



MEJDI TOURS

**MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION:
Transformation through the Dual Narrative™ Tour**

Dates: November 9 - 16, 2023

Included: 7 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at the following hotels or similar; Market House Hotel (Tel Aviv-Jaffa), Harmony Hotel (Jerusalem)
2 MEJDI-Trained Guides for 6 days
6 days of private bus transportation
Meals listed in the itinerary: 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not Included: International airfare
Travel insurance-**REQUIRED**
Single Supplement Costs
Covid testings/treatment of any kind
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Itinerary:

Day 1: Thursday, Arrival - Introduction to the Dual Narrative™ - Tel Aviv (No Bus, No Guides)

Transfer to your hotel (on your own). Check-in and rest / get ready for your journey starting tomorrow.

Hotel: Tel Aviv

Day 2: Friday, Starting the Journey through the Narratives (Bus, 2 Guides)

Meet your Israeli and Palestinian guides, who introduce themselves and explain the exciting **Dual Narrative™ perspectives** you will hear on the trip. Learn the dual histories of the Arab and Jewish cities, including an explanation of the birth of **Tel Aviv** and the **Zionist movement**. Walk along **Rothschild Blvd to view Bauhaus**



architecture, Neve Tzedek Neighbourhood and Rabin Square. After lunch, tour Jaffa and hear about the struggles of life in Arab Jaffa. Explore the 4000 years old history of the area and its transformation through time. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers, guides and meet with local American-Israeli artist Beth Shahrar.

Hotel: Tel Aviv (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Day 3: Saturday, Ramle and Lod

After breakfast, make your way to the neighboring cities of Ramle and Lod, a unique community of Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Visit a local **Community Center**, hearing from a number of speakers focused on coexistence. Visit the **Church of Saint George, Mosque of Al-Khidr and a Synagogue** before heading back to Jaffa. Have lunch on your own and continue that day with a visit to **Anu** (formerly known as the **Diaspora Museum**) to discuss the history and current state of the Jewish people around the world; legacy, culture and personal stories.

Hotel: Tel Aviv (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Day 4: Sunday, Haifa to Ramallah - History from Different Angles (Bus, 2 Guides)

Travel to Haifa to meet with **Hadas Tsur, an Israeli attorney** and her legal colleagues. Together we will host a mediation workshop. Then, head to **Ramallah** and meet a **local activist** for a walking **food tour in Old Ramallah** and hear about local food, restaurants, and personal stories. Before dinner, meet with **Samir Huleileh**, the Chief Executive Officer of Palestine Development and Investment Ltd. Return to Jerusalem to have dinner hosted by a **local Palestinian family**.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner included)

Day 5: Monday, Bethlehem and Dinner with Journalist (Bus, 2 Guides)

Travel to **Bethlehem**, to visit the **Church of the Nativity, Manger Square**, and the old city of Bethlehem. There, meet with a **local peacebuilding NGO rep** in Bethlehem.



Afterwards, see the colorful and **controversial graffiti** on the **Separation Wall**. Over dinner, meet with **Gershon Baskin**, a scholar, peace activist & journalist.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Day 6 – Tuesday, Three Religions – One City (No Bus, 2 Guides)

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, meet with **local Rabbi Daniel Roth, a well-known professor & scholar**. 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. This afternoon, visit **Neve Shalom** (*Wahat al-Salam* in Arabic meaning "oasis of peace"), Palestinians and Jews working together for equality, justice, and peace.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast included)

Day 7 – Wednesday, Masada, Dead Sea and Jordan River (Bus, 2 Guides)

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. Have lunch at a nearby **Ein Gedi Kibbutz**. Afterwards, learn about the **Dead Sea Valley environmental challenges** (i.e. water level recession) and enjoy free time to float on the **Dead Sea**. Then, head back to your hotel to rest and freshen up before leaving for your farewell dinner.

Hotel: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner included)

Day 8 - Thursday, Departure (No Bus, No Guide)

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

(Breakfast served before check-out)