



Tour Name

Tastes of Old Town

Tour City

Jerusalem

Tour Snapshot

This Jerusalem tour serves up a little bit of everything, and all of it is far off the tourist trail! See the Old City with new eyes as you explore the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Armenian quarters that define Jerusalem today — with plenty of food stops along the way.

Highlights

- Explore four different quarters of Jerusalem and see how each has its own cultural flavour
- Get a local perspective on life in the city, beyond the touristy bits of Old Town
- Sample sweet and savoury local delights such as falafel, hummus, *ka'ek*, *knafeh*, and Armenian *lahmajoun*
- Learn about the different ethnic groups who inhabit the city today
- Walk through alleys not usually trodden by tourists

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, breakfast, tea, and some snacks.

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs and items of a personal nature, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:
In front of Herod's Gate, on Sultan Suleiman Street, before entering the gate into the Old City.
Your guide will be wearing an Urban Adventures T-shirt or cap.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///crab.revised.target](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=///crab.revised.target)
- Starting time: 8.00 AM
- Ending point:
New Gate

Full Itinerary

The Old City of Jerusalem is chock-full of surprises! With four different quarters "assigned" to the Jews, Christians, Muslims, and Armenians, the city is a mix of cultures and traditions from all around the world.

No tourist comes to Jerusalem without going to the Old City at least once. For many who have extra time, they go over and over again, but many don't venture through the alleyways that lead to the various communities that make the Old City what it is today. That's what we're going to do on this tour!

Your Jerusalem tour will go through all four quarters, exploring local life. We'll learn about their cultures and traditions, and try a mix of sweet and savoury delights inspired by the different cultures.

In the Muslim Quarter, we'll visit the Small Western Wall, where you can pray privately without the crowds of the larger and more famous Western Wall. We'll also visit a Sa'aleek coffee shop for a nice breakfast of hummus, *ka'ek* and tea. (Sa'aleek were basically tramps who wandered from city to city, and were mostly poets and authors.) From there, we'll head to the market

and try a traditional Arabic dessert, washed down, of course, with strong Arabic coffee.

Next up, our Jerusalem tour will lead us to the Christian Quarter, going through the Coptic community and down to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where you'll get a glimpse of the various protocols governing the Church by the different Christian sects.

In the Jewish Quarter, we'll walk through archways, passing through residential areas housing Christian Assyrians and Armenians. If we're lucky on a Monday or Thursday, we might even witness a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and visit the Four Sephardic Synagogues.

And just when you thought you won't be able to eat any more, we'll head to the Armenian Quarter and sit in a restaurant for a well-deserved rest, and dig into authentic Armenian pizza, called *lahmajoun*.

Lastly, with a trip through the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, our tour will end at the New Gate.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Modest dress is required. For men, that means short sleeves and shorts below the knee. For women, short sleeves and dresses/skirts/shorts below the knee. Please also wear good walking shoes.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: There is a lot of walking on this tour, so be well prepared with proper shoes, water, sunscreen, hats, etc. When it's raining, some areas in the Old City can be slippery, so caution while walking is required.

Closure of sites: If certain areas are closed for any reason (holiday, strike, etc.), your guide will find a substitute site to visit instead.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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