earliest centuries of the Common Era with the baptism of Christ, as well as the crossing of Israelites into Canaan.
- From there, head into Jericho for lunch at Limonah Restaurant, and an ascent by cable car to the desert monastery on the **Mount of Temptation**.
- Conclude the daytime program with a visit to the ruins of **Hisham's Palace**, an early Islamic palace with surprising features and spectacular mosaic floors.
- At dinner, meet a speaker from **EcoPeace Middle East**, an organization of Palestinians, Israelis, and Jordanians working together on shared environmental concerns.

Overnight: Jericho Village or Similar, Jericho

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 11 Fri, Dec 2, 2022: Masada and the Dead Sea (Bus, One Guide)

- Begin Saturday with a visit to **Qumran**, site of the discovery of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Discuss religio-political movements of the First Century, the community associated with the site, and various theories about why the scrolls may have been stored there.
- Continue south to Herod's desert fortress, **Masada**. Take the gondola to the top for a discussion of theories about its history, as well as about its ongoing significance as a national symbol for many Israelis today.

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- Finally, take a float in the **Dead Sea** at Ein Gedi before ascending through the Judean desert to Jerusalem.

Overnight: YMCA hotel or Similar, Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 12 Sat, Dec 3, 2022 (Advent I): Way of Christ (Bus, One Guide)

- Begin the Season of Advent with morning liturgy at **St. George's Cathedral**, Jerusalem.
- Then head to the top of the **Mount of Olives** for a walking descent to the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Along the way, make a stop at Dominus Flevit - "the Lord wept" - a church built in a beautiful spot to recall Jesus' tears over the struggles of Jerusalem in his days.
- From the Garden of Gethsemane, continue along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Discuss the history of the church, reasons it has long been believed to be a possible site of the crucifixion, and its present fragile ecumenical situation. As time permits, make a stop at **Bethesda Pools** and **St. Anne's Church** for a hymn sing.

Overnight: YMCA hotel or Similar, Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch on own.

Day 13: Sun, Dec 4, 2022 (Bus, Two Guides)

- On Sunday, return to **dual narrative guiding** as you head out to engage two of the most troubled locations in the Holy Land. First, drive south to **Hebron** for a dual narrative tour of this highly divided city, associated most closely with Abraham.
- From there, head west to the **Gaza border**. Discuss issues related to Gaza and neighboring communities in Israel's southern coast, including **Sderot**. As available, engage in a **call with speaker from al Ahli Hospital in Gaza** and visit with a Jewish participants in **Sderot's peace-seeking organization Other Voice**.

Overnight: YMCA hotel or Similar, Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 14: Mon, Dec 5, 2022 (Bus, One Guide)

- In the morning, head west to a special community called **Neve Shalom / Wahat al Salaam** - "Oasis of Peace" - a village built as a rare intentional community of both Jewish Israelis and Palestinian Arabs, located in the "seam" area of 1948-1967, and in sight of one of a few ancient villages thought by some to be the biblical Emmaus. Hear about this community's accomplishments and challenges from one of its residents, including a walking tour of the village.
- Enjoy lunch at Neve Shalom / Wahat al Salaam, followed by a time of sharing and devotion inside the village.
- Break in Jerusalem - rest, pack, final souvenir shopping, etc.
- Finally, head out for a celebration **dinner in Bethany** with traditional **Palestinian meal** and a small group of **Israeli and Palestinian musicians**.

Overnight: YMCA hotel or Similar, Jerusalem

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 15: Tues, Dec 6, 2022 (Bus Transfer, No Guides)

- One bus trip available in morning to airport for anyone departing this day.

End of MEJDI program. Breakfast included.

MEJDI New PEACE OF MIND Payment & Cancellation Policy

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

- Up to 60 Days Prior: All deposited payments will be credited towards a future tour (for use by December 2022)
- 59-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost
- 45-21 Days Prior: 80% of tour cost
- 20 days prior or less: 100% of tour cost

PAYMENT	DUE DATE
\$500 group deposit⁴: this quote is valid for 2 weeks	Paid July 15, 2020
\$300 individual deposits /group traveler information forms/waiver/group rooming list due 75 days prior to departure	September 8, 2022
Final Payment / Traveler Flight information Due 60 days prior to departure. This has been changed from 90 days prior to departure so that you have extra time to make a decision to travel on your originally scheduled dates or to transfer your deposits to a new date, free of charge.	September 23, 2022

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⁴ The \$500 group deposit will be refunded once the group meets the minimum number or applied to the balance owed. The deposit is non-refundable if the group does not meet the minimum numbers.

MEJDI TERMS & CONDITIONS

Final Payment: Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

Prices: Prices are per person and are based upon shared double occupancy (unless otherwise noted). Prices are also based on travelers holding a B2 tourist visa. Additional VAT will be collected if traveling on any other type of visa/documents. In case of human or computer error, MEJDI LLC reserves the right to re-invoice for the correct price or service. A full refund will be made to passengers who choose not to pay an increase, provided MEJDI LLC receives a written cancellation within five days of the price increase notification.

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. MEJDI LLC strongly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance package, which covers health, lost luggage, trip cancellation and trip interruption. Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses, which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failing to secure adequate coverage. We can recommend travel insurance companies upon request.

Passport and Documentation: Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your entry date to your travel destination. MEJDI LLC is not responsible to provide any travel documents to any of our destinations, including visas. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to confirm with the consulate of each country visited, about any necessary travel documentation/visas required to enter these countries.

Airlines and Air Tickets: Passengers are responsible to ensure MEJDI LLC has the correctly spelled names for air tickets reservations. Due to newly introduced security measures, any name change including minor spelling corrections may require airline reservations to be canceled and re-booked. MEJDI LLC will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name discrepancy. Subsequent name corrections will be subject to an airline re-booking fee of up to \$300 per ticket. Air reservations are subject to availability at the time of re-booking. All airline tickets issued in conjunction with this tour are subject to air penalties per individual carrier's rules and regulations which will be applied.

Airport Taxes and Fees: All airline tickets are subject to a variety of foreign and domestic government taxes which include security charges, the September 11th Security Fee, airport facility charges, customs and immigration fees, inspection fees, fuel surcharges and more. Taxes and fees are subject to change. Airport taxes & fees which appear on the invoice reflect the taxes and fees that are applicable when the original reservation is completed. These taxes and fees may vary prior to airline tickets being issued. We reserve the right to amend the airport taxes & fees to reflect any changes prior to ticketing.

Baggage: Luggage is the responsibility of the passenger/s and that of the airlines. For lost/delayed luggage claims, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. If travel insurance policy was purchased, all damage/loss must be reported at time of incident and documented in writing by local authorities for submission to the insurance company. As all airlines differ and restrictions change periodically, we recommend that you call the airline directly with questions about your baggage allowance. MEJDI LLC shall not be held responsible for any delay or damage to or loss of luggage and/or personal items.

Tour Itinerary: MEJDI LLC reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, MEJDI LLC will do its best to maintain the content of the tour. If the tour services as indicated by the itinerary cannot be supplied or there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond the control of MEJDI LLC we will arrange for provision of comparable services. MEJDI LLC reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary whenever MEJDI LLC deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience and safety of the participant at any time. No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.

Meals: Meals are based on the hotel's or restaurant's buffet or set menu. In general, beverages are not included, unless specifically stated.

Hotels Accommodation: Hotels will be provided in accordance with the itinerary or similar. We reserve the right to make substitutions with hotels of equal standard. There will be no refunds for any difference in the cost of those accommodations. All rooms are standard twin-bedded rooms with private facilities, unless specifically stated. Special requests such as bed types, smoking preference and connecting rooms are subject to availability. Room selection in all cases, unless otherwise reserved, is strictly at the discretion of the hotel's management on a run-of-house basis. Triple rooms consist of standard twin beds plus a sofa/folding bed or cot for third person.

Not Included: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, meals other than described in the tour details, any other service not described as included, passport and visa fees, insurance.

Emergency Numbers: 1-703-349-1554 (USA) or +972-523327879 (ISRAEL)

Documents: Your tour documents including: paper air tickets or E Ticket receipts, tour confirmation voucher and all other related information will be sent approximately two to three weeks prior to departure provided full payments have been received.

Customer Service: All customer service issues and refund requests must be submitted in writing and received no later than 30 days after your return. Refunds are subject to a processing fee of \$50 plus any hotel and/or supplier charges incurred. Airline flight cancellations and delays for any reason are not the responsibility of MEJDI LLC Submit your claim directly to the airline. MEJDI LLC does not guarantee airline response.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

MEJDI LLC, Springfield, Virginia, and its employees, act only as representatives of agents of the various air carriers, hotels, public transportation companies and tour operators upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularities which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle, or through acts of default of an company or persons engaged in conveying the passenger, operating contracted tour arrangements or otherwise of any hotel proprietor or servant.

MEJDI LLC accepts no responsibility for loss, damage, monies, additional expenses due to common carrier cancellations, delays or changes, weather, sickness, injuries, strikes, war, quarantine, or other causes beyond their immediate and direct control.

In addition, MEJDI LLC relinquishes all responsibility for travel by any tour participants if that travel is prior to, during or beyond MEJDI LLC published tour dates. Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions and Statement of Responsibility. The terms and conditions and statement of responsibility become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by MEJDI LLC. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Virginia.

I acknowledge receipt of and have read and agree to Group Terms, Conditions and Statement of Responsibility.

Print Name _____

Sign Name: _____ **Date** _____

Print Title: _____

Kim Passy-Yoseph _____

Director of Operations **Date** _____

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