



A MOSAIC OF CULTURES

BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM - JERICHO

Our travel proposal is modulated over six days but can be customized according to your needs.

Guide: Association pro Terra Sancta friends and staff

Accommodation: Dar al-Majus Guesthouse in Bethlehem; Dar Mamilla in Jerusalem

DAY 1

Arrival in Tel Aviv and transfer to **Bethlehem**.

Typical Palestinian dinner prepared by local ladies. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.

DAY 2

In the morning: Visit to the **Basilica of the Nativity** and the Holy Grotto, the Church of Santa Caterina and the caves of St. Joseph, the Holy Innocents and St. Jerome, the Milk Grotto.

Free lunch.

Walk in the square and visit of the *suq* in the ancient city, with the possibility of understanding the life of the local community and getting to know some of the many social and educational works.

Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.

DAY 3

In the morning: we move to Jerusalem.

We enter the old city through the Jaffa gate. Walk in the *suq* and through the Jewish quarter and visit to the **Western Wall** and **Temple Mount**. We walk through the Islamic *suq* and we head towards the **Convent of the Flagellation** where the Christian tradition places two moments of the passion of Jesus: the flagellation and the death sentence. The two sanctuaries are annexed to the Franciscan monastery, seat of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum. Remains of the Antonia Fortress are visible. Visit to the **Terra Sancta Museum**.

We visit the **Basilica of St. Anne** with the **pool of Bethesda**, a healing place for the paralytic.

Free lunch.

We continue by starting to walk the **Via Dolorosa**, passing through the Arch of the Ecce Homo and the stations of the Via Crucis that lead us to the **Basilica of the Resurrection (Calvary and Holy Sepulchre)**.

Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

DAY 4

Visit to the **Mount of Olives**: Ascension shrine, cloister and cave of the Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Basilica of Gethsemane, Grotto of arrest and tomb of the Virgin.

Free lunch.

Visit of **Mount Zion** (Last Supper, Basilica of the Dormition of Mary and St. Peter in Gallicantu).

Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

DAY 5

In the morning: departure for Jericho.

Descent along the Judean desert, **Wadi Qelt**. Stop at the monastery of St. George in Koziba with its beautiful views.

We visit **Jericho**: Jericho of the old testament (**tell as-Sultan**) with artifacts dated 8,000 BC .; Jericho of Herod and the memory of Jesus path (healing of the blind Bartimaeus and meeting with **Zacchaeus**),

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| Jerusalem | 91001 | St. Saviour Monastery POB 186 |
| Milano | 20121 | Piazza Sant'Angelo 2 |



Jericho Umayyad, **Hisham palace**, where a restoration and training project was carried out directed by the archaeologist friar Michele Piccirillo.

Typical Palestinian lunch at the Mosaic Center.

Visit to the Mosaic Centre - workshops and shop - and meeting with the young mosaic artists.

Return and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

DAY 6

After breakfast, free time in Jerusalem to stop in prayer and / or shop in the suq. We move to Tel Aviv to Ben Gurion international airport in time for boarding procedures on the return flight.

Quotation

Min 6-8 participants: starting from € 770

Min 2-4 participants: starting from € 950

The price includes: reception at the airport on arrival and departure; accommodation in double / triple room with private bathroom and breakfast included; n. 2 dinners at Dar Al Majus Guesthouse; n. 1 typical Palestinian lunch in Jericho; visits and excursions as per program with entrance fees included; transfers by private taxi; Europe Assistance insurance.

The price does not include: the flight; meals (except those included), tips, personal extras, and anything not specified in "the price includes".