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Tourism for Shared Society



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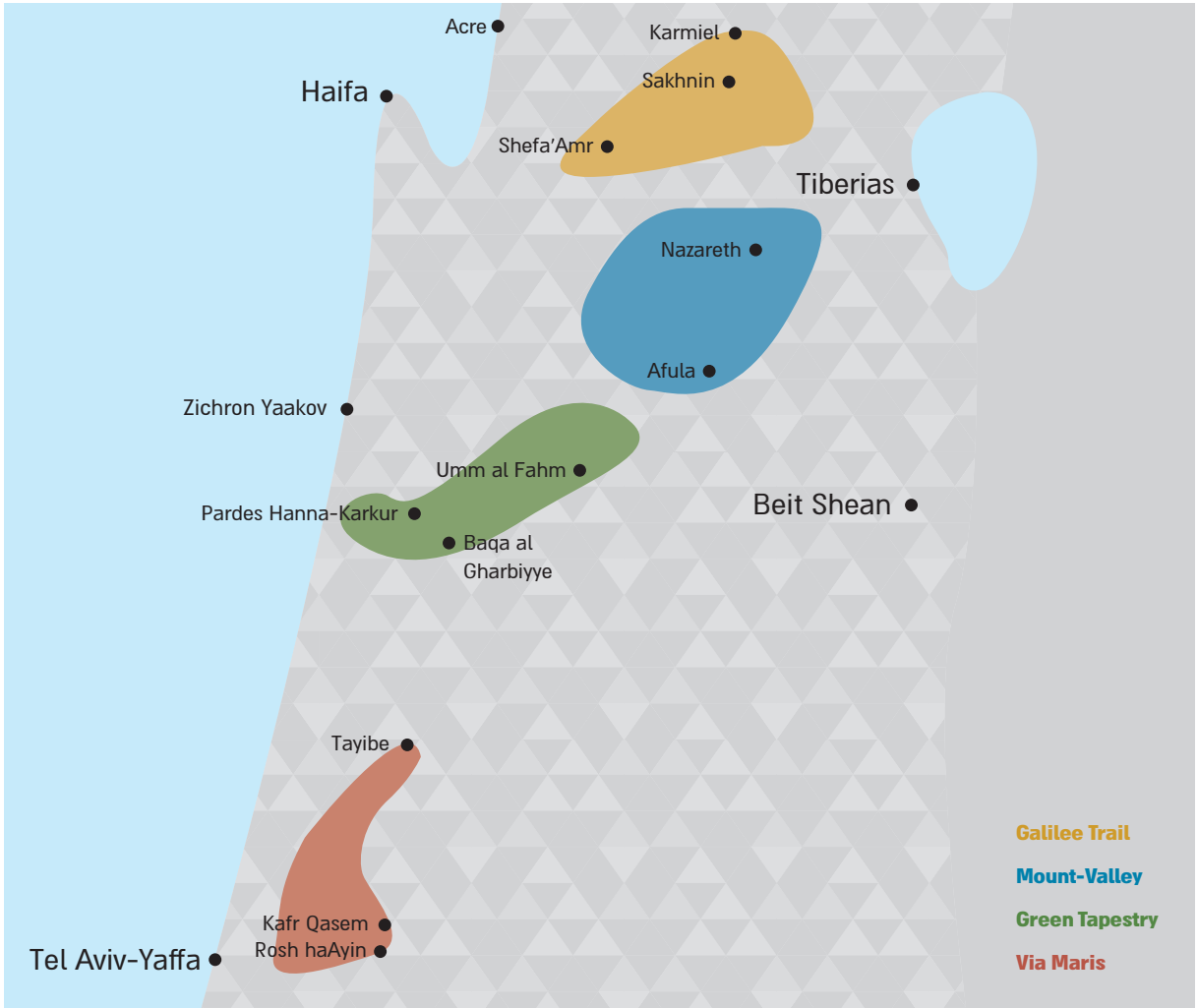
Tour and Explore

We welcome you to join us for a series of intimate and meaningful bi-national tours across Israel. Go beyond the classical sites to explore the many wonders of cultural and social tourism in the Arab Society. Taste, feel, and discover a different side of this beautiful land. Take the opportunity to meet with social leaders and activists to gain the insight and further your understanding of the country. Lend your support and help reinforce the values of cooperation and mutual appreciation amongst Israel's diverse communities. Come experience a side of Israel waiting to host you. Join us for Shared Paths-Tourism for a Shared Society.

In conjunction with our tours, we offer the opportunity to meet with social leaders and activists, whether this is mayors or politicians, women entrepreneurs, environmentalists or business leaders. These 'round-table' discussions bring guests face-face with those working to strengthen the Arab society and Jewish-Arab relations and in addition to furthering their understanding of this wonderful land, they can help shape its future.

All tours offer guests the option to enjoy a traditional middle-eastern meal in the intimacy of a private home.

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Sakhnin

The Beating Heart of Central Galilee - This growing metropolis

The story of Sakhnin is a lens to understanding the multifaceted relationships of the various Arab populations of northern Israel. Home to Muslims, Christians, Druze and Bedouins, this large city in the Galilee holds a unique place within Israeli society. Join us for a tour that explores the sites and stories of this great city and the formative events that have influenced Jewish-Arab relations in the region while meeting the individuals who have helped shape that history.

Highlights from this tour include:

- Ancient Greek Orthodox Church.
- Arab Museum of Contemporary Art and Heritage.
- Tomb of Rabbi Joshua of Sakhnin.
- The award-winning 'Green Building' that exposes ancient elements of Arab construction with ecological building practices.
- The Sakhnin Spring, a beautiful site where the urban and nature come together.
- The Doha Stadium, home to the football team, Bnei Sakhnin.

Women of Inspiration and Innovation in the Galilee

This tour highlights the tenacity and strength of women who would defy stigma and submission to rise against oppression and take the initiative to lead their communities in a new direction. The women we meet on this tour embody the potential of determination. By discussing the challenges that women face as part of Israeli society and the various social projects that have risen in the light of this reality, this tour exposes the true nature of women-power.

Highlights from this tour include:

- Visit to the womens' cafe in Sakhnin for a meeting with its remarkable founder.
- Learn about the 'Women of Misgav' initiative, a volunteer run second-hand store that supports local projects and needy families.
- Visit atop the breathtaking Mt. Camon to meet the female beekeeper that defies stereotypes, having raised bees for decades to produce world class honey.
- an innovator who took her passion for family recipes to build a successful home catering business.



Nazareth

From a different Angle

The demographics of the Galilee is currently split evenly between Jewish and Arab residents. This reality means that a symbiotic relationship is essential for a brighter future for this peripheral region in Israel's north. The largest Arab city in all of Israel, Nazareth has grown into a diverse and multicultural center in Israel's north. Not just a Christian pilgrimage site, this vibrant city is home to mosques, churches and synagogues alike, but it is the people that give this city its holy nature for all three faiths. This tour allows visitors to enjoy the important religious sites of all three faiths, while meeting the community leaders seeking to synthesize a glorious past with a prosperous future.

Highlights from this tour include:

- Visit to Bronze-age ruins predating modern civilization.
- Visit to holy sites from the 3 major Abrahamic religions.
- Explore one of the oldest marketplaces in Israel.
- Lookout over the lower Galilee from the Salesian balcony.



Umm al Fahm

A taste of the largest Arab-Muslim city in Israel

The name Umm al Fahm means 'mother of coal' after the city's former industry. This large municipality is the social, economic, cultural center for residents of the Wadi-Ara region. Located in a region that was ceded to Israel after the 1948 war, this city optimizes the issue of maintain Palestinian identity while holding an Israeli ID. Join us for a tour that takes you into this bustling city to meet community leaders, gaze from mountain views, taste the flavors of the shuk and learn about one of Israel's most important centers of Arab life.

Highlights from this tour include:

- Visit to the surrounding villages where a pastoral setting contrasts the urban growth.
- Gaze from the top of Mount Amir and understand the complexities of the separation barrier that runs just to the north.
- Walking tour of the 'old city'.
- Explore the past via the Turkish administrative building & house of the efendi.
- Visit the Alnoor at-Taby Medical Center, built by local residents association.
- Tour and taste at the Hassiba bakery where the desserts and sweets will satisfy any sweet-tooth.

Barta'a

And a Green Line runs through it

Barta'a is one city divided. While this city is separated between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, since 2003 the entire city is located within the separation barrier. This reality creates a complicated situation and highlights the complexities of issues surrounding, land, identity, and 'the green line'. This geo-political tour allows our guests to gain a deeper understanding of the daily lives of the residents of this village divided. We welcome you to walk through the village and meet the people who live this daily anomaly.

Highlights from this tour include:

- An on-sight explanation of 'the green line'.
- A visit to the marketplace, where commerce brings together both sides of the village.
- A tasting visit to a spice shop with workshop of the healing and herbal ingredients.
- Visit to a clothing shop that lets guests learn about the various social and cultural norms that guide the different garments for Arab women.
- A visit to a local bakery where the art of brick-oven baking is a time-honored tradition in the region.



Kafr Qasem

In the wake of "The Magic of Islam"

Kfar Qasem is a city defined by both joy and tragedy. A massacre that took place here 60 years ago has immortalized this city, yet its residents look to the future and work to build their homes and families amidst the complexity of their place in Israeli society. The ability to honor and preserve the past while looking towards the future exemplifies the juxtapose of an ancient people living in a modern land. Our visit deals with issues of memory, reconciliation, and honoring the past while also looking to the future. That means meeting with individuals that maintain ancient customs and traditions, or the opportunity to explore numerous sites and buildings from the Ottoman period that defy time and honor their history. For those looking for a stroll into an earlier stage of Palestinian life, this is the tour for you.

Highlights from this tour include:

- Visit to the memorial square honoring the fallen victims.
- Intimate visit at the mosque to meet with the local Sheikh and learn both the physical attributes of the structure and the spiritual elements of Islam.
- Reception in old Ottoman courtyard to examine conservation and preservation with the heirs to a home over a century old.
- Meet with a traditional cloth weaver to learn about the art of embroidery and its past and present role weaving symbolism into Arab dress.



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