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

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival - Introduction to the Dual Narrative™ - Jerusalem

Transfer to your hotel (on your own). Enjoy a welcome dinner where you will meet your fellow travelers. Meet your Israeli and Palestinian guides, who introduce themselves and explain the exciting Dual Narrative™ perspectives you will hear on the trip.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Dinner Included)

Day 2: 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. Over lunch, engage in a discussion with a local religious leader from Jerusalem. 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.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch Included)

Day 3: Israel Museum and Holocaust Memorial

Start the day by heading 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 lunch, head to Yad Vashem to learn about the history of the holocaust and its impact on the Jewish community and Israel today. After dinner, 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.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast Included)

Day 4: 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 pastor to learn about the Palestinian Christian community 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. In the evening, enjoy a traditional home-cooked meal with a local Palestinian family, and traditional songs from a joint Palestinian-Israeli musical group.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Dinner Included)

Day 5 – 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 north towards Tiberias. Make a brief stop at the Jordan River to discuss the Jewish and Christian religious history of the area. Spend the night at an Israeli kibbutz.

Hotel: Galilee, Kibbutz Guesthouse (Breakfast, Dinner Included)

Day 6 – Sea of Galilee and Nazareth

Start the day by heading to Capernaum, known as “the town of Jesus,” then continue to the Mount of Beatitudes the site traditionally believed to be where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Afterwards, drive towards Nazareth and make a stop at Sindyaana, a female-led non-profit organization which promotes “Business for Peace” and Fair Trade. Then, visit the Christian Basilica of the Annunciation and the neighboring White Mosque in Nazareth. On the way back to the kibbutz, make a stop at the newly opened Um El Qanater, where a first century synagogue was recently reconstructed by archaeologists.

Hotel: Galilee, Kibbutz Guesthouse (Breakfast, Dinner Included)

Day 7 – Caesarea, Jaffa and Tel Aviv

Drive towards the Mediterranean Coast, making a stop at the beautiful Herodian seaside port of Caesarea. Learn about the Jewish, Christian, and Bosnian Muslim history of this Mediterranean city. Then, continue south along the coast towards Jaffa and Tel Aviv. There, 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 farewell dinner with your fellow travelers and guides.

Hotel: Tel Aviv (Breakfast, Dinner Included)

Day 8 - Departure (No Bus, No Guide)

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

Hotel Tel Aviv (Breakfast Included)