



MEJDI TOURS

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

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:	\$2,075 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 speakers ¹ 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

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

Trip Description:

Explore Israel and Palestine anew, with MEJDI's industry-first, Dual Narrative Tour™ experience! With this unique trip, travelers see the Holy Land through new eyes, with the help of two local tour guides: one Israeli and one Palestinian.

Rather than provide the same perspective on this diverse destination, your Israeli and Palestinian hosts will ensure you experience the history, culture, and complex reality of the Holy Land like no other traveler:

- Enjoy MEJDI's Dual Narrative Tour™, a patented, socially-conscious, award-winning approach to travel.
- Guiding in tandem, Israeli and Palestinian guides debate and highlight different political and historical opinions at each site, in an immersive travel experience that takes you behind the doors of mosques, churches, and synagogues, through the halls of Palestinian and Israeli government, into active dig sites, and into the homes of Arab and Jewish locals.
- MEJDI's trained guide-facilitators help open a conversation, answer difficult questions, model friendship through respectful dialogue and disagreement, and give travelers an opportunity to encounter new voices and perspectives.
- Visit all of the must-see sites—the Dome of the Rock, Western Wall, and birthplace of Jesus—plus many new and fun surprises! For example, meet Muslims who live in East Jerusalem, hear the life stories of former combatants, settlers, and refugees, and taste delicious Palestinian and Israeli cuisines, while breaking bread with Jewish and Arab families in their homes.

Through such in-depth, special-access experiences, see the region's history, religion, politics, and archeology with fresh eyes. Join us, and see why people are talking about MEJDI's Dual Narrative Tour™—and why it has been featured by TED, National Geographic, the United Nations, and many more!

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 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 (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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