



MEJDI TOURS

Optional Pre-Trip Extension Tour: Northern Israel

Dates: November 1 - 3, 2021

Extension Cost: \$840 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 2 Dinners
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-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement Costs (\$175)
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Trip Description:

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.



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Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival (1 group transfer)

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Haifa. Check-in and rest / get ready for your journey starting tomorrow.
Hotel: Bay Club, Haifa (Dinner included)

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. Passing by the Mount of Beatitudes, 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. Return to Galilee for the evening.

Hotel: Daria, Galilee (Breakfast and Dinner included)

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.
(Breakfast and Lunch included)



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Optional Extension Tour: Jordan

Dates: November 13 - 16, 2021

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), Al Fanar Palace (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 speakers¹
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 (\$165)
Israeli Exit Tax (Approx. 105 ILS, or \$30 USD)
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Trip Description:

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:

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

- 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 the famous “Indiana Jones” filming site.

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 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 (Breakfast and Dinner included)

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 (Breakfast and Dinner included)

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 (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 4: Departure

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

(Breakfast included)