



MEJDI TOURS

Harrison Legacy Church Tour October 23 - October 31, 2023

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, October 23, 2023 – Arrival & Tel Aviv

Arrive in Tel Aviv on a group flight [or on own within certain time parameters] and transfer to the hotel in Tel Aviv.

(If arriving earlier in the day- a **tour of Tel Aviv**, including a stop at Rabin Square and the beautiful Nave Tzedek neighborhood.)

Meet your MEJDI guide for a briefing of the tour and introductions, followed by a **welcome dinner** at the hotel together.

Hotel: Gilgal Hotel, Tel Aviv [D]

Day 2: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Jaffa & Caesarea [Guide, Bus]

Join each other for breakfast at the hotel, then head out to **Jaffa**, the ancient port city- learn about its history and experience its hustle and bustle of modern life.

Lunch on your own.

Travel north to **Caesarea**, a historical site built by Herod the Great, where St. Paul was imprisoned.

That afternoon, travel further north to end the day in **Galilee**.

Hotel: Kibbutz Hotel on the Sea of Galilee [B, D]

Day 3: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – Nazareth & The Sea of Galilee [Guide, Bus]

After breakfast at the hotel, set off to **Nazareth**, visit the **Annunciation church**.

Meet with a local from the Christian community in Nazareth.

Later take a **boat ride** at the Sea of Galilee, before visiting the Christian sites of **Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt. of Beatitudes**.

Come back for dinner at the Kibbutz Hotel.

Hotel: Kibbutz Hotel on the Sea of Galilee [B, D]

**Day 4: Thursday, October 26, 2023 – Caesarea Philippi & Mount Bental
[Guide, Bus]**

In the morning, head to the north of Galilee to visit **Caesarea Philippi**, the site of the transfiguration and an optional hike for an hour's walk to reach a beautiful waterfall. Afterwards, visit the **Biblical site of Dan** and see ruins from the ancient site dating back 3000 years ago and the Gate dating back to the Canaanites. Make a stop at **Mount Bental**, for a look into Syria and discussion on the complex reality along Israel's northern borders. Enjoy dinner at the Kibbutz Hotel.

Hotel: Kibbutz Hotel on the Sea of Galilee [B, L, D]

**Day 5: Friday, October 27, 2023 – Jerusalem
[Guide, bus]**

Before leaving the Kibbutz Hotel, learn about the Kibbutz movement and their role in the establishment of Israel. Then head south, stopping at the **Jordan river** for Baptism in the river. After changing the facilities there, travel to Jerusalem.

Arrive at **Mt. of Olives** to take in the impressive view over the golden Dome of the Rock and get an overview of this sacred ground. Stop for a private prayer in the **Garden of Gethsemane**.

Enjoy lunch on your own with time to explore the Old City. Visit the **Western Wall, Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary**, and the **Church of Holy Sepulchre**.

At night, join a Jewish family for Shabbat dinner.

Hotel: YMCA Three Arches Guest House, Jerusalem [B, D]

**Day 6: Saturday, October 28, 2023 – Jerusalem
[2 Guides, Bus]**

Spend the day with two guides, touring Jerusalem through the lens of the multi-layer narrative of the city. Visit **Al-Aqsa Mosque**, the 3rd holiest site in Islam, and then head to the **Garden Tomb**. Break for lunch and some exploration.

That afternoon, meet with the Parents Circle or Combatants for peace (a **peace organization**). That night spend time on your own for dinner.

Hotel: YMCA Three Arches Guest House, Jerusalem [B]

Day 7: Sunday, October 29, 2023 – Bethlehem [Guide, Bus]

After Breakfast at hotel, drive to **Bethlehem** to **attend a church service** at the Lutheran church in Bethlehem.

Over lunch, meet with a Christian community leader in Bethlehem to learn about Palestinian Christians.

Visit the **Church of the Nativity**, and downtown Manger Square, and the Banksy's **Walled Off Museum**.

Take a short drive to a nearby **Jewish settlement** for a walking tour and conversation with a community leader on their way of life their views on the conflict.

Hotel: YMCA Three Arches Guest House, Jerusalem [B, L]

Day 8: Monday, October 30, 2023 – The Dead Sea & Masada [Guide, Bus]

After a quick breakfast, get an early start to **Masada National Park**, riding the cable car to Herod's vacation home and tour the ancient site. Next stop, **Qumran**, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Then head to the **Dead Sea**. Take in the views and spend time floating in its famous salt water.

After returning to Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell **dinner with a Palestinian family** joined by a Palestinian musician playing oud.

Hotel: YMCA Three Arches Guest House, Jerusalem [B, D]

Day 9: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – Departure Day
[Transfer only]

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your departing flight.