Seeking Peace:
Israel & Palestine Dual Narrative Journey
March 13 - 21, 2024
On this unique people-to-people journey, travelers will experience the Holy Land of Israel and Palestine through multiple perspectives with the help of two local tour guides: one Israeli and one Palestinian. Guiding in tandem, they will discuss and highlight different political and historical opinions at each site in an immersive travel experience that takes you behind the doors of mosques, synagogues and churches; through active archeological dig sites; and into the homes of Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Druze families. Local Princeton alumni will join the group along the way, sharing their own Princeton-to-the-Holy Land stories.

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to your hotel. After time at leisure, gather for a welcome dinner.
*Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem (Dinner)*

Day 2. Thursday, March 14. Jerusalem
Meet your two guides — one Jewish Israeli, one Palestinian — who will present a dynamic, dual-narrative picture of the complex history and current affairs of this important region throughout your tour. Begin your journey with the holy and historical sites of the Old City of Jerusalem. First, visit Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary, one of the most sacred — and contested — landmarks in the world. Here you will be welcomed by a local imam at the Dome of the Rock. Next, walk the processional route Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Jesus' crucifixion and tomb. Finally, visit the Western Wall, a place of prayer and pilgrimage sacred to the Jewish people.

For lunch, enjoy a home-cooked meal with a local Christian family and learn about the small Armenian Christian community living in the Old City. In the afternoon, tour the Israel Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls and the model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.
*Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Lunch)*

Day 3. Friday, March 15. Jerusalem
Explore the City of David, a national park and site of numerous archaeological digs. The park is built within a largely Palestinian neighborhood and managed by an organization committed to expanding the Jewish presence in East Jerusalem. Over lunch, hear perspectives from local residents who oppose the City of David’s archaeological digs.

Tour Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial and a leading global institution for Holocaust education, guided by a knowledgeable Yad Vashem docent. Afterward, attend a Shabbat dinner with an Orthodox Jewish family.
*Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)*

Day 4. Saturday, March 16. Bethlehem and Bethany
Start the day at the Herodian, an ancient fortress of King Herod, for a short hike and an underground tour of the complex. Then, explore the town of Bethlehem with a local Christian guide, visiting the
Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds’ Field. Later, take a short political graffiti tour and visit Banksy’s Walled Off Museum. Continue to Bethany and spend the evening enjoying a homemade dinner with the family of Aziz Abu Sarah, co-founder of Medji Tours, our partner operator for the journey.  

*Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)*

**Day 5. Sunday, March 17. Ramallah and Samaria**  
Drive north through the West Bank to tour a settlement community and hear perspectives from local residents. Next, stop at Shiloh archaeological park, the site of the first settlement of Israelites, where the Ark of the Covenant and Tabernacle once stood. Continue to the city of Ramallah for a tour and a meeting with a local community leader. In the afternoon, visit the Samaritans, a small community that originates from the ancient Israelites, and tour the Samaritan Museum. Return to Jerusalem and enjoy an evening at leisure.  

*Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Lunch)*

**Day 6. Monday, March 18. Galilee**  
In the morning, journey through the Jordan Valley to the picturesque town of Tiberias. Visit the ancient fishing village and archaeological site of Capernaum, noted in the Bible as Jesus’ home during the most influential period of his ministry. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, believed to be the location of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. End the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before checking into your hotel.  

*Scots Hotel, Tiberias (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)*

**Day 7. Tuesday, March 19. Haifa and Tel Aviv**  
Venture south along the Mediterranean coast, stopping in Haifa to meet with a joint Arab-Jewish non-governmental organization to hear about life in this “mixed city,” with a significant population of both Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs, and the Arab-Jewish future in Israel. For lunch, enjoy a homemade meal with a local family in the Druze community. Learn about the community’s unique faith and culture, including its roots in Islam and ancient Greek philosophy, and belief in reincarnation. Tour the ancient Roman city of Caesarea Maritima en route to Tel Aviv before a free evening to explore independently.  

*Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast and Lunch)*

**Day 8. Wednesday, March 20. Tel Aviv**  
Begin the day with a tour of the Port of Jaffa in the old city. Then continue to Neve Tzedek, the first Jewish neighborhood outside of Jaffa, to discuss the establishment of Tel Aviv. For lunch, experience a food tour at the Carmel Market and then an optional visit to the ANU - Museum of the Jewish People. Gather this evening with local Princeton alumni for a celebratory farewell dinner.  

*Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast, Lunch ,and Dinner)*

**Day 9. Thursday, March 21. Tel Aviv Home**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.  

*(Breakfast)*
About our Study Leaders
Rather than a traditional Study Leader, this unique journey will have two local guides—one Israeli and one Palestinian who will debate and highlight different political and historical opinions at each site. Along the way, hear additional perspectives during meetings with community members and local Princeton alumni.

Accommodation
Mamilla Hotel Jerusalem

Ancient and new, timeless and timely, classic and contemporary, the luxury Mamilla Hotel is situated on Mamilla Avenue in the heart of Jerusalem’s most stylish neighborhood. The hotel is a short stroll to the Old City Walls, Jaffa Gate, the exclusive Mamilla Avenue Mall, and many more Jerusalem sites and attractions. Amenities include the award-winning Akasha spa, fitness equipment, and several restaurants and bars including a rooftop lounge and espresso bar.

Scots Hotel Tiberias

Built on the site of a historical medical complex, with some buildings dating to the 1890s, this unique hotel is set along beautiful gardens with glorious views of the Sea of Galilee and Golan Heights. Amenities include a pool, spa, wine cellar, bar, restaurant and art gallery.

Dan Hotel Tel Aviv

The first luxury hotel to be built in Tel Aviv, the Dan Hotel has welcomed guests including Paul McCartney, Madonna, and the Clintons. Located on the city’s bustling Mediterranean Sea boardwalk, the hotel is steps away from restaurants, boutiques, and art galleries. Amenities include an outdoor and indoor swimming pool, a fitness center, and three restaurants.

Pricing
$6,550 USD per person, double occupancy ($750 due upon registration)
$8,030 per person, single occupancy ($750 due upon registration)

Inclusions
- 8 nights’ accommodation (double occupancy)
- 1 Princeton Journeys Staff Host
- 2 MEJDI guides (One Palestinian and One Israeli)
- Private deluxe transportation
- Group arrival and departure airport transfers
- Meals listed in the itinerary (8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners)
  - Group lunches include one soft drink/sparkling water as well as coffee/tea
  - Group dinners include two glasses of house wine or beer as well as coffee/tea
  - Additional beverages must be purchased separately
- Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
- Audio headsets on touring days if 15 participants or above
- Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
- Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

**Not Included**
- International airfare
- Travel & Medical Insurance- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Individual airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages beside wine/beer at group dinners
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

**Register**
To reserve your space, please fill out the registration form on our partner operator’s website:
https://mejditours.com/open-tour/seeking-peace/

**Insurance**
Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. MEJDI LLC and Princeton strongly recommend the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance package, which covers health, lost luggage, trip cancellation and trip interruption. Please contact our partner insurance broker, Meyer and Associates for more information: https://princetonjourneys.meyerandassoc.com/travel-insurance/.

**Questions?**
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**Terms and Conditions**

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Cancellations in writing (email info@mejditours.com) must be received by MEJDI LLC for appropriate refund minus the following fees:
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- 59-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost fee
- 45-21 Days Prior: 80% of tour cost fee
- 20 days prior or less: Non-refundable

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**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. MEJDI LLC strongly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance package, which covers health, lost luggage, trip cancellation and trip interruption. Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses, which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failing to secure adequate coverage.

**Passport and Documentation:** Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your entry date to your travel destination. MEJDI LLC is not responsible to provide any travel documents to any of our destinations, including visas. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to confirm with the consulate of each country visited, about any necessary travel documentation/visas required to enter these countries.

**Airlines and Air Tickets:** Passengers are responsible to ensure MEJDI LLC has the correctly spelled names for air tickets reservations. Due to newly introduced security measures, any name change including minor spelling corrections may require airline reservations to be canceled and re-booked. MEJDI LLC will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name discrepancy. Subsequent name corrections will be subject to an airline re-booking fee of up to $300 per ticket. Air reservations are subject to availability at the time of re-booking. All airline tickets issued in conjunction with this tour are subject to air penalties per individual carrier’s rules and regulations which will be applied.

**Airport Taxes and Fees:** All airline tickets are subject to a variety of foreign and domestic government taxes which include security charges, the September 11th Security Fee, airport facility charges, customs and immigration fees, inspection fees, fuel surcharges and more. Taxes and fees are subject to change. Airport taxes & fees which appear on the invoice reflect the taxes and fees that are applicable when the original reservation is completed. These taxes and fees may vary prior to airline tickets being issued. We reserve the right to amend the airport taxes & fees to reflect any changes prior to ticketing.

**Baggage:** Luggage is the responsibility of the passenger/s and that of the airlines. For lost/delayed luggage claims, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. If travel insurance policy was purchased, all damage/loss must be reported at time of incident and documented in writing by local authorities for submission to the insurance company. As all airlines differ and restrictions change periodically, we recommend that you call the airline directly with questions about your baggage allowance. MEJDI LLC shall not be held responsible for any delay or damage to or loss of luggage and/or personal items.

**Tour Itinerary:** MEJDI LLC reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, MEJDI LLC will do its best to maintain the content of the tour. If the tour services as indicated by the itinerary cannot be supplied or there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond the control of MEJDI LLC we will arrange for provision of comparable services. MEJDI LLC reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary whenever MEJDI LLC deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience and safety of the participant at any time. No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.

**Meals:** Meals are based on the hotel’s or restaurant’s buffet or set menu.

**Hotels Accommodation:** Hotels will be provided in accordance with the itinerary or similar. We reserve the right to make substitutions with hotels of equal standard. There will be no refunds for any difference in the cost of those accommodations. All
rooms are standard twin-bedded rooms with private facilities, unless specifically stated. Special requests such as bed types, smoking preference and connecting rooms are subject to availability. Room selection in all cases, unless otherwise reserved, is strictly at the discretion of the hotel's management on a run-of-house basis. Triple rooms consist of standard twin beds plus a sofa/folding bed or cot for third person.

**Not Included:** Items of personal nature such as laundry, meals and beverages other than described in the tour details, any other service not described as included, passport and visa fees, insurance.

**Emergency Numbers:** 1-703-349-1554 (USA) or 011-972-52-406-0582 (ISRAEL)

**Documents:** Your tour documents including: tour confirmation voucher and all other related information will be sent approximately two to three weeks prior to departure provided full payments have been received.

**Customer Service:** All customer service issues and refund requests must be submitted in writing and received no later than 30 days after your return. Refunds are subject to a processing fee of $50 plus any hotel and/or supplier charges incurred. Airline flight cancellations and delays for any reason are not the responsibility of MEJDI LLC Submit your claim directly to the airline. MEJDI LLC does not guarantee airline response.

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