



MEJDI TOURS

Arizona State University – O’Connor College of Law
International Conflict Resolution Study Abroad
December 13 – December 21, 2020

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival (Sunday, December 13, 2020)

Land at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) and transfer to your accommodations in Tel Aviv. Enjoy dinner upon arrival, an orientation to the tour program, and an introduction to the “Dual Narrative” model with a representative from MEJDI’s Jerusalem office.

Approximately 45 minutes transfer time.

Overnight: Tel Aviv [D]

Day 2: Education & Youth: Jaffa & Tel Aviv (Monday, Dec. 14)

Begin the day with a morning tour in Jaffa guided by leaders of a bi-national Jewish-Arab youth movement. Understand the development of this port city since ancient times, consider its ongoing evolution today, and learn about your guides’ unique approach to building shared society through action. After grabbing lunch in the famous Carmel Market, continue to the Yitzhak Rabin Center for a presentation on the life and legacy of this celebrated, though controversial Israeli leader. Consider Rabin’s accomplishments and shortcomings in peace-making and discuss the gradual disintegration of the Oslo Accords he famously signed over 25 years ago. Arrive next to the Tel Aviv University School of Law, the oldest law school in Israel, for a presentation and Q&A with professors and students from both the law faculty and the adjacent International Program in Conflict Resolution and Mediation. Return to the neighborhood near your hotel for dinner on your own and free time.

Approximately 45 minutes total transit time and touring by foot.

Overnight: Tel Aviv [B]

Day 3: Competing Perspectives, Local Innovation: Sderot & Lod (Tuesday, Dec. 15)

Head towards the Israeli town of Sderot in the morning to hear two conflicting perspectives on the situation in Gaza. A briefing from a representative of a leading human rights organization offers a window into politics and quality of life within the embattled enclave; a conversation with an organization of citizen journalists addresses the trauma of living under threat of rocket fire and attacks in Sderot and other Israeli towns along the Gaza “envelope.” After lunch on your own nearby, make your way to the center of the country and arrive at the largely overlooked mixed Jewish-Arab city of Lod. Home to civilization dating back thousands of years, and now in close proximity to the country’s major airport, Lod has become a laboratory for socially-conscious urban regeneration. Hear about plans for affordable housing development in a historically neglected neighborhood where Arab, Bedouin, Ethiopian Jewish, and religious Jewish families live side-by-side. How have these efforts bridged divides between communities and in what ways have they sparked new tensions? Head to Jerusalem to check in to our accommodation and enjoy an evening on your own to explore the neighborhood.

Approximately 3 hours total transit time.

Overnight: Jerusalem [B]

Day 4: Ancient City, Contested Future: Jerusalem (Wednesday, Dec. 16)

Begin the day in conversation with a conflict resolution expert (options may include head of a religious peace initiative; former member of Israeli negotiation team; global news analyst and founder of viral webpage that teaches the Arabic-speaking world about Jewish customs and tradition, others) before heading to the Old City for a rendition of MEJDI’s signature “Jerusalem: Dual Narrative Tour” featuring two MEJDI guides – one Palestinian and one Jewish Israeli. This experience will not only explore key religious sites in a multi-perspective framework, but also bring you inside the educational process of delivering such a presentation. What topics are the most challenging for the guides to discuss? How do guides determine where to place emphasis and which issues to brush over? Visit the Temple Mount/Al Aqsa, make a brief stop in the City of David/Silwan, stop at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, the Roman Cardo and more (as time permits). In the evening, make your way to the town of Bethany/Azariya for a festive dinner at the home of MEJDI

founder and co-CEO Aziz Abu Sarah featuring the traditional *maqloube* dish and middle eastern music.

Approximately 1 hour total transit time.

Overnight: Jerusalem [B, D]

Day 5: Yad Vashem & West Bank (Ramallah/Bethlehem)* (Thursday, Dec. 17)

Begin this challenging day with a visit to Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, taking time on your own (and with an audio guide) to make your way through the powerful main exhibit, and then to reflect on this experience with your faculty and guides. After lunch on site, carefully change gears as you head towards the Qalandia checkpoint separating Jerusalem from areas under the Palestinian Authority. Open a conversation about the administrative processes at this site and what it represents for both Palestinians and Israelis in a broader context of conflict. Continue into the *de facto* capital city of Ramallah for a tour of the bustling city center and meeting with representatives of an organization forging relationships between Palestinians and Israelis through the hi-tech industry. What is the potential for connections forged within this space? What are the obstacles here and what has this work achieved? Return to Jerusalem for an evening on your own.

**Alternatively, visit the Bethlehem region this afternoon for a visit to the Church of Nativity, and walk beside the murals and graffiti along the separation/security barrier just outside a refugee camp. Meet with an academic or civil society leader to better understand (a) the key gaps in Israeli and Palestinian narratives or (b) the role of the global Christian community in promoting peace and conflict in the region, or (c) another topic of interest as determined in consultation with the group leader.*

Approximately 2 hours total transit time.

Overnight: Jerusalem [B, L]

Day 6: In the Line of Annexation and Tri-Lateral Cooperation: Jordan Valley (Friday, Dec. 18)

Over breakfast, learn about the role of water in conflict from an ASU professor (*honorarium not included in this proposal*) currently on sabbatical at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Head to a Dead Sea beach for an opportunity to float on the "lowest point on earth" then continue into the sparsely populated Jordan Valley region mulled by Israel for permanent annexation and simultaneously claimed by Palestinians as integral to a future Palestinian state within the West Bank. Arrive to a small Bedouin village for lunch, and learn about the coordinated effort by

Palestinian, Israeli and international activists to support vulnerable residents of this contested area. Continue north, making a brief stop at the earliest socialist Zionist farming commune, Kibbutz Deganya Alef, to consider the legacy of this “model society” more than a century later, then arrive to your accommodations for dinner.

Approximately 3 hours total transit time.

Overnight: Tiberias [B, L, D]

Day 7: Rights to Resolutions: Haifa & the Galilee (Saturday, Dec. 19)

Start a bit later this morning and head to Haifa where you'll enjoy a view of the Bahai Gardens. Enjoy a tour through the city's historic neighborhoods focusing on the legacies of several local rights struggles including workers, the queer community, and the Arab minority. Locate this area within a century of geo-political conflict and understand how this has impacted residents of diverse backgrounds. After finding lunch on your own, meet a local council member (or educator) from a nearby village who will discuss traditional methods of internal dispute resolution in the Arab sector. How do these systems compare to “community court” or other mitigation practices elsewhere? How do these practices and their practitioners engage with the authorities? Arrive in Nazareth for a visit to the magnificent Basilica of Annunciation and time to find dinner on your own in the Old Town before returning to your accommodations for the evening.

Approximately 3.5 hours total transit time.

Overnight: Tiberias [B]

Day 8: Cross-Border Care, Conflicted Identity: Tzfat & Golan Heights (Sunday, Dec. 20)

Head in the morning to the hilltop town of Safed for a visit to a local hospital where top-notch medical care has been discreetly provided to thousands impacted by the ongoing conflict just beyond the Syrian-Israeli border. Discuss the tactics of this operation, the larger theory of change behind this work, and its limitations. After lunch on your own and brief introduction to the medieval-mystical and contemporary history of this city, drive into the Golan Heights for a view into Syria from Mt. Bental. Your guide will provide an up-to-date security briefing and review of Israel's armed conflicts on the northern border. Next, continue to one of four clustered Syrian Druze communities in the Golan Heights and meet a local leader behind recent protests against plans by an Israeli green energy company to build a wind farm in what they consider to be occupied territory. Enjoy a traditional dinner provided by local village residents and conversation on the status of Druze communities both in the Golan Heights and elsewhere in the region. Return to your

accommodations, perhaps taking time for group processing before an evening at your leisure.

Approximately 2 hours total transit time.

Overnight: Tiberias [B, D]

Day 9: Departure (Monday)

Transfer only.

Head from the Galilee to Ben Gurion Airport in time to catch your departing flight.

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 payments will be credited towards a future tour (for use by December 2021)
- 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
Final Payment / Traveler Forms Flight information Due 76 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 28, 2020

MEJDI TERMS & CONDITIONS

Final Payment: Final payment is due 76 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.

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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.