



MEJDI TOURS

MEJDI Tours - Scheduled Departures **Israel & Palestine Dual Narrative™ Multi-Day Tour**

Itinerary:

Day 1: Friday, Arrival - Introduction to the Dual Narrative™ - Tel Aviv

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 Yad Vashem to learn about the history of the holocaust and its impact on the Jewish community and Israel today. Tour Mt. Hertzal and have lunch on own at shuk Machane Yehuda.

Have the option to take a free afternoon or continue to the Israel museum, where you will be able 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

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

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

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

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