

Political Tour



The Political Tour reveals the political and grassroots reality of Jerusalem by exposing how Israeli policies suffocate Palestine's capital and largest metropolitan area.

It begins at our office in the neighborhood of Karm il-Khalili with a 45 minute narrative explaining the historical context of Jerusalem. Next, we embark on a 3 hour tour of the city. It includes six stops across the Jerusalem District where we will explore issues such as the economy, legal status of residents, education, health, home demolitions and settlement building.

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1 KARM IL-KHALILI Start of the Tour

A clear example of Israel's Zionisation policies, this area was renamed *Rockefeller Park* by Israeli authorities following the 1967 Naksa. A neighboring building, originally the *Palestine Archaeological Museum* during the British Mandate/Colonisation Period, was renamed *Rockefeller Museum*. It also now serves as the offices of the "Israel Antiquities Authority."

2 JABAL AL-MUKABER OVERLOOK Overlook of Jerusalem

The Jabal al-Mukaber stop is well-liked for its view of the whole city. From this southern point you will be able to see the intentional underdevelopment of Palestinian neighbourhoods. Our tour guide will highlight particular aspects that illustrate the information given during the briefing.

3 RAS AL-'AMUD Colony Inside a Palestinian Neighbourhood

The Ma'ale ha-Zeitim colony is an Israeli colony located on the Mount of Olives within the neighborhood of Ras al-'Amud. The colony is surrounded by fences and gates and guarded 24 hours a day. One of the buildings in the complex used to be a police station that was given by the Israeli government to the "Bukharan Community Committee" which then gave it to settler organizations.



4 BETWEEN RAS AL-AMUD AND ABU DIS The Annexation Wall

The construction of the Annexation Wall around the center of Jerusalem has had grave impacts on the livelihoods of its residents. Former neighbors have become separated, and residents beyond the wall must now go to great lengths to gain access to their city and daily life services.

5 A-TUR Demolished House

Due to the lack of master plans for Palestinian neighbourhoods, as well as other challenges to obtaining construction permits, many Palestinians must build their homes without permits. This leads to a constant threat of the demolition of their homes. The partly demolished house visited on the tour remains as a testament to this process.

6 A-TUR OVERLOOK E1, Colony Expansion and BDS

From this overlook, the colony of Ma'ale Adumim and its planned expansion, the area called E1, can be seen. The realization of the E1 plan would sever the West Bank into two and entirely isolate Jerusalem from its surroundings.

Group Size

1 - 10
10 - 20
20 - 50

Price

100 NIS per person + 550 NIS for bus
100 NIS per person + 700 NIS for bus
75 NIS per person + 1,000 NIS for bus