



# Timeless Cities of Palestine

*From the fascinating city of Alquds (Jerusalem) and the world heritage site of Battir, to the old markets and distinguished handcrafts of AlKhalil-Hebron, you will learn more about these charming, historic cities that serve as ideal starting points to explore Palestine.*

**5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS FROM \$590 MINIMUM 10 PERSONS**

Includes:

4 nights' accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, 3 lunches, English speaking expert guide, entrance fees to the sites, round trip transfer from Ben Gurion Airport /Allenby Bridge to hotel, transportation in air conditioned motor coach.

## **Day 1: Arrival – Overnight in Alquds-Jerusalem**

Whether you arrive through the airport or Allenby bridge, we will be waiting for you to welcome and transfer you to the hotel in Alquds-Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



## ***Day 2: Alquds (Jerusalem) Full Day Tour - Overnight in the city***

Start your day with a traditional breakfast at the hotel. Today's tour in Alquds will take you beyond the surface of this rich and multilayered city. Before we enter the old city, we introduce you to the legendary wall surrounding it and we tell you the stories behind its gates and towers. In the old city we visit the most prominent sites such as, Al Haram Al Shareef, where the dazzling Dome of the Rock stands, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site where Jesus was crucified and buried as well as the the Western Wall and more. What's for lunch? Of course the famous Ka'ak, hummus and falafel of Alquds-Jerusalem.

In the afternoon we stroll through the Suk (old market) where you'll find a wonderful atmosphere, bustling streets, and local vendors selling fresh produce, authentic products and delicious Palestinian delicacies!

Next, we take you to Musa Afandi Interpretation Center which encompasses a number of interactive exhibits that will collectively tell the story of the city and its main identities and competencies. In the evening, we head to the rooftop of the Austrian hospice for superb views of the old city's sunset. Later it is time to experience the greatest traditional music with a typical Palestinian meal. Overnight at the hotel.

## ***Day 3: Bethlehem & AlKhalil (Hebron) - overnight in AlKHalil***

Walk in Battir: The Hidden Paradise, which is proud to possess its world heritage agricultural terraces listed at UNESCO. These terraces, in addition to the water canals, the Roman pool, and the extensive biodiversity of its Makhroul Wadi, have gained the town this attractive title



The word “hidden” refers to the fact that the terraces are mostly hidden behind people’s homes. It is also inspired by the meaning of the name of the monastery of Hortus Conclusus in the nearby village of Artas, which means the enclosed garden. It’s a wonderful place for a short, 2 hour, morning walk and a great chance to learn about Palestine’s agriculture and biodiversity. Then we proceed to Bethlehem. Upon arrival, we visit The Church of Nativity. This Holy and historic church is the exact location where Jesus was born. It is Bethlehem’s highlight and a site that can’t be missed.

Later it is time to explore the imposing reality of Bethlehem, the separation wall from the patio of The walled off Hotel to get a glimpse of Banksy’s art and the hotel with the ugliest view on earth. Overnight at a guest house in AlKhalil-Hebron.

#### ***Day 4: AlKhalil***

Today we will explore “Al Khalil”. Walking the streets of its old city is an unforgettable experience, for much of its architecture reflects the preserved legacies of the Mamluk and Ottoman periods; and its local market, or souk, offers traditional hand-made products. You will visit the famous Cave of the Patriarchs which is located in the heart of the old city and considered holy and sacred to Muslims.

Then we pay a visit to Kuffiyeh Factory, the last and only Kuffiyeh Factory in Palestine. We learn more about the art of making the iconic Palestinian scarf and the daily challenges the factory faces. The Glass & Ceramics Factory is the pride of AlKhalil and we won’t let you miss it. You’ll even get the chance to learn the manufacturing process at the hands of the local artisans.

Then we will proceed to Halhoul that offers visitors its most undisputed treasure—its countless vineyards that yield what many attest are the best grapes in Palestine. These grapes are a signature fruit product of AlKhalil and are sought after nationwide. Dinner at Lamar Guesthouse since there’s nothing better than delicious local food shared with friendly locals. Overnight at Lamar Guest House.

#### ***Day 5: Departure***

After breakfast, transfer to the airport or Allenby Bridge to catch your flight home.

