



MEJDI TOURS

2022 MEJDI Tours - Scheduled Departures Israel & Palestine Dual Narrative™ Multi-Day Tour (Optional Extensions p. 4)

Dates: January 28 - Feb 4
March 11 - 18
May 13 - 20
June 17 - 24
September 16 - 23
October 14 - 21
November 11 - 18
Dec 30 - Jan 6 2023

Tour Cost: \$2,345 Per Person // \$475 Single Supplement

Included: 7 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at the following hotels or similar; Beer Garden Hotel (Tel Aviv), Royal Court (Ramallah), Holyland Hotel (Jerusalem)
2 MEJDI-Trained Guides for 6 days
5 days of private bus transportation
Meals listed in the itinerary: 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers¹
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not Included: International airfare
Travel insurance-**REQUIRED**
Single Supplement Costs
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Friday, Arrival - Introduction to the Dual Narrative™ - Tel Aviv (No Bus, No Guides)

Transfer to your hotel (on your own). Check-in and rest / get ready for your journey starting tomorrow.

Hotel: Tel Aviv

Day 2: Saturday, Starting the Journey through the Narratives

Meet your Israeli and Palestinian guides, who introduce themselves and explain the exciting Dual Narrative™ perspectives you will hear on the trip.

Learn the dual histories of the Arab and Jewish cities, including an explanation of the birth of Tel Aviv and the Zionist movement and the struggles of life in Arab Jaffa. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers and guides.

Hotel: Tel Aviv (B, D)

Day 3: Sunday, From Tel Aviv to Ramallah - History from Different Angles

Begin the morning visiting the Rabin Museum to discuss the history of Israel through Rabin's life, peace processes, wars and more before heading to Ramallah.

Meet a local activist for a food tour and hear her personal story. Later visit the Arafat Tomb and Museum.

After dinner meet with Sam Bahour, a Palestinian Business man to discuss political and economical challenges in Palestine.

Hotel: Ramallah (B, L, D)

Day 4: Monday, Bethlehem and Settlements

Travel to Bethlehem, to visit the Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, and the old city of Bethlehem. There, meet with a local community leader in Bethlehem. Afterwards, see the colorful and controversial graffiti on the Separation Wall, and visit the Banksi Museum. After lunch, head towards one of the settlements in the region, to meet with a representative of the Jewish settlement movement and hear their perspective.

Hotel: Jerusalem (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, Masada, Dead Sea and Jordan River

Start the day at the fortress of Masada: built by Herod the Great as a refuge, the site was later used by rebels during the Jewish Revolt, and became an Israeli national symbol and site for military ceremonies. Afterward, learn about the Dead Sea Valley environmental challenges, and enjoy free time to float on the Dead Sea. Then, head back to your hotel to rest and freshen up before leaving for dinner. Enjoy a traditional home-cooked meal with a local Palestinian family, and traditional songs from a joint Palestinian-Israeli musical group.

Hotel: Jerusalem (B, L, D)

Day 6 – Wednesday, Israel Museum and Holocaust Memorial

Start the day by heading to Yad Vashem to learn about the history of the Holocaust and its impact on the Jewish community and Israel today. Tour Mt. Herzl and have lunch on your own at Shuk Machane Yehuda.

Have the option to take a free afternoon or continue to the Israel Museum, where you will be able to see a model of Jerusalem's Old City 2000 years ago. Explore the Dead Sea Scrolls and see some of the best preserved archaeological artifacts from local dig sites. After dinner, regroup and engage in a discussion with a local religious leader from Jerusalem.

Hotel: Jerusalem (B)

Day 7 - Thursday, Old City – Three Religions – One City (No Bus)

Begin the morning with an overview of Jerusalem's religious history from the Mount of Olives. Then, take a full-day alternative tour of the Old City's Jewish, Christian, and Muslim holy sites and neighborhoods with your two guides, one Arab and one Jewish. Start by visiting the Dome of the Rock and the Aqsa Mosque/Temple Mount; learn Islamic and Jewish traditions about the site, as well as local legends and stories. Continue to the Western Wall, to learn about how it became a worship place, and the debates over the site following the 1967 War. After lunch, walk part of the Via Dolorosa towards the Holy Sepulcher, where you will learn about the ancient church, its history of disputes and ownership claims, and the modern Christian community in Jerusalem. Hear stories from members of The Parents Circle/Families Forum, a grassroots organization of Palestinian and Israeli families who have each lost immediate family members in the conflict.

Enjoy a farewell dinner with your guides and fellow travelers.

Hotel: Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 8 - Departure (No Bus, No Guide)

Check out of your hotel and transfer on your own to the airport.

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2022 Optional Extensions

1. **Post-Trip Jordan Extension Tour (4 days after)**
2. **Pre-Trip Northern Israel Extension Tour (2 days prior) - page 7.**

2022 POST-TRIP JORDAN EXTENSION TOUR



Explore the wild beauty of the Arabian Peninsula, with MEJDI's add-on to Petra, Wadi Rum, and Jerash. The perfect combination of relaxation, education, and adventure, with only a few extra days you can:

- Experience traditional Arabian desert life in the valleys of Wadi Rum. Share coffee with bedouins, see camels in their natural habitat, and view rock inscriptions (ancient and modern) left by local tribes.
- In a MEJDI exclusive, have an opportunity to give back and help bring positive change to the Middle East, by meeting with Syrian refugees in Jerash. Learn first-hand about the conflict in Syria, ask questions, and hear how the war has taken a toll on countries like Lebanon and Jordan, and on everyday Syrian families.
- Check off your bucket-list the impressive and monumental ruins of Jerash, the best-preserved Roman city in the Arab Middle East following the destruction of Palmyra.
- Put on your cowboy hat (or fedora), and explore the ancient Nabatean city of Petra! Walk through wind-swept sandstone valleys with stunning rock striations, and

discover the echoing chambers of ancient tombs. The more adventurous can ride a horse or a donkey through the valleys of this famous “Indiana Jones” filming site.

Dates: Feb 4 - 7
March 18 - 21
May 20 - 23
June 24 - 27
September 23 - 26
October 21 - 24
November 18 - 21
January 6 - 9, 2023

Extension Cost: \$940 Per Person // \$165 Single Supplement - Min 5 pax

Included: 3 nights’ accommodation (double occupancy) at the following hotels or similar; Oscar Hotel (Petra), Mena Tyche (Amman)
1 MEJDI-Trained Guide for 3 days
4 days of private bus transportation
Meals listed in the itinerary: 4 Breakfasts and 3 Dinners
Water on the bus throughout the tour
Collective Visa and Departure Fees
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers²
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not Included: International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement Costs
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Itinerary:

Day 1: Eilat, Wadi Rum, and Petra

Fly from Tel Aviv to Eilat, Israel’s southernmost city, situated on the sparkling Red Sea. A short drive through the Wadi Arabah takes us across the border into Jordan. This afternoon, explore the lunar-like landscape of **Wadi Rum**, where T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) stayed with Bedouin friends and allies during World War I. Discover epic sand

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dunes and rose-tinted mountains where Bedouin tribes still make camp. Continue to our hotel at **Petra**, located just a few steps from this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Hotel: Petra (B, L, D)

Day 2: Petra

Spend a full day exploring **Petra**, the legendary city of the Nabataean people. Hidden in deep canyons south of the Dead Sea, this remarkable site was founded more than 2,400 years ago. Enter the ancient city through its primary entrance, known as the Siq, a narrow chasm between naturally sculpted cliffs. This passageway, which could have been easily defended against attack by an invading army, ends at the glorious sight of the world-famous Treasury. Go on a guided visit of the expansive site, where hundreds of monuments were rediscovered only in 1812. Then enjoy time on your own to explore the Royal Tombs or the Monastery.

Hotel: Petra (B, L, D)

Day 3: Jerash/Amman

This morning travel north on the historic King's Highway and visit one of the best-preserved cities of the Roman Empire, **Jerash**, called the "Pompeii of the Middle East." Step back in time as you explore the colonnaded streets, visiting the South Theater, the Temple of Artemis, and the ornate Nymphaeum. Later, continue on to Jordan's capital, **Amman**, a modern and culturally diverse city steeped in an ancient past. Meet with a **Local Refugee**. Enjoy some time to explore this fascinating city before gathering for a **farewell dinner**.

Hotel: Amman (B, L, D)

Day 4: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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2023 PRE-TRIP NORTHERN ISRAEL EXTENSION TOUR



Arrive early to get an additional glimpse of the Israeli/Palestinian terrain. This pre-tour extension will expose you to the beauty, the religious history and the geopolitics of this land.

- Begin your tour in the picturesque lakeside town of Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee/Lake Kinneret where you'll learn about the Jewish and Christian histories of the area.
- Continue up into the Golan Heights to learn about the conflicts between Israel and Syria, see some of the minefields and depopulated villages, and have coffee next to the bunkers at Mount Bental, overlooking the Valley of Tears.
- Travel to Nazareth for a tour of the White Mosque and Church of the Annunciation. Then make a quick stop to view the Bahai Gardens in Haifa on your way to a local Druze family for lunch. Spend the afternoon in Herod's port city of Caesarea Maritima where you'll tour the ruins, learn about the area's old Bosnian Muslim community and Crusader history, and enjoy the ocean breezes along the beach. End the tour at your hotel in Tel Aviv, where you will meet up with your fellow travelers to begin the full Dual-Narrative Tour.

Dates: January 26-28
 March 9-11
 May 11-13
 June 15-17
 September 14-16

October 12-14
November 9-11
Dec 28-30

Extension Cost: **\$900 Per Person // \$175 Single Supplement - Min 5 pax**

Included: 2 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at the following hotel or similar; Bay Club (Haifa) and Daria (Galilee)
1 MEJDI-Trained Guide for 2 ½ days
3 days of private transportation
Meals listed in the itinerary: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 1 Dinner
Bottled Water available throughout the tour
Entrances and sites
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not Included: International airfare
Travel insurance-**REQUIRED**
Single Supplement Costs
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
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Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport and transfer to your hotel in Haifa. Transfers are not included but can be arranged for an additional fee. Check-in and rest / get ready for your journey starting tomorrow.

Hotel: Bay Club, Haifa

Day 2: Galilee and Golan Heights (Guide/Driver)

Begin your tour in the picturesque lakeside town of **Tiberias** on the **Sea of Galilee/Lake Kinneret**. Learn about the Jewish and Christian histories of the area, and visit the graves of the famous rabbis buried there. Stop by the **Mount of Beatitudes** for a tour then continue north into the **Golan Heights**, to learn about the conflicts between Israel and Syria, see some of the minefields and depopulated villages, and have coffee next to the bunkers at **Mount Bental**, overlooking the **Valley of Tears**. Return to **Galilee** for the evening.

Hotel: Daria, Galilee (B, D)

Day 3: Nazareth and Caesarea Maritima (Guide/Driver)

Travel to **Nazareth** for a tour of the **White Mosque** and **Church of the Annunciation**.

Then, make a quick stop to view the **Bahai Gardens** in Haifa, on your way to a **local Druze family** for lunch. Continuing south, spend the afternoon in Herod's port city of **Caesarea Maritima**. There, tour the ruins, learn about the area's old Bosnian Muslim community and Crusader history, and enjoy the ocean breezes along the beach.

End the day at your hotel in **Tel Aviv**, where you will meet up with your fellow travelers.

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