

MAR ELIAS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

IBILLIN, GALILEE

ARABIC

in the Galilee

**LIVE THE LANGUAGE. MEET THE COMMUNITY.
EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND DIFFERENTLY.**

A two-week immersion in a welcoming mixed village of Christians and Muslims in the heart of the Galilee. Ibillin is known for its hospitality and rich culture.

SUMMER 2027

14 DAYS

MAX. 20



Mar Elias Church, Ibillin, Galilee

A LANGUAGE

Daily spoken Levantine Arabic with an experienced native teacher—through conversation, songs, stories, and real-life practice.

B COMMUNITY

Live and eat within a mixed village of Christians and Muslims, known for its hospitality. Two evenings as a welcomed guest in local family homes.

C DISCOVERY

Five professionally guided excursions across the Galilee and the Holy Land.

THE CLASSROOM IS THE VILLAGE.

Arabic becomes part of daily life—in class, at the table, in the village, and on the road.

YOUR JOURNEY

JERUSALEM

Old City | Christian Quarter | Holy Sepulchre | Arab Souk

NAZARETH

Basilica | Old City | Arab street food

SEA OF GALILEE

Boat ride | Capernaum | Mount of Beatitudes

AKKO

Ottoman city | Crusader halls | Arab market

HAIFA

Wadi Nisnas | Bahai Gardens | Mixed-city walk

\$3,850

per person

July 1–14, 2027 | July 15–28, 2027

Apply by February 20, 2027

Applications received after this date: \$4,250

**AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED.
AIRPORT TRANSFERS
NOT INCLUDED.**

*Assistance can be provided to
arrange airport transportation
for an extra fee.*

Spend your mornings learning spoken Levantine Arabic with an experienced Galilee teacher. Afternoons take you into the places, food and communities behind the language—from village streets and family kitchens to Nazareth, Akko, Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee.



Mar Elias Church (Chacour) Church
Ibillin, Galilee

A TYPICAL DAY IN IBILLIN

-  **8:00 am** Arabic breakfast: labneh, za'atar, olive oil, fresh bread, olives
-  **9:00–12:00** Arabic language class: grammar, songs, stories, conversation
-  **12:00 pm** Home-cooked Galilee lunch: maqlouba, musakhan, fattoush
-  **Afternoon** Guided excursion or cultural workshop
-  **Evening** Walk Ibillin's streets. Greet neighbours. Order coffee in Arabic.
-  **2 evenings** Dinner as a welcomed guest in a local Arab family home
-  **1 free day** Explore the Galilee independently or rest on campus

THE FIVE EXCURSIONS



JERUSALEM – FULL DAY

Old City, Christian Quarter, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, Arab souk.



NAZARETH – AFTERNOON

Basilica of the Annunciation, Old City, Nazareth Village, spice souk, Arab street food.



SEA OF GALILEE – AFTERNOON

Wooden boat ride, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, St. Peter fish lunch.



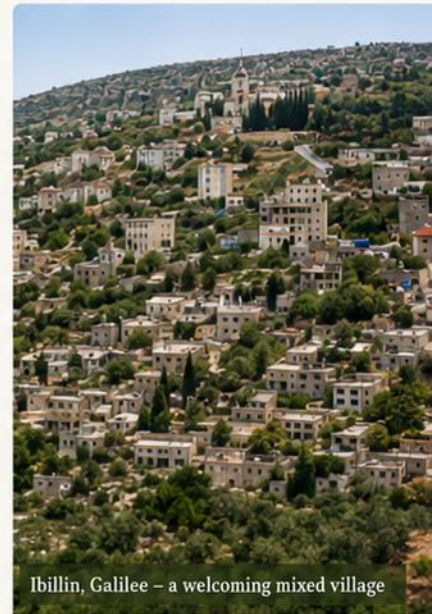
AKKO (ACRE) – AFTERNOON

Ottoman Old City, Crusader halls, waterfront Arab market.



HAIFA – AFTERNOON

Wadi Nisnas, Bahai Gardens, German Colony, coexistence walk.



Ibillin, Galilee – a welcoming mixed village

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Daily Arabic language classes — experienced native Galilee teacher
- ✓ 5 guided excursions with licensed professional tour guide
- ✓ All meals daily — Arabic breakfast and home-cooked Galilee lunch
- ✓ 2 home dinners in Ibillin — welcomed guest in local Arab family
- ✓ Shared room accommodation at MEEI campus, Wi-Fi (Single room: +\$200)
- ✓ 1 restaurant dinner — group evening at an Ibillin village restaurant
- ✓ Cooking workshop — cook maqlouba, musakhan and mezze from scratch
- ✓ Early arrival welcome — arrive the evening before at no extra charge
- ✓ Coffee and Galilean treats during the week — date-and-nut cookies, knafeh and Arabic sweets

NOT INCLUDED IN THE \$3,850 PRICE



AIRFARE



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

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APPLY & CONTACT

- Send your email to emi.haloun@mail.huji.ac.il expressing your interest
- Full details of the programme will be provided upon request
- Complete the short application and pay the \$500 deposit to confirm your place
- Groups of 5 or more qualify for a special group discount — please enquire

Dr. Emil Halloun — Head of International Relations, MEEI
Ibillin, Galilee, Israel

COHORT DATES



Cohort 1 | July 1–14, 2027
Min 15 - Max 20 participants

Cohort 2 | July 15–28, 2027
Min 15 - Max 20 participants

Spaces strictly limited — apply early!

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR?



For curious travellers, educators, church and community groups, students and lifelong learners who want to encounter Arabic language and life in a welcoming mixed village of Christians and Muslims from within the community rather than from a tour bus.

No previous Arabic required.
All levels welcome —
beginners to experienced speakers.

“ We intend to build peace on the doorstep of children. ”

— FATHER ELIAS CHACOUR