



Hope in the Holy Land: A Shared Learning Journey in Israel & Palestine

August 1-9, 2026

TOUR ITINERARY

Travelers are encouraged to depart the US on Friday, July 31, arriving to TLV on Saturday, August 1. It is also possible to depart the US on Saturday, August 1, arriving to TLV no later than 5pm on Sunday, August 2. Airport transfers are included.

Day 1: Arrival - Saturday, August 1

- Travelers arrive at TLV airport and transfer to their Tel Aviv accommodations.
- Group transfer included for travelers arriving via UA flight from Washington, DC at 4:40pm.
- Havdalah by the beach or at the hotel, joined by MEJDI guide or representative

OVERNIGHT: Tel Aviv

MEALS: N/A

Day 2: First Hebrew City - Sunday, August 2

- *Touring begins in the early afternoon.*
- Stop for lunch (not included) en route to Dizengoff Square, Gan Meir and the Trumpeldor Tel Aviv Cemetery, exploring the formation and evolution of the “First Hebrew City” over the course of a century. Enjoy leisure time at the hotel or by the beach in the late afternoon.
- Gather in the evening for an “Israel Map” orientation workshop with your MEJDI guide

OVERNIGHT: Tel Aviv

MEALS: Breakfast Included



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Day 3: Jaffa-Tel Aviv Past & Present - Monday, August 3

- Jaffa Tour - the history of an ancient port, development of an urban landscape and discussion of identity with a bi-national, Jewish-Arab youth movement
- Recreation & Leisure - bike or boat in scenic Yarkon Park
- Group welcome dinner at Balinjera - Ethiopian Jewish cuisine

OVERNIGHT: Tel Aviv

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 4: People & Perspectives - Tuesday, August 4

- Rabin Center discussion on the leadership and public legacy the late Israeli Prime Minister
- Markets & Murals - a tour of taste and perspective, delving into local cuisine and political expression through graffiti across the southern neighborhoods of Tel Aviv
- Visits to hostage square and sites of protest with representative of Standing Together movement

OVERNIGHT: Tel Aviv

MEALS: Breakfast and lunch included

Day 5: The Ascent - Wednesday, August 5

Late start for time at leisure, beach, etc.

- Weizmann Institute visit - science and higher education in Israel
- Pick activity such as [Ayalon Institute](#); [Holon Children's Museum](#); [Design Museum](#); [Neot Kedumim](#); or [Biblical Zoo](#), (activity selection based on ages of young people in the group)
- “Ascend” to Jerusalem, take in the view from southern promenade upon arrival
- Evening-time orientation walking tour including Mahane Yehuda market by night

OVERNIGHT: Jerusalem

MEALS: Breakfast included





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Day 6: Over the Line - Thursday, August 6

- Old City "Dual Narrative" exploration led by two MEJDI guides - one Jewish Israeli and one Palestinian; discuss Abrahamic faith traditions, the city's Ottoman walls and four quarters; Roman ruins below the surface; and varying perspectives on the Temple Mount / Al Aqsa complex; stop at a famous hummus joint for lunch
- Intro to West Bank, viewing security/separation barrier (*Banksy Museum visit, time permitting*)
- Visit to Tent of Nations possibly including light volunteering
- Home hospitality dinner in Bethlehem/Beit Sahour including guest from Parents Circle, Land for All, or similar organization

OVERNIGHT: *Jerusalem*

MEALS: *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*

Day 7: Memory & Tradition - Friday, August 7

- Yad Vashem - Israel's Holocaust museum
- Mahane Yehuda market for lunch
- Afternoon return to the Old City for an Armenian Pottery Workshop
- Kabbalat Shabbat with local progressive congregation, followed by group dinner

OVERNIGHT: *Jerusalem*

MEALS: *Breakfast and dinner included*





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Day 8: Desert Landscapes, Stories - Saturday, August 8

- Visit Jericho/Auja area, meet activist from Combatants for Peace
- Ein Gedi light hike to Nahal Arugot with opportunity for dip in its natural spring
- Arrive at the Dead Sea for a resort lunch and lounge, including access to the beach
- Masada via cable car - discussion of Herod, Jewish sectarianism and powerful moments in time
- Havdalah together back in Jerusalem

OVERNIGHT: *Jerusalem*

MEALS: *Breakfast and lunch included*

Day 9: Looking Ahead - Sunday, August 9

Check out in morning, or extend stay for an additional cost.

- Volunteer with Jerusalem Food Rescuers
- Visit Hand-in-Hand School to learn about bi-lingual education in the city and across Israel
- Educational Bookshop - browse the East Jerusalem Palestinian cultural hub
- Free time, then closing dinner and reflections

Main trip concludes with dinner on Sunday and transfer to the airport for travelers with late night (11pm-1am) flights.

OVERNIGHT: *N/A*

MEALS: *Breakfast and dinner included*

Upon registration, please indicate if interested in a 3 days/3 nights extension (evening of August 9 - evening of August 12) including visits to the Gaza Envelope; the Galilee (Tzfat, Kinneret, lower Golan Heights); Haifa-Akko-Rosh Hanikra. Full itinerary and pricing forthcoming.

