



Dispatches from Seraj

2022 TOUR



Jerusalem
Sunday, October 16

Welcome in Jerusalem! Excitement is in the Air!

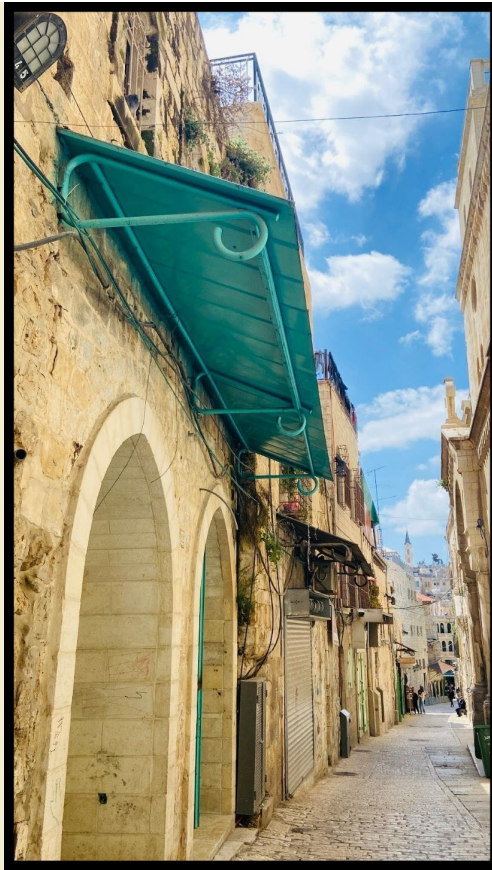
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As I walk along Salahaddin Street in Jerusalem waiting for our trip participants to arrive, I can't help but smile as all my senses are activated. The scent of freshly baked Ka'ek bread and falafel deep frying in oil hits my nose, as the cacophony of car horns, women loudly greeting one another with kisses and hugs and men animatedly bargaining over prices floods my ears, my eyes take in the chaos and beauty of Palestine. **And I cannot wait to share my beloved Palestine with our group.**

My team and I joyfully planned every single detail of this trip to give an authentic experience to our guests. And to share the **full story of Palestine**. Yes, there is *injustice and pain*, but in spite of that there is *beauty, resilience and hope*.

I feel giddy as I walk the steps to the hotel and wait for our visitors. We will learn a lot and make meaningful connections with people in the communities in which we work. And I think we will have fun and adventure along the way. **We will keep you updated on our journey!**



Walking the streets of the Old City.



Dedicated Seraj Palestine staff meet to discuss details of the trip.

18 PEOPLE are exploring Palestine up close and personal with our SERAJ executive director, Laurie Salameh, and her dedicated staff. October 16 -25. We hope you enjoy these reports.

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