



Pre-Trip Extension Tour

Dates: February 8 - February 11, 2022

Included (Pre): 3 nights accommodation at hotels listed on itinerary
1 MEJDI guide for three days
3 days private bus transportation per itinerary
1 additional meal indicated as [D] on itinerary
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
Audio headsets for personal use
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not Included (Pre): International airfare
Travel insurance-**Recommended**
Single Supplement Costs - \$415
Any required COVID mitigation costs
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Airport transfers
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing Pre-Trip: 11-14 Paying Participants - \$1,325 per person
8-10 Paying Participants - \$1,395 per person

Itinerary:

Pre-Trip Extension – Day A, Wednesday, February 8, 2023: Arrival (No Guide, No Bus)

- Arrive into Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport and transfer on your own to the hotel in Jerusalem.

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel (Classic Room)

Pre-Trip Extension – Day B, Thursday, February 9, 2023: Modern History of the Jewish People (Guide, Bus)

- Pay a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum. Have lunch on your own at the museum.



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- Then visit Mount Herzl:
 - o Tour the Herzl Museum to learn about the history of Zionism through the perspective of Theodore Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement.
 - o Learn about Israel's wars and its victims at the military cemetery.
 - o Visit to the Memorial of Ethiopian Jews at Mount Herzl. There, learn about the waves of immigration of Ethiopian Jews to Israel via Sudan that started in the 1980s. By the end of that decade, some 17,000 immigrants arrived. The memorial site at Mount Herzl commemorates the thousands who died along the journey due to the harsh conditions that these immigrants faced.

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel [B]

Pre-Trip Extension – Day C, Friday, February 10, 2023: City of David/Silwan, Mount of Olives, and Shabbat
(Guide, Bus)

- Tour the “City of David” archaeological site. Learn about and visit the surrounding East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan.
- Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring the Mount of Olives’ Jewish cemetery and additional Christian sacred places.
- Spend Shabbat with a different egalitarian progressive Israeli community.
- Be hosted for Shabbat meals by Israeli families.

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel [B, D]

Pre-Trip Extension – Day D: Saturday, February 11, 2023: Masada, Dead Sea, and Meet Group
(Guide, Bus)

- Check out of the hotel after breakfast.
- Travel south to the mountaintop fortress of Masada. There, take in breathtaking views of the Judean Desert, explore the archaeological park, and learn the dramatic story of Masada’s role in the Great Revolt.
- Take a dip in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea.
- End the day in Tel Aviv. Check into the hotel and meet up with the rest of the group.

Hotel: See Day 1 Main Trip [B]



Post-Trip Extension Tour

Dates: February 18 - February 22, 2022

Included (Post): 4 nights accommodation at hotels listed on itinerary
1 MEJDI guide for four days
4 days private bus transportation per itinerary
3 additional meals indicated as [L, D] on itinerary
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
Audio headsets for personal use
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not Included (Post): International airfare
Travel insurance-**Recommended**
Single Supplement Costs - \$550
Any required COVID mitigation costs
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Airport transfers
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing Post-Trip: 11-14 Paying Participants - \$1,750 per person
8-10 Paying Participants - \$1,895 per person

Itinerary

Post Trip Extension

Post Trip Extension - Day A, Saturday night, February 18, 2023: Overnight in Jerusalem

See activities of Main Tour Day 8

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel, an Atlas Boutique Hotel



Post Trip Extension - Day B, Sunday, February 19, 2023: Jerusalem National Institutions (Guide, Bus)

- Start the morning off with a tour of the National Library that provides the opportunities to visit their collections of maps of Jerusalem, Judaica and Jewish texts, Islamic texts, and their sound and song collection.
- Have lunch on your own.
- In the afternoon, take an Art, Photography, and Archeology tour in the Knesset. The tour highlights the tapestries and mosaics by Marc Chagall in the Chagall State Hall; works by Moshe Castel and Reuven Rubin on the Government Floor; an exhibit of photographs by the Knesset's former official photographer, David Rubinger; the Second Temple period catacombs; the Archeological Garden; and more.
- In the late afternoon, explore the Ben Yehuda Street pedestrian area and learn about Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the street's namesake, who was considered "the reviver of the Hebrew language."
- Have dinner at Tmol Shilshom, a bookstore café West Jerusalem landmark. The great Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai read his poems at Tmol Shilshom's opening in 1994. Since then, many of the most prominent contemporary Israeli writers — like Amos Oz, Aharon Appelfeld, David Grossman and Etgar Keret — have regularly given readings from their latest books there. Learn more about Israeli literary history and culture from Tmol Shilshom's owners.

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel, an Atlas Boutique Hotel [B, D]

Post Trip Extension - Day C, Monday, February 20, 2023: Bethlehem (Guide, Bus)

- Enter the West Bank to go to Bethlehem. There, tour the separation barrier up close and discuss both its impact on Israelis and Palestinians and the images you see painted on the wall.
- Visit the Walled Off Hotel, set up and financed by world renowned Street Artist Banksy, to see their museum and art gallery. Have the opportunity to spray-paint a stenciled image onto paper as a souvenir to take home with you (for an additional cost).
- Tour the Aida Refugee Camp and visit the Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society.
- Have lunch at Afteem's vegetarian restaurant.
- Meet with Suzan Sahori, Director of Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans, a non-profit that works to spread the fair trade message in Palestine and links Palestinian producers to global fair trade markets. BFTA's mission is to empower the most vulnerable producers in Palestine, support them to become active agents in their own livelihoods, and develop their social rights and their communities. Their producers



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specialize in olive wood, embroidery, mother of pearl, olive oil soap, felt wool, and recycled products.

- Then take a cultural art walk tour in the Old City of Beit Sahour to discover the studios and showrooms of local Palestinian artists.
- Return to Jerusalem for dinner on your own.

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel, an Atlas Boutique Hotel [B, L]

Post Trip Extension - Day D, Tuesday, February 21, 2023: East Jerusalem (Guide, Bus)

- Begin the morning at the Rockefeller Archeological Museum, situated in a magnificent white limestone edifice in East Jerusalem. The Museum houses the extraordinary collection of antiquities unearthed in excavations conducted in the country mainly during the time of the British Mandate (1919-1948).
- Continue predominantly Palestinian neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem.
 - o Have lunch at the Educational Bookshop. Ahmad or Mahoud Muna from the Educational Bookshop will talk about what it means to be Palestinian East Jerusalemite rather than an Arab citizen of Israel or a Palestinian in the West Bank. Also hear about the history of the Educational Bookshop and the literary culture of Palestine.
 - o Visit the Palestinian Art Court-al Hoash to see a Palestinian contemporary art gallery.
 - o Visit the Palestinian Museum Dar al Tiffel and focus on Der Yassin and the destroyed and displaced Palestinian villages.
 - o Hear about the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, Orient House, and El Hakawati - Palestinian National Theatre as you pass by these institutions.
 - o Visit JEST, a home for the startup community in East Jerusalem, to promote & support technology, culture of innovation, and women
 - Alternatively, visit Alnayzak Innovation Lab. Their mission is to develop a new culture of scientific education for providing economic opportunities and advancing the daily lives of Palestinians.
- Return to the hotel and have dinner on your own.

Hotel: Bezalel Hotel, an Atlas Boutique Hotel [B, L]



Post Trip Extension - Day E, Wednesday, February 22, 2023: Ramallah and Birzeit
(Guide, Bus)

- Check out of your room after breakfast and store your luggage.
- Enter the West Bank and travel to the new multi-million dollar Palestinian Museum in Birzeit. The museum is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history, culture and society of modern Palestine.
- Then have a tour and tasting at Birzeit Brewery, makers of Shepherds Beer.
- After lunch, visit the Mahmoud Darwish Museum in Ramallah (if museum not open, visit Dar Zahran Heritage House).
- Round out the day with a demonstration and lesson in traditional Dabkeh folk dancing.
- Return to Jerusalem to end the tour.

Hotel: N/A [B]