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GLOBAL GATEWAY JERUSALEM

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ABOUT THE GATEWAY

The Jerusalem Global Gateway supports undergraduate study and multidisciplinary scholarly engagement. By coordinating site visits, hosting lectures and conferences, and facilitating relationships with local universities, research institutions, and other relevant partners, the Gateway staff helps students and scholars navigate the region's diverse opportunities and perspectives.

The entrance to the Jerusalem Global Gateway is near the intersection of Derech HaRosmarin and Hebron Road, opposite the Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Safafa. From the hilltop, Gateway guests may view the town of Bethlehem, Mar Elias Monastery, and the Herodium, a colossal fortress built by King Herod the Great. On a clear day, visitors can see the mountains on the eastern side of the Jordan Rift Valley, which rise up over the Dead Sea.

Both the Old City of Jerusalem and the city center of West Jerusalem are a 20-minute bus or taxi ride from the Gateway. The main entrance to Bethlehem is a five-minute walk and from there, visitors can easily find the Church of the Nativity or visit the historically Christian villages of Beit Sahour and Beit Jala.

The Tantur Ecumenical Institute, with which the Jerusalem Global Gateway shares space, began operating in 1972 and continues to offer an oasis of learning, prayer, and hospitality amidst the Middle East's geopolitical complexity.

The University of Notre Dame boasts a network of extraordinary facilities located around the world—the Notre Dame Global Gateways. Under the aegis of Notre Dame International (NDI), the Global Gateways are academic and intellectual centers where scholars, students, and leaders from universities, government, business, and community gather to discuss, discover, and debate issues of topical and enduring relevance.

At each Global Gateway, the Notre Dame community and its many international partners and colleagues work together to advance knowledge across all disciplines with a view to the common good.

Jerusalem is home to one of five Notre Dame Global Gateways, with others in Beijing, Dublin, Rome, and London.

The Jerusalem Global Gateway shares space with the Tantur Ecumenical Institute (TEI), a 100,000-square-foot facility located on the seam between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Well known as a convener of ecumenical, interreligious, and civil society groups, including Israelis, Palestinians, and internationals, Tantur complements the academic, educational, and cultural mission of the University. The Gateway also fosters research and graduate education and maintains institutional relations with universities, educational foundations, and organizations in Israel and Palestine, as well as with Christian institutions throughout the region.





JERUSALEM PROGRAMS

The Jerusalem Global Gateway hosts top-tier study and research opportunities. For more information, visit: international.nd.edu/jerusalem

ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS

- **Jerusalem Undergraduate Program:** This is a semester-long general education abroad program for Notre Dame undergraduates. Students enroll in several required courses, including offerings that contribute to second theology and philosophy core requirements. Additional courses in a variety of disciplines are offered either at Tantur or through affiliated institutions in Jerusalem. The program is distinguished by intensive participation in site visits and excursions, along with pilgrimage activities.
- **International Scholars:** Students admitted to this forthcoming semester-long program will pursue independent research projects based in Jerusalem with Notre Dame faculty supervision. Engagement activities, such as local community service and internships, will also be part of the program requirements.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Living Faiths of the Holy Land:** Undergraduate students are invited to participate in a month-long intensive course focused on historical and contemporary Christian encounters between Jews and Muslims in the Holy Land. Special attention is given to the political implications of these religious interactions and the question of how religion can contribute to peace.
- **Holy Land Studies:** Graduate students in this forthcoming program will be invited to participate in an intensive interdisciplinary seminar focused on historical, archaeological, theological, and political trends in Holy Land Studies.

RESEARCH, INTERNSHIPS, AND SERVICE

- In collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns, the Gateway facilitates summer service learning opportunities for undergraduate students.
- We welcome interested grads with opportunities for graduate student research.
- The Gateway also provides students with opportunities for community service.





JERUSALEM FACILITIES

LIBRARY

The library of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute is among the largest Christian theological libraries in the Holy Land and Middle East. Its aim from its inception in 1972 was to be a research library for an international community of theological scholars doing doctoral and postdoctoral work, as well as a general-use library for the public. Over the years, the library has assembled some 70,000 volumes and subscribes to hundreds of journals. The holdings are strong in ecumenism, as well as in matters concerning Christian dialogue with Judaism and Islam. We also have a rich collection of Ancient and Patristic authors, as well as the great Medieval and Reformation theologians. Other subject areas include biblical studies, systematic theology and ethics, as well as Church history. While most

resources are in English, French, and German, other languages include Spanish, Italian, Greek, Arabic, and Hebrew.

ON-SITE HOUSING

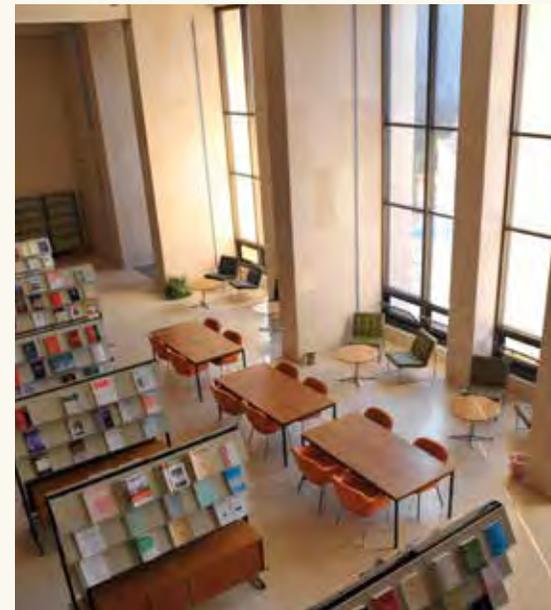
Tantur has 50 guest rooms, including both private and double rooms with either private or shared bathrooms. Each room has its own balcony and there are many large verandas where guests can read, work, socialize, or just enjoy the sunset. Couples and families can use one of 10 fully equipped and furnished apartments.

MEETING FACILITIES

- In addition to seminar rooms, classrooms, lecture areas, translation booths, and excellent acoustics, Tantur has a large auditorium capable of seating 130 people
- Wireless Internet connection is available throughout the building
- Tantur facilities are open 24 hours, with staff present at the front desk
- Facilities are available to rent for academic, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes
- Tantur has a staffed full kitchen with an on-site chef skilled in both Middle Eastern and Western cuisine. All meals are available on site

JERUSALEM EVENTS

- Iftar meals shared with Palestinian refugees
- Shabbat services and meals with Orthodox Jewish families
- Easter sunrise service on the Mount of Olives
- Film screenings and discussions with local young adults
- Israeli and Palestinian cultural festivals



CHAPELAND PRAYER ROOMS

We have Jerusalem's first known purpose-built interdenominational Christian chapel. It is a spacious, simple, white-walled chapel that includes a sacristy, an altar hewn from a single boulder of Jerusalem stone, and an adjacent sacristy along with a service preparation room which collectively include the necessary liturgical supplies for most Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant services. Program participants, residents, local Jerusalemites, and even some faith communities use the chapel for denomination-specific services as well as joining in our regular evening prayer services. We also have two prayer rooms adjacent to the chapel that offer more quiet and solitude if desired.

OFFICE SPACE

- Offices are available upon request for Notre Dame faculty visiting Jerusalem
- The library is available for use by Notre Dame faculty and students

COMMON SPACES

- Several common spaces, including terraces and verandas
- Tantur includes 40 acres of olive, fruit, and pine trees—plus gardens that bloom nearly year round
- Table tennis room
- Outdoor benches and swings

HOW TO BOOK EVENTS

- For more information about the process involved in holding events at the Jerusalem Global Gateway, Notre Dame faculty and staff should contact Robert Smith (rsmith45@nd.edu) and also contact Lauri Roberts in Academic Conferences (lroberts@nd.edu)
- Priority status will be given to University of Notre Dame programs or Notre Dame-affiliated groups, but the Jerusalem Global Gateway welcomes requests from charitable, religious, and educational institutions





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VISITOR INFORMATION

Jerusalem is a mosaic of cultures and nationalities, peoples and neighborhoods, and interesting architecture—both old and new. It is a patchwork of religions with a vibrant character. Its churches, mosques, and synagogues reflect the varied and rich history that this city has experienced and it is easy to immerse oneself in the sights, sounds, and beauty of The Old City. Christian, Muslim, and Jewish traditions intermingle and contrast throughout.

REACHING THE JERUSALEM GLOBAL GATEWAY

Tantur is located at the junction of Derech Hevron (Hebron Road) and Rehov HaRosmarin

The exact address is: **Rehov HaRosmarin at the corner of Derech Hevron**

Gate House, Tantur Entrance

Tantur is a large stone building perched on top of a hill and surrounded by stone walls. It overlooks Bethlehem to the south and Jerusalem to the north. There is a large brown gate and a sign that says “Private Business Only.” On the left side of the gate is a bell to ring if the gate does not open when you are there. There is also a pedestrian entrance to the east of the gate.

From Ben Gurion Airport (Tel Aviv)

Nesher (Eagle) Shared Taxi:

Once you leave the Ben Gurion Airport arrivals area, go through the sliding doors to the taxi mini-buses, which will be on your right. The Nesher (Hebrew for ‘Eagle’) will bring you directly to Tantur for about 70 NIS (less than \$20 USD). Ensure the driver brings you to the top of the hill. Occasionally they have been known to leave people at the gate of Tantur. While it is not a very long walk, heavy luggage can be cumbersome.

Regular Taxi:

A regular taxi to and from Tel Aviv airport can cost anything up to 300 NIS (about \$75 USD).

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GETTING AROUND

Several transportation options serve the Jerusalem Global Gateway

By Palestinian bus

The Palestinian buses that run from the Old City of Jerusalem—and from East Jerusalem to Bethlehem or Beit Jala—all stop in front of Tantur. Take the blue and white bus numbers 231 or 234 from the bus station across from The Damascus Gate.

By Egged (Israeli) bus

From the Jerusalem Central Bus Station, take bus 30 or 31 in the direction of Gilo. Ask the driver to let you know where to get off. From King George Street, one of the main streets in central Jerusalem, take the 71 or 72 bus heading toward Gilo.

By car from Derech Hevron (Hebron Road)

You must get onto Derech Hevron, either from beyond the Old City, or, if you are in West Jerusalem, go via the Old Train Station. From there, turn right into Derech Hevron. Once on Derech Hevron, drive straight for what seems to be a long way. You will pass Talpiot (and Tzomet HaBankim) and then see Mar Elias Monastery on the left. Shortly after the monastery, take the right turn; Tantur will be on your left. Tantur Ecumenical Institute is listed in Google Maps, which provides effective GPS directions.

ACCOMMODATION

We have capacity to accommodate guests at the Gateway and prefer to do so.

THINGS TO DO

Jerusalem is a major city with intermingling cultures. There is a great deal to see and do in the city, its immediate surroundings, and throughout Israel and Palestine.

- Dead Sea and Jericho, the oldest continually inhabited city on earth
- North to the Galilee region, including the cities of Nazareth and Tiberias and the biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Visits to beaches at either Tel Aviv or Eilat

The Gateway can connect visitors with a variety of tour operators and guides to ensure that you get the most out of your visit.

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