



# MEJDI TOURS

## Holy Land Tour 2023 with The Fran Park Center

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### DAY 1: Saturday, Oct 28: Arrivals and Meetup (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
17:00	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, clear immigration & customs, collect your luggage then head to the Arrivals Hall to meet your driver holding a MEJDI sign. Take the group transfer to your hotel.
	Ascend to Jerusalem, with orienting narration en route.
20:00	Enjoy a <b>welcome reception</b> with your guide and fellow travelers at your hotel in Jerusalem.
Hotel:	Tantur, Jerusalem
Meals:	Dinner included

### DAY 2: Sunday, Oct 29: Christianity in Old City (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
	Rise early for breakfast at the hotel.
08:00	Take some time for worship in the <b>Tantur Chapel</b> .
08:30	Drive to the <b>Mt. of Olives</b> and make your way down on foot.
	En route on your way down, stop at the <b>Tomb of the Prophets</b> .
11:00	Visit Christian sites in and around the Old City: <b>Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Bethesda Pools, and St. Anne's Church</b> .
13:00	Enjoy a simple group lunch.
15:00	Embark on a thorough tour of <b>Church of the Holy Sepulchre</b> .
	Continue to <b>Mt Zion</b> to visit the Cenacle and Dormition Abbey.
18:00	Back at your hotel, hear from 2 speakers from the <b>Parents Circle Family Forum</b> , Israeli and Palestinian peacemakers.
	Sit down to dinner at your hotel then relax for the evening.
Hotel:	Tantur, Jerusalem
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

### Day 3: Monday, Oct 30: Al Aqsa / Temple Mount, Mt Zion & Yad Vashem (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
	Have breakfast at the hotel then head to the lobby to meet your guide.
08:00	Visit the <b>Temple Mount / Noble Sanctuary</b> for a close view of the iconic Dome of the Rock and al Aqsa Mosque.
	Take some time for reflection at the <b>Western Wall</b> and discuss the history of these key sites in Jewish and Muslim tradition, as well as current issues.
13:00	Stop for lunch as a group.
	Visit <b>Galicantu Church</b> then depart for a sobering visit to Yad Vashem.
15:20	Explore & reflect at <b>Yad Vashem</b> , the Holocaust memorial museum.

<b>18:00</b>	<b>Meeting</b> with Yoav Peck and Jeff Halper at Tantur- organized by your group leader
	Sit down to dinner at your hotel and discuss your thoughts on the day with your fellow travelers.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Tantur, Jerusalem</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included</b>

#### DAY 4: Tuesday, Oct 31: Bethlehem (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:30</b>	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then meet your guide in the lobby.
<b>08:00</b>	Depart the hotel on foot & head to the <b>Bethlehem District</b> (walk through the checkpoint - for those interested).
<b>09:00</b>	Meet with a representative from <b>Holy Land Trust</b> .
	Tour <b>Nativity Church</b> recalling the birth of Christ.
<b>13:00</b>	Lunch in Bethlehem.
	Stop in <b>Shepherd's Field</b> in the town of Beit Sahour.
<b>17:00</b>	Make a brief stop at your hotel to get ready for dinner.
<b>18:00</b>	For dinner, travel to <b>Bethany</b> to experience home hospitality & a Palestinian meal.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Tantur, Jerusalem</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included</b>

#### Day 5: Wednesday, Nov 1: Bethlehem (No Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:30</b>	Have breakfast at the hotel, then check out and meet your group in the lobby.
	Enjoy a full day of touring with our partners at <b>Dar Al Khalima, Bethlehem</b> .
<b>13:30</b>	Break for lunch then continue your touring.
<b>18:00</b>	Check into your hotel then enjoy dinner at the hotel with <b>Mitri Raheb</b> for an in-depth discussion.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Ambassador City Hotel, Bethlehem</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included</b>

#### Day 6: Thursday, Nov 2: Jordan Valley, Masada and Dead Sea (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:30</b>	Sit down to a quick breakfast at the hotel then check out and meet your group in the lobby. <i>Don't forget to pack a day bag with your swimsuit &amp; water shoes for your visit to the Dead Sea today!</i>
<b>08:00</b>	Depart for the <b>Judean Desert</b> .
<b>08:30</b>	Hear from a Bedouin Speaker with <b>Rabbis for Human Rights</b> .
<b>12:00</b>	Make a stop in the desert (TBD) before continuing to <b>Masada</b> . There you take the gondola up to tour Herod's desert fortress.
<b>12:30</b>	Enjoy lunch in Massada then depart for the Dead Sea.
<b>16:00</b>	Float in <b>Dead Sea</b> as desired.
	Continue onward to the famous ancient city of Jericho to check into your hotel.
<b>18:00</b>	Enjoy dinner at the hotel then relax for the evening.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Jericho Village Resort, Jericho</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included</b>

#### Day 7: Friday, Nov 3: Baptism and Transfiguration (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:30</b>	Have a quick breakfast at the hotel this morning, check out, then meet your guide in the lobby before 8am.
<b>08:00</b>	Depart on a guided tour to the sites of <b>Jericho</b> .
	Ascend the <b>Mt of Temptation</b> via cable car and take in the scenic vistas of the surrounding landscape.
<b>11:00</b>	Visit the <b>Qumran Caves</b> where the infamous Dead Sea scrolls were discovered.
<b>12:00</b>	Stop for a short group lunch.

<b>13:00</b>	Continue to <b>Mount Tabor</b> , where you can choose either to hike or take the shuttle up to the <b>Church of the Transfiguration</b> .
	After a full day of touring, head to your hotel in Tiberias and check in.
<b>19:00</b>	Have dinner at the hotel then get some much needed & well-deserved rest.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Scots Hotel, Tiberias</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included</b>

#### DAY 8: Saturday, Nov 4: Around the Galilee (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:30</b>	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel then meet your guide & group in the lobby.
<b>08:00</b>	Set off for a visit to <b>Capernaum</b> (site of Jesus' ministry), <b>Tabgha</b> , and the <b>Mount of Beatitudes</b> .
	Stop at the museum in Ginosar to see a 2000-year-old fishing boat, carefully recovered & restored from the shallows of the Galilee.
<b>13:00</b>	Participate in the Pilgrims' tradition of a <b>St. Peter Fish</b> lunch.
<b>14:15</b>	Embark on a boat ride on the <b>Sea of Galilee</b> .
	Close the day with a visit to <b>Migdal</b> , hometown of Mary of Magdala.
<b>19:00</b>	Return to the hotel for dinner & leisure time.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Scots Hotel, Tiberias</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included</b>

#### DAY 9: Sunday, Nov 5: Nazareth (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:30</b>	Have breakfast at the hotel then meet your guide in the lobby.
<b>08:00</b>	Depart for full day of touring in <b>Nazareth</b> .
	On your way to Nazareth stop for morning worship then visit <b>Mary's Well and St. Gabriel Church</b> .
	Enjoy free time in the <b>soukh</b> and lunch on your own.
	Visit the <b>Basilica of the Annunciation</b> with its many artistic depictions of Mary & Christchild from around the world.
<b>17:00</b>	Later, meet a local <b>Palestinian Citizen of Israel</b> to hear about life in the region.
<b>19:00</b>	Return to your hotel & sit down to dinner.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Scots Hotel, Tiberias</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast and Dinner included</b>

#### Day 10: Monday, Nov 6: Haifa, Muhraqa and Caesarea (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:00</b>	Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel, then check out and meet your guide in the lobby.
<b>08:00</b>	Head to the <b>Yardenit Baptismal site</b> for renewal of Baptismal vows.
<b>10:00</b>	Then, head south along the coast to <b>Caesarea</b> .
<b>13:00</b>	Break for lunch on your own (not included) in Caesarea.
	Continue to <b>Tel Aviv</b> where you check into your hotel.
<b>17:00</b>	Have a meeting with <b>4 activists</b> ?????
	Sit down to dinner on own (not included) in Tel Aviv.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast included</b>

#### Day 11: Tuesday, Nov 7: Tel Aviv-Jaffa (Guide, Bus)

Hours	Activity
<b>07:00</b>	Enjoy breakfast at your hotel then head to the lobby to meet your guide by 8am.
<b>08:00</b>	Depart on a guided tour of <b>Old Jaffa</b> , including a visit to the <b>Church of St. Peter</b> .
<b>11:00</b>	Stop for a visit to <b>Open House in Ramleh</b> .

	Take the <b>Independence Path</b> in Tel Aviv and make your way to the <b>HaCarmel Shuk</b> where you enjoy lunch on your own ( <i>not included</i> ).
<b>18:00</b>	End your final day of touring with a <b>closing celebration dinner</b> at a local restaurant (Villa Mare) in Jaffa with your guide.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv</b>
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast &amp; Dinner included</b>
<b>Day 12: Wednesday, Nov 8: Departure / Jordan Post-tour Extension (Bus Transfer)</b>	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	Have your last breakfast of the tour then check out of the hotel & meet the group in the lobby.
	There is one group bus transfer to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. There you catch either a homeward-bound flight or, if continuing on to Jordan, fly to Eilat near the Jordanian border.
<b>Hotel:</b>	<b>N/A</b> ( <i>Hayatt Zaman Hotel, Jordan for those continuing on the post-tour extension</i> )
<b>Meals:</b>	<b>Breakfast included</b>