



MEJDI TOURS

Itinerary

- Tour:** Custom Tour for Bob Murphy, Boat and Bike Tours to Go
- Dates:** October 17-24, 2020
- Included:** 7 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at hotels in itinerary, or similar as necessary¹
1 MEJDI-Trained Guide for 5 days
2 MEJDI-Trained Guides for 2 days
8 days of private group transportation, including 1 group arrival and 1 group departure airport transfers
Meals listed in the itinerary: 7 breakfasts and 6 dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers²
Audio headsets on touring days
Water on bus throughout tour
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and included hotel/wait staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- Not included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Free package (estimate is for net rates)
Single Supplement: \$655 (as available)
Meals not included in the itinerary
Transportation outside of the group itinerary
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

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¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

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Day 1, Sat, Arrival (One Guide, Bus)

Arrive at Ben Gurion airport and meet your guide. Head to Tel Aviv for check-in, a special welcome dinner, and program overview.

Overnight: Cinema Hotel or Similar, Tel Aviv-Jaffa (D)

Day 2, Sun: A Tale of Two Cities; Jaffa and Tel Aviv (One Guide, Bus)

Take a walking tour of the historic port city of Jaffa. Continue to the historic Ahuzat Bayit neighborhood, the original suburb modeled on Herzl's vision in Alteneuland that grew into the modern city of Tel Aviv. There, take a walking tour under the fig and Poinciana trees of Rothschild Boulevard, to see Independence Hall and some of the Bauhaus style houses of the White City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After savoring the best of local produce in the Carmel Market enjoy a free afternoon at the beach (with an option of Bike rides on the promenade).

Overnight: Cinema Hotel or Similar, Tel Aviv-Jaffa (B)

Day 3, Mon: Multiculturalism and Mysticism; Nazareth and Tzfat (One Guide, Bus)

Make your way North to tour Nazareth, including a visit to the White Mosque, Basilica of the Annunciation, and a meeting with local peacemakers, to hear about life in the city. Then travel to Tzfat, to tour the ancient synagogue and Kabbalah center, and to discuss Rabbinical and mystical Judaism in Israel from the Roman period to today.

Hotel: Kibbutz Guesthouse, Galilee (B, D)

Day 4, Tues: Impacts of Conflict; Galilee and Golan Heights (One Guide, Bus)

Open the morning with a group boat ride to Capernaum, site of much of Jesus' Galilee ministry. Then head north to the Hula Valley Nature Reserve. There, have a choice of touring by bus or bike, learning about the unique impact of war on the migration of birds. Continue north to Mount Bental for an overview on Syria and, if time permits, stop for a taste of Druze cuisine.

Hotel: Kibbutz Guesthouse, Galilee (B, D)

Day 5, Wed: Religious History; Jerusalem - (Two Guides, Bus)

Drive down to Jerusalem, welcome a second guide and begin Mejdí's award-winning dual narrative approach to exploring the more contentious issues of the Holy Land. From the Mount of Olives, get an overview of Jerusalem's religious history. Then, visit

the Noble Sanctuary / Temple Mount, to see the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque. Discuss Islam and the politics of the site, and then explore the Muslim Quarter. Next, visit the Western Wall and Jewish Quarter. Finally, tour the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to learn about its history and today's delicate ecumenical status quo.

Hotel: Montefiore or Similar, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 6, Thur: Palestinian Narrative; Bethlehem - (Two Guides, Bus)

On Thursday, journey south and cross the checkpoint into Bethlehem. Walk the Separation Wall and visit the Banksy Museum before heading into Aida Refugee Camp. Discuss the issue of refugees with your two guides as you drive through Bethlehem for a discussion of the city today. Stop at Church of Nativity before visiting with a Palestinian farmer whose land is surrounded by Israeli settlements, and then with a representative from one of the settlements. Finish the day with a special home hospitality dinner in Bethany.

Hotel: Montefiore or Similar, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 7, Fri: Israeli Narrative and Shabbat; Jerusalem - (One Guide, Bus)

Explore Jerusalem's political history from an Israeli perspective. Pay a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum. Then, visit the Machne Yehuda Market with a cultural culinary tour. Take the afternoon off for shopping and self touring. End the day with a special group Shabbat dinner.

Hotel: Montefiore or Similar, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 8, Sat: Departure (One Group Transfer to Airport)

In the morning, depart for Ben Gurion airport with group transportation, or on own to your next destination.

End of Tour (B)