



Multiple Voices, Multiple Narratives TBE Israel/Palestine Journey

February 3-10, 2027

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival - Wednesday, February 3

- **Afternoon arrival** and transfer to accommodations (*short touring options available to those arriving earlier in day or night before*).
- **Welcome & Dinner** – Begin the journey with introductions, framing goals and approaches to encountering holding multiple narratives, and deepening understanding. Group dinner at a local Jerusalem restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

MEALS: Dinner Included

Day 2: Jerusalem Perspectives - Thursday, February 4

- **Sacred Ground** - Begin an exploration of Jerusalem's layered identities from Misheknot Sha'ananim, the first Jewish neighborhood built outside the Old City walls. Connect the evolution of Jerusalem since the 19th century with its deeper roots.
- **Holy Mountain** - Reach the Kotel for moments of reflection, then ascend as a group to the Temple Mount / Noble Sanctuary with two guides - one Jewish Israeli and one Palestinian. Remember Jewish Temples of previous millennia and hear about Islamic attachment to Al Aqsa. Stroll the vast plaza surrounding the Dome of the Rock, calling attention to underlying national and political sensitivities that make this remarkably tranquil site so volatile. Later, meet a representative of Women of the Wall to hear the case for egalitarian prayer at the site and about recent developments in government policy increasing Orthodox control at the site.
- **Promenade** - Depart the Old City, heading south for a look back towards the center of Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade, as both East and West parts of the city come into view.
- **Hand-in-Hand** - Tour the local branch of the Yad b'Yad network of bilingual Hebrew-Arabic schools to hear from its educators about the challenges inherent within this educational framework and the power of language to build bridges. Meet with school parents (*pending availability*) to learn about the experience.

OVERNIGHT: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

MEALS: Breakfast and lunch included



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Day 3: Memory, Identity & the Market - Friday, February 5

- **Yad Vashem** - Pay tribute to those lost in the Shoah on a visit to Israel's Holocaust museum and memorial. Remember this most painful moment in history and reflect on the meaning of the "Never Again" imperative in this moment.
- **Belonging** - Just a few minutes away, briefly visit Har Herzl to reflect on how Israel honors its leaders, and service members it's lost. Engage critically with the intertwining of tragedy, sacrifice, national revival, and military centrality — alongside the reality that many communities within Israeli society do not serve.
- **Downtown** - Grab lunch at the bustling Mahane Yehuda marketplace as it winds down in preparation for Shabbat.

Prepare for Shabbat and join one or more local communities for Kabbalat Shabbat services (i.e. Zion, Shira Chadasha, Kol Hanesama, etc). Come back together for dinner at your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner included

Day 4: Shabbat - Saturday, February 6

Enjoy a relaxed morning with options for services at local synagogues or a Talbiye-Katamon neighborhood walk led by your guide.

- **Old City & Beyond** - Return to the Old City, this time entering through the Jaffa Gate, passing sites of meaning for Jewish, Armenian, Christian and Muslim communities. Step inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and walk along the *Via Dolorosa*, discussing ancient history and tensions around recent neighborhood developments.
- **Jewish Quarter** - Make your way past the Hurva Synagogue, see the Roman Cardo below, and arrive at the Western Wall plaza, reflecting on the enduring connection of the Jewish people with Jerusalem.
- **Salah a Din** - Move out from the Old City through the Damascus Gate to the Educational Bookshop. Meet a representative of the family that has long managed and curated this cultural hub in downtown East Jerusalem

Return to your accommodation for a group Havdalah and conversation on the judicial overhaul process three years on, shifting coalitions, protest movements, and Israeli democracy.

OVERNIGHT: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

MEALS: Breakfast included





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Day 5: Beyond the Line - Sunday, February 7

- **Torat Tzedek** - Meet Rabbi Arik Ascherman (*pending availability*), whose organization advocates on behalf of vulnerable Palestinian communities, especially in Area C of the West Bank. Discuss the religious imperative to pursue justice and gain a better understanding of the changing landscape between the outskirts of Jerusalem and rural Palestinian life.
- **Road to Hebron/Al-Khalil** - Hear from a representative of a Jewish community/settlement in the Gush Ezion area south of Jerusalem (or Hebron area) about their claims to the land, then continue to Hebron (*pending security review*) for lunch and exploration of the complex urban terrain surrounding one of the holiest sites of the Abrahamic faiths: Cave of the Patriarchs - Ibrahimi Mosque.

Palestinian guide joins the group for a partial day, including some of the touring en route to and within Hebron.

Continue to Tel Aviv for the evening.

OVERNIGHT: *Prima Tel Aviv*

MEALS: *Breakfast and lunch included*

Day 6: Tel Aviv Tastes & Collective Memory - Monday, February 8

- **Hebrew City, “Start Up” Nation** - Walk along Rothschild Boulevard and the surrounding “White City,” tracing Tel Aviv’s evolution from early 20th-century Zionist suburb to the beating heart of the modern Israeli economy. Alongside this dynamism, examine widening socioeconomic gaps and tensions between Tel Aviv and Israel’s periphery.
- **Global Flavor** - Walk through Levinsky Market, long shaped by Balkan, Persian, and North African Jewish immigrants, and now situated within one of the city’s most rapidly changing neighborhoods.
- **Murals of the Moment** - Continue into Florentin and South Tel Aviv, where graffiti and street art function as a public diary of the nation — reflecting post-October 7 grief, hostage advocacy, protest movements, anger toward political leadership, and calls for solidarity.
- **Balinjera** - After time at leisure in the afternoon, gather for an Ethiopian dinner and discussion with your hosts about the history and rich heritage of their community in Israel.

OVERNIGHT: *Prima Tel Aviv*

MEALS: *Breakfast and dinner included*





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Day 7: The Center - Resilience and Opportunity - Tuesday, February 9

Visit the NATAL offices in the morning, for a conversation about mental health, trauma and the lasting impacts of conflict both individual and communal. Explore the center of the country and its crucial coastal plain along a millenia-old trade route. Stop at a kibbutz then visit Lod/Ramla to open a conversation about the challenges and opportunities of mixed cities for both Jewish and Arab residents.

Alternatively, the group will journey north towards the “Triangle” region, known for its concentration of Israeli-Arab/Palestinian municipalities to hear from local organizers and community advancement initiatives.

OVERNIGHT: Prima Tel Aviv

MEALS: Breakfast and lunch included

Day 8: From the Past, for the Future - Wednesday, February 10

- **Peoplehood** - Visit ANU – Museum of the Jewish People for a sweeping exploration of Jewish civilization across continents and centuries. Examine how Jewish identity has continually adapted to changing political and cultural realities and consider how the State of Israel fits within the broader arc of Jewish history. For another take, remain on campus at Tel Aviv University for a discussion with a Druze student from the north of Israel on minority identity and opportunity within this context.
- **Jaffa Voices** - Continue to Jaffa for lunch and a unique tour guided with help from members of a local bi-national Israeli-Palestinian youth movement, examining the evolution of an ancient city and passing through neighborhoods animated by stories of partnership. Meet a local activist from the Standing Together movement for further reflection on the prospects for Jewish-Palestinian solidarity in Israel to build a more inclusive future.
- *After group reflection and farewell dinner at a nearby restaurant, transfer to the airport for late-night departing flights (non-stop US-bound departures between 11:30pm Saturday - 1:00am Sunday).*

Travelers taking later flights or extending their stay may keep their Tel Aviv accommodation for an additional cost.

OVERNIGHT: N/A

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner included

