

THE FUTURE IS PEACE TOUR

with Aziz Abu Sarah & Maoz Inon

Travel with peacebuilders and co-authors Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon through Israel and Palestine on an immersive journey following the arc of their book, *The Future is Peace*. From opposing sides of a longstanding conflict they guide you through their homeland, sharing their experiences and how it shaped them.

Dates: February 16 - 22, 2027

+Optional extension tours available



Tour Overview & Summary:

- *Explore Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Gaza-border communities with expert local voices*
- *Engage with diverse voices working to transform conflict into collaboration*
- *Visit communities deeply impacted by October 7*
- *Connect with peacebuilding groups like Combatants for Peace and Standing Together*
- *Share in a Palestinian harvest—connecting through land, stories, and lived experience*
- *Break bread with fellow peacebuilders*

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ITINERARY & INFORMATION

February 16: Welcome & Orientation

Transfer to the first hotel (transfer options will be provided). In the evening, join the group for a welcome dinner and introductions.

Overnight in Tel Aviv (Dinner included)*
*Pre-stays can be arranged for those arriving early.



February 17: Southern Israel-Gaza Envelope

Meet Aziz and Maoz for an opening orientation, setting the tone for your Dual Narrative journey with curiosity, active listening, and respect.

Travel south to the Gaza border communities ("Gaza Envelope"), stopping at a scenic overlook to explore the region's geopolitical realities and daily life.

Visit Netiv HaAsara, where Maoz shares his personal story of loss, resilience, and the human impact of October 7 and the years of conflict leading up to it.

Overnight in Tel Aviv (Breakfast, Lunch included)



February 18: Identity, Activism, and Aspirations

Begin in Jaffa, exploring its layered history while engaging with a Palestinian activist on identity, the Nakba, and the lived experience of Palestinian citizens of Israel.

Meet with a Jewish-Arab grassroots movement advancing equality and shared society; alternatively, engage with Physicians for Human Rights Israel on healthcare access and humanitarian realities in Gaza.

Travel to Jerusalem to check-in to the next hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch included)





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February 19: Dual Narratives of Jerusalem

Explore Jerusalem's Old City on a full-day Dual Narrative journey, walking its four quarters as your guides share the intersecting, and at times conflicting, histories and perspectives. Discuss sacred space, contested sovereignty, and the spiritual and national significance Jerusalem holds for multiple communities.

In the afternoon, continue to East Jerusalem to explore contemporary realities, including a visit to the Educational Bookshop for a conversation on literature, identity, and Palestinian intellectual life.

Overnight in Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch included)



February 20: West Bank-Bethlehem

Travel into the West Bank to explore Bethlehem and its surrounding areas. Meet with representatives from Combatants for Peace, a joint Israeli-Palestinian movement of former fighters who now advocate for nonviolent resistance and reconciliation.

Visit Aziz's family home in Bethany for a personal window into Palestinian daily life and family history.

Tour Bethlehem, including: The Separation Barrier, A local refugee camp, and The Walled Off Hotel (Banksy Hotel), where art and activism intersect. Return to Jerusalem in the evening.

Overnight in Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch included)



February 21: Nazareth

Travel north to Nazareth, Israel's largest Arab city, for an overview of 1948 and its lasting impact on identity, civic life, and economic development among Palestinian citizens of Israel.



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Nazareth (continued)

Hear Maoz's journey into social entrepreneurship, including the founding of the Fauzi Azar Inn—now a cultural education center dedicated to dialogue and cross-cultural exchange.

Conclude with meetings with local entrepreneurs reshaping Nazareth's economy, exploring how grassroots initiatives foster dignity, shared life, and renewed hope.

Overnight in Nazareth (Breakfast, Lunch included)



February 22: Jesus Trail

Explore the natural and historical landscapes of the Galilee region. Visit Kibbutz Lavi, The Horns of Hattin-site of the pivotal 1187 battle between Crusader and Muslim forces, The ancient Mount Arbel ruins overlooking the Sea of Galilee, Tabgha.

Throughout the day, reflect on how sacred geography, memory, and narrative shape both religious imagination and modern political identity.

In the evening, gather for a closing briefing and guided reflection session.

One group transfer will be made following dinner to the Ben Gurion International airport for evening departures.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)



February 23: Post-stay & Extension Tours

For those departing later we can assist with accommodation per request (remain in Nazareth, move closer to the airport, Tel Aviv, etc)

For those joining one of the optional extension tours, accomodations will be included.





ACCOMMODATIONS & INCLUSIONS

Dates: February 16 - 22, 2027

Pricing:
$4,200 per person in a Double Room
$5,075 per person in a Single Room

Included:

- 6 nights' accommodation
- 2 MEJDI/InterAct experts daily—Aziz Abu Sarah throughout; Maoz Inon most days
- 7 days of private bus transportation, including
- 1 group departure airport transfer
- Meals listed in the itinerary:
  6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
- Audio headsets on touring days
- Water on bus throughout tour
- Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
- Dedicated pre-trip traveler service and on-ground support

Not included:

- International airfare
- Travel and Medical insurance-HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Optional Extension Tours

(pricing and details TBD)

Hebron/South Hebron Hills Tour with Breaking the Silence

ACCOMMODATIONS

The following hotels are planned accommodations, or similar alternatives of comparable quality.

Link Hotel (Tel Aviv)
Feb 16-18, 2027*

Arthur Hotel (Jerusalem)
Feb 18-21, 2027

Michele House (Nazareth)
Feb 21-22, 2027*

Pre-and-post stay accommodations available upon request.

**Pre-stays will be arranged at the starting hotel.*

**Post-stay arrangements will be dependent on extended travel choice and preference. Details will be shared upon tour confirmation.*

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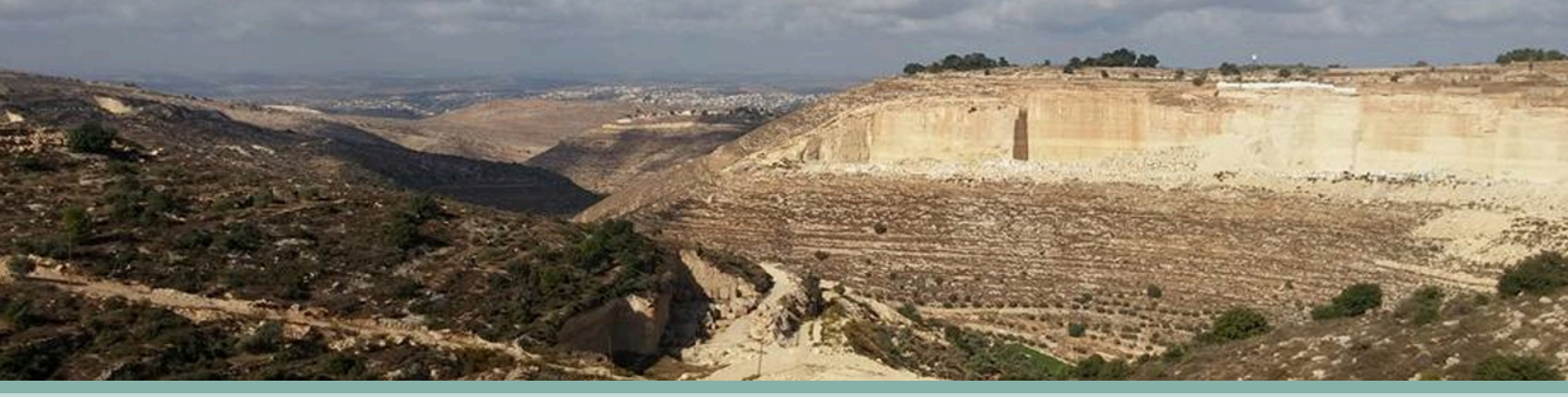

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: HEBRON

Hebron & South Hebron Hills with Breaking the Silence

Date: February 22 - 23 , 2027

Join MEJDI and Breaking the Silence for a day of exploration and learning in Hebron and the South Hebron Hills. Led by a former Israeli soldier and educator from Breaking the Silence, this experience offers firsthand insight into daily life, military occupation, and settlement activity in one of the most complex regions of the West Bank.

Following the Future is Peace Tour, participants will spend an additional night in Jerusalem before departing on February 23 for Hebron. The day includes visits to the Old City, Shuhada Street, and communities in the South Hebron Hills, where travelers will learn about the experiences of both Palestinian and Israeli residents, the challenges facing rural communities, and the realities of life in Area C.

The tour will return to Jerusalem around 5pm. You may depart for the airport following the tour.

Price: $275 per person (shared room), $400 per person (single room)

Included:

- 1 night accommodation (Jerusalem)
- 1 MEJDI-trained guide
- Breaking the Silence reprensentatives
- Private transportation
- 1 breakfast, 1 lunch
- Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
- Water on bus throughout tour
- Dedicated pre-trip traveler service and on-ground support

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