



MEJDI TOURS

Interfaith tour of the Holy Land May 7-17, 2018

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Day 1: Monday, May 7th, 2018 Departure

Departing Chicago for Tel Aviv

Day 2: Tuesday, May 8th, 2018: Arrival

- Participants arrive in Tel Aviv
- VIP processing at the Airport
- Dinner at the hotel
- Hotel: Beit Jala (Abraham house)

Accommodation: Abraham House, Beit Jala (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, May 9th, 2018: Jerusalem – Old City

- Start the day by visiting Al-Aqsa Mosque and have a greeting from the Imam
- Continue to the Western Wall
- Walk through Via Dolorosa
- Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Over Lunch meet with Rabbi Danial Roth, an expert on religion and conflict resolution
- Mt. of Olives and Gethsemane
- Dinner at Augusta Victoria Hospital
- Hotel: Beit Jala (Abraham house)

Accommodations: Abraham House, Beit Jala (B, L, D)

Day 4: Thursday, May 10th, 2018- Bethlehem, Christianity in Palestine

- Breakfast
- Visit the Manger Square and the Nativity church
- Visit Wi'am and meet with director Zughbi Zughbi
- Lunch at Dar Al-Nadwa with Rev Dr. Mitri Raheb
- Visit the Lutheran University in Bethlehem
- Tent of Nations for one of the most beautiful sunsets and meet with Daud Nassar
- Panel with peace organizations in Jerusalem such as Btselem, Gisha, Combatants for peace.

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Day 5: Friday, May 11th, 2018: Jerusalem - Explore the Israeli Narrative

- Breakfast
- Visit Yad Vashem and discussion with a holocaust survivor
- Make a stop Mt. Hertzl
- Mahane Yehuda Market and Nahlaut neighborhood
- Lunch on your own
- Meet with the parents circle bereaved families forum
- Service and dinner with Israeli-Jewish families

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Day 6: Saturday, May 12th, 2018: Ramallah Explore the Palestinian Narrative

- Breakfast
- Make a stop at a refugee camp and learn about life in a camp (with a resident of the camp)
- Visit the Hope School in Ramallah
- Lunch with Sam Bahour a Palestinian activist and businessman
- Explore downtown Ramallah and visit Dar Zahran, and Arafat's museum
- Dinner with a Palestinian family and live music in Bethany

Accommodations: Abraham House, Beit Jala (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sunday, May 13th, 2018- Conflicting Narratives

- Attend a church service at Christmas Lutheran church in Bethlehem
- Visit the Patriarchs tombs
- Lunch with a family in Hebron
- Visit an Israeli settlement and meet with a representative
- Visit the Jewish settlement and museum inside Hebron
- Visit the Palestinian old market and CPT in Hebron
- Drive up to Galilee, Stay at a Kibbutz

Accommodations: Kibbutz Maagan, Tiberias (B, L, D)

Day 8: Monday, May 14th, 2018- Galilee

- Tour the Kibbutz and learn about Kibbutz Movement
- Visit Eilabun and then visit the old church and hear Pastor Said and Pastor Gabi share their personal history in the town
- Visit Safed and learn about its Jewish and Arab history, then learn about Jewish Mysticism from a local in Safed
- Continue to Tiberias and listen to Pastor Gabi and Pastor Said continue sharing their stories and history
- Dinner at a restaurant in Tiberias

Accommodations: Kibbutz Maagan, Tiberias (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, May 15th, 2018- Galilee

- Visit Capernaum and Mt. of Beatitudes
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Continue towards Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and the old city
- Learn about Muslim-Christian relationships and about Arab Jewish relationships in Galilee
- Dinner at hotel

Accommodations Kibbutz Maagan, Tiberias (B, L, D)

Day 10: Wednesday, May 16th, 2018: Tel Aviv and Jaffa

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Ancient Caesarea and learn about its Jewish, Christian, and Muslim history.
- Lunch on your own while exploring Caesarea
- Continue to Jaffa and Nave Zedek for tour of Tel Aviv and Jaffa
- End at Rabin SQ

Accommodations: Cinema Hotel, Tel Aviv (B, D)

Day 11: Thursday, May 17th, 2018: Departure

- Have breakfast at your hotel and checkout for departure (B)