



MEJDI TOURS

St. Norbert College/University of Denver June 13th - June 27th 2017

Day 1: Tuesday, June 13th, 1 guide

Transfer to Jerusalem

Welcome Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem

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Day 2: Wednesday, June 14th – Jerusalem, 1 guide

This morning enjoy breakfast at Hotel and meet your Guide for an Introduction to the City of Jerusalem. Start your day with a view of the city from the overlook at **Mt of Olives**. Take a fascinating **Tour of the Kotel Tunnels**. Then enjoy a quick bite to eat on your own in the Old City.

This afternoon you will have a meeting at the **US Consulate** and then meet with Akiva Tor (based on availability) of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

Visit the fun and lively Ben Yehuda Street this evening.

Lodging: Jerusalem

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Day 3: Thursday, June 15th - Three Religions in One Kilometer, 2 guides

Today you will visit the **Temple Mount** (Haram al Sharif) and meet with an **Imam**. Then walk the **Via Dolorosa** on the way to visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, Enjoy a meeting with **Pastor or Priest**.

Over lunch in the Old City meet with **Rabbi Daniel Roth**.

Lodging: Jerusalem

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Day 4: Friday, June 16th – Jerusalem (Israeli Narrative), 1 guide

Today you will meet with a university student group, **Whachad al Echad**. Take a tour of the **Village of Ein Kerem**. Visit the bustling **Machane Yehuda** market alive with preparations for Shabbat. Have lunch on your own and, time permitting, tour the surrounding neighborhood.

See Shabbat prayers at **Kotel**

Shabbat dinner with local Family

Lodging: Jerusalem
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Day 5: Saturday, June 17th – Jerusalem, 1 guide

This morning you will visit the **Israel Museum** and have the opportunity to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and tour the **Knesset**.

Have Lunch and afternoon on your own **or** join the group for a ride out to **Nabi Samwil**.

Attend **Mass (on your own) in Franciscan Chapel in Church of Holy Sepulchre** (6pm) or at **Austrian Hospice** (5.15pm)

This evening meet with a representative of **B'tselem** to learn about how they are working to create a human rights culture in Israel

Lodging: Jerusalem
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Day 6: Sunday June 18th – Jerusalem, 1 guide

This morning you will meet with a survivor to hear their testimony at **Yad Vashem** and have a chance to visit the Museum.. You will then meet with members of the **Parent's Circle Families Forum**.

Join a local group for **Iftaar Dinner** and enjoy post Iftaar live music by band **Wast Al Tarik**

Lodging: Jerusalem
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Day 7: Monday June 19th - West Bank/Bethlehem, 1 guide

Spend the day in Bethlehem meeting with a **Christian leader from the church (if available)**, visiting the **Church of Nativity**.

Visit **Sheperd's Field** and enjoy Lunch at the Tent restaurant .

Meet with **Catholic Relief Service (CRS)**: artisans workshops and shop at **Fair Trade handicrafts at Beit Sahour**.

Meet with your host families.

Lodging: Palestinian Family
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Day 8: Tuesday June 20th - West Bank/Bethlehem, 2 guides

Today you will tour the **Aida refugee camp** & meet members of the community. Take a walk along the **Separation Wall** and visit the **Alrowwad Center**.

Enjoy lunch and discussion at the **Tent of Nations**.

Visit the **Kfar Etzion** settlement (Rabbi if possible).

Dinner with host families

Lodging: Palestinian Family
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Day 9: Wednesday June 21st – Samaria (Settlements) and Ramallah, 2 guides

This morning sit with members of the **Yesha Council** (council of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria), to hear about their ideology and goals. Meet locals from the settlement and learn about life there.

Enjoy Lunch on your own in the **City of Ramallah**.

This afternoon meet with a local **Palestinian politician** and visit **Mahmoud Darwish Museum**.

Lodging: **Grand Park Ramallah**

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Day 10: Thursday June 22nd – The Dead Sea, 1 guide

Drive to Ouja and meet with **Friends of the Earth Middle East**.

This afternoon take a drive through the desert to **Masada** where you will learn about the Mountain fortress and have a chance to take a dip in the **Dead Sea**.

Dinner at the hotel

Lodging: Tiberias

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Day 11: Friday June 23rd– Nazareth & Tiberias, 1 guide

Drive to Nazareth for a tour of the **White Mosque & the Church of Annunciation**.

You will have the opportunity to **meet with a local peacemaker** before you take off to enjoy a hilltop visit to the gardens at the **Mount of Beatitudes**. Enjoy an evening **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**.

Dinner at the hotel

Watch video "The Syrian Bride"

Lodging: Tiberias

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Day 12: Saturday June 24th – Golan Heights, 1 guide

Journey north into the **Golan Heights**, visit **Majdal Shams** and the Shouting Hill to learn about the conflicts between Israel and Syria, see some of the minefields and depopulated villages, and see the bunkers at **Mount Bental**. Picnic/Bagged Lunch

Dinner at the hotel

Lodging: Tiberias

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Day 13: Sunday June 25th- Akko, 1 guide

Visit **Knight's Kingdom, Templar's Tunnel & Turkish Baths** in the ancient city of Akko.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on your own.

This afternoon continue your tour of Akko and then visit **Kibbutz Ramat Yohanan**.

Enjoy a dinner at a Druse home on Mt. Carmel.

Lodging: Haifa

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Day 14: Monday June 26th - Haifa, 1 guide

This morning visit the magnificent **Baha'i Gardens** for a tour.

Meet with **Achmad Balcha, Municipality liaison to the Arab community.**

Take a tour of **Old Jaffa** and the **Jaffa Port** where you will have lunch on your own and time to shop in the artists colony.

This afternoon you will go to the **Embassy in Tel Aviv** for a briefing.

Visit Rabin Square

Farewell Dinner in Jaffa

Lodging: Tel Aviv

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Day 15: Tuesday June 27th- Jaffa and Tel Aviv (No guide, No Bus)

Free Day

Group transfer to the airport

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