



MEJDI TOURS

Creativity for Peace

Israel & Palestine Multiple Perspectives

April 7th-17th 2016 (precise dates TBD)

10 Days - 11 Nights

Night 1: Wednesday, April 6 - Arrival

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to Jaffa for check-in. Balance of the day at leisure.

Hotel: Jaffa

Day 1: Thursday, April 7 - Jaffa

After breakfast, meet community members at the Arab Jewish Community Center and learn about their efforts to increase cooperation and positive relations between 3,000 Arabs and Jews. Meet with representatives of Sadaka Reut Arab Jewish Partnership. This afternoon participate in a facilitated discussion on peace building with the Peres Center. Take some free time to wander around the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv.

Hotel: Jaffa [B]

Day 2: Friday, April 8 - Ramle/Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salaam

This morning visit the Open House in Ramle and learn about their Women's Interfaith & Empowerment programs. Spend the afternoon in Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salaam "Oasis of Peace" an intentional community jointly established by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel. Tour the village and have dinner with Creativity for Peace girls and their families.

Hotel: Jaffa [B, L]

Day 3: Saturday, April 9 - Samaria and Ramallah

Spend the day in Ramallah and take a tour of the city. Then, meet with a Palestinian NGO. Afterwards, meet a member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. In the evening, enjoy a festive dinner with CFP parents and daughters.

Hotel: Ramallah [B]

Day 4: Sunday, April 10 - West Bank to Jerusalem

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.

Have lunch and take a walking tour of Ein Kerem to learn different narratives about Zionism and Israel's 1948 War of Independence. This afternoon meet with Breaking the Silence an Israeli NGO, established by Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers and veterans who collect and provide testimonies about their military service.

Hotel: Jerusalem [B]

Day 5: Monday, April 11 - Jerusalem

Begin the morning with an overview of Jerusalem's religious history from the Mount of Olives. Then, take an Alternative Tour of the Old City's Jewish, Christian, and Muslim holy sites with two guides, one Arab and one Jewish. Discuss the role of religion in the context of the Conflict and understand the politics of these three important religious sites: the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif (the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque), the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This afternoon meet with a female MK/former MK. Take the evening to relax.

Hotel: Jerusalem [B]

Day 6: Tuesday, April 12 - Jerusalem

This morning, in Jerusalem, visit the Hand in Hand School, which creates a strong, inclusive, shared society in Israel through a network of Jewish-Arab integrated bilingual schools and organized communities. This afternoon meet with a representative of B'TSELEM - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories for another perspective on the Settlements.

Enjoy some free time to decompress or wander the cobblestone streets of the Old City.

Hotel: Jerusalem [B]

Day 7: Wednesday, April 13 - Jerusalem

Today, meet with a representative of ALLMEP (Alliance for Middle East Peace) and, after lunch, engage in discussion with a representative of IPCRI (the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information), the only joint Israeli-Palestinian public Policy think tank in the world.

Hotel: Jerusalem [B]

Day 8: Thursday, April 14 - Nablus

Journey north and take a tour of a checkpoint with Machsom Watch (Women Against the Occupation and for Human Rights). Cross the checkpoint into Nablus, for a meeting with CFP students and staff.

Hotel: Haifa [B]

Day 9: Friday, April 15 - Haifa and Akko

Spend the first half of your day in Nes Ammim where you will learn about this unique village and its intercultural and interreligious dialogue programs. This afternoon, in Haifa, meet with CFP staff, campers and parents.

Hotel: Haifa [B]

Day 10: Saturday, April 16 - Sderot

Drive to Sderot, a city on the border of Gaza and frequent site of missile attacks, to talk with residents about life in the area and the issue of Hamas. Have lunch with the girls of CFP.

Hotel: Jaffa [B]

Day 11: Sunday, April 17 - Departure

Depart Ben Gurion Airport for the United States.