

# BEACON OF LIGHT TOUR: A SPECIAL DUAL-NARRATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH TOMORROW'S WOMEN PEACEMAKERS THROUGHOUT ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

**Dates:** February 25 - March 8, 2025

**Included:** 11 nights' accommodation at the following hotels (double

occupancy), or similar hotel as necessary:

• October 15-18: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv

• October 18-19: Akkotika Boutique Hotel, Akko

• October 19-21: Carmel Hotel, Ramallah

• October 21-26: St George Hotel, Jerusalem

1 MEJDI-Trained Guide for 3 days (Mar 1-3)

2 MEJDI-Trained Guides for 7 days (Feb 26-28 & Mar 4-7)

10 days of private bus transportation

Meals listed in the itinerary: 11 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Water on bus throughout tour

Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff

Dedicated pre-trip traveler service and on-ground support

**Not** International airfare

included: Travel and Medical insurance-HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Single Supplement - \$1,400 per person (Limited Availability)

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary Individual / Group airport transfers

Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section





## Itinerary:

## Day 1: Tuesday, Feb 25, Arrival (No Transportation, No Guides)

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. After passing customs, transfer on your own to **Tel Aviv** for the night.

Have a **free evening** to rest and prepare for the tour ahead.

**Lodging:** Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv (No Meals included)

#### Day 2: Wednesday, Feb 26, Jaffa (Bus, 2 Guides)

Have breakfast at the hotel before meeting your 2 guides - one Palestinian, one Israeli to begin your **Dual Narrative journey**. Begin with a walking tour of Tel Aviv-Jaffa; Walk through **Rothschild Blvrd** taking the **Independence Path** - discuss the founding of Israel and proceed to the **Hostage Square**. There, **meet with family members of Israeli hostages**.

After lunch on your own at one of the **local Shuks (markets)**, tour the **Jaffa Port** and **Old City** to discuss the Nakba and Palestinian views on the current situation. Then, visit a **Bilingual Kindergarten** and meet the founder, Ihab.

This evening, over dinner, hear from a **member** of **Tomorrow's Women** about Israel and the different programs.

**Lodging:** Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast and Dinner Included)

# Day 3: Thursday, Feb 27, Rahat/Sderot (Bus, 2 Guides)

Have Breakfast at your hotel and depart for **Rahat** for a meeting with **Aisha AlZiadna**, a **Bedouin Entrepreneur** that will speak to the effects of Oct 7th and the Israel-Hamas war on her community and family.

Then meet with a representative from **Ajeec**, an Arab-Jewish NGO focused on creating social change.

Head to the city of **Sderot**, located near the Gaza strip for a tour and **meet with a representative** of a Gaza border town. Have lunch with **Tomorrow's Women members** (on your own) and return to Tel Aviv for **Dinner with Dalia Landau** from the **Open House** at your hotel.

**Lodging:** Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)





# Day 4: Friday, Feb 28, Haifa and Akko (Bus, 2 Guides)

Have Breakfast at your Hotel with **Tomorrow's Women** Peace Staff (3 staff included). Then make your way along the coast to **Akko** Stopping for an Overview of the **Bahai Gardens in Haifa.** In Haifa, meet with members of **Standing Together** to hear about their work within mixed cities/communities.

In Akko, meet with **campers and parents** and enjoy a **local group lunch**.

Check in to your hotel and then take an evening tour of Old Akko including a visit to the **Jewish-Arab Center** to hear about the effect of the conflict on the local community. End the day with **dinner out on your own**.

**Lodging:** Akkotika Boutique Hotel, Akko (Breakfast and Lunch Included)

Day 5: Saturday, Mar 1, Samaria and Ramallah (Bus, 1 Palestinian Guide)

Check out after breakfast at your Hotel and depart for **Ramallah.** There, meet with **Palestinian Peace-Building NGO representatives.** 

Tour Ramallah with one of the local TW members, get a sneak peak to what daily life looks like in the city. Then, visit the **Mahmoud Darwish Museum**.

End the day with a group Dinner together with **Tomorrow's Women** parents and daughters (arranged by TW).

**Lodging:** Carmel Hotel, Ramallah (Breakfast and Lunch Included)

Day 6: Sunday, Mar 2, West Bank (Bus, 1 Palestinian Guide)

After breakfast, make your way to the **Settlement of Psagot**, discuss the settlement movement and meet with one of the **Yesha Council members**.

Back in Ramallah meet with a **Palestinian politician** OR **Businessman** over lunch before a visit to the **Arafat Tomb and Museum.** 

**Have a zoom** with a **former Gaza resident** to hear their experience from the recent war. Enjoy Dinner on your own in Ramallah.

**Lodging:** Carmel Hotel, Ramallah (Breakfast and Lunch Included)





# Day 7: Monday, Mar 3, West Bank (Bus, 1 Palestinian Guide)

Check out after breakfast at your hotel and depart towards **Bethlehem**. Take a **Political tour** of the city - **Separation Barrier**, **Banksy Museum** and **Refugee camp**.

Then, tour the **Church of the Nativity** and meet with a **local Christian Leader** to hear their role in the war.

From there, continue to Jerusalem, check in to your hotel and prepare for a **Local Home Hospitality dinner at a Palestinian Family's home.** 

**Lodging:** St George Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Dinner Included)

## Day 8: Tuesday, Mar 4, Jerusalem (Bus, 2 Guides)

After breakfast at your hotel depart for the day to the **Old City of Jerusalem**.

Take a half day **Dual Narrative tour** of the Old City - Discuss the politics of the **Temple Mount**, **Western Wall** and **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** 

After some free time to explore and have lunch, visit the **Mount of Olives** and return to your hotel.

This evening meet with representatives from the **Parents Circle Bereaved Family Forum** at your hotel.

**Lodging:** St George Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast Included)

#### Day 9: Wednesday, Mar 5, Jerusalem (Bus, 2 Guides)

After breakfast at your hotel, meet with a **Member (or former member) of Knesset.** Then, pay a visit to **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Memorial Museum. From there, take a tour of the **Machane Yehuda market**, taste your way through for a light lunch. Enjoy a Free afternoon to reflect, stroll around or shop. Dinner will be on your own before meeting a representative of **Breaking the Silence**.

**Lodging:** St George Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast Included)

#### Day 10: Thursday, Mar 6, Dead Sea and Masada (Bus, 2 Guides)

After breakfast at your hotel, head south towards the ancient fortress of **Masada**. Take the cable car up to tour the site and then enjoy a dip in the mineral rich waters of the **Dead Sea**.





Before heading back to Jerusalem, stop at **Auja** to hear from a **Eco Peace** representative about the use of environmental challenges towards peace.

**Lodging:** St George Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Lunch Included)

# Day 11: Friday, Mar 7, Jerusalem with Alumni & Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salaam (Bus, 2 Guides)

After breakfast at your hotel, meet with your TW tour guides - Palestinian Alum Lana Ikelan, a journalist working for Standing Together and Israeli Alum Noga Oz Bar, an Israeli musician conducting an orchestra for Jewish, Arab Israeli and Palestinian kids. Tour East & West Jerusalem and continue for Lunch with TW girls and family at Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salaam – the "Oasis of Peace". Afterwards, take a village tour with one of the girls.

Return to Jerusalem for a Farewell Dinner.

**Lodging:** St George Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Dinner Included)

# Day 12: Saturday, Mar 8, Departure (Transfer, No Guides)

Check out and transfer on your own to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight home.

(Breakfast Included)

