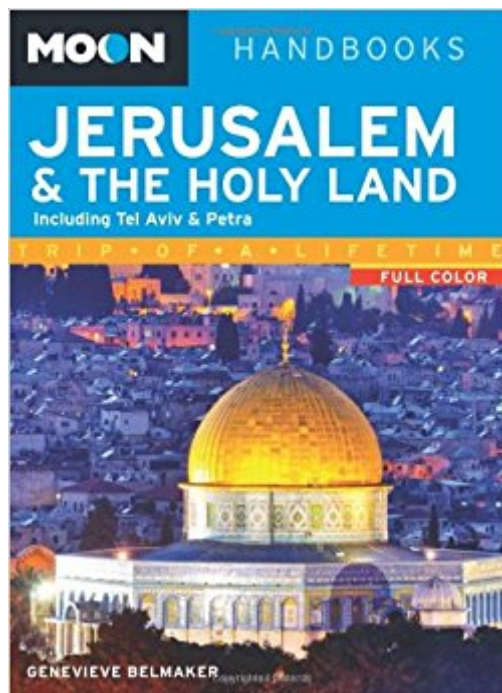




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# Moon Jerusalem & The Holy Land: Including Tel Aviv & Petra (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

This full-color guide to Jerusalem includes vibrant photos and helpful planning maps. Calls to prayer echo out over valleys and rooftops. The wailing siren for Shabbat and the ringing of church bells are omnipresent. This is a city of religious pilgrimages and a land of ancient stories, where even the bodies of water whisper of history and miracles. This is the trip of a lifetime. It will leave you with a new sense of wonder—and some great stories to share. In this full-color book, expert traveler Genevieve Belmaker tells you everything you need to know to make this trip possible: How to get there, how long it will take, and where to stop along the way—including information on Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, the West Bank, Eilat, and Petra, Jordan. How to choose the best tours and means of transportation, including tips on border crossings. Background on religious and cultural sites, from the Western Wall and Dome of the Rock to the Church of the Nativity—and where to find them.

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## Customer Reviews

Genevieve Belmaker is an American journalist and writer who worked and lived in Jerusalem and the surrounding region for more than three years. Born and raised in Olympia, Washington, she started traveling and living in new places at the age of 17. In 2009, Genevieve met her future husband, an Israeli journalist, while he was visiting New York City. After traveling to Israel and working side-by-side as colleagues, they were married in 2010. In Jerusalem, Genevieve reported on settlements, small businesses in the West Bank, and local news and politics, and authored a

weekly column for The Epoch Times on her observations of the region. Genevieve is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a BA in international relations and a minor in East Asian languages and cultures. She studied journalism through New York University's continuing education program. Her work as a writer and photographer has been published by Poynter, the Foreign Policy Association, Quill magazine, Draft magazine, and Big World. Her reporting for The Epoch Times on homeless Hurricane Sandy evacuees in New York City received a Front Page Award from the Newswomen's Club of New York in 2013. She regularly reports on news and events in Jerusalem and beyond. Genevieve recently moved back to New York City with her husband. Their son, Negev (named after her husband's favorite Israeli desert), was born in late 2011 and is already a skilled world traveler. He was truly the inspiration behind the creation of this book.

Religious and spiritual sites are the reason to visit this region, which isn't known as the Holy Land for nothing. Here is a list of the most important sites. Basilica of the Annunciation is believed to be built over the site of the Virgin Mary's original home (Nazareth). Capernaum is believed to be the location of a village where Jesus and some of his disciples lived for a time on the shore of the Sea of Galilee (near Tiberias). Cave of the Patriarchs is widely recognized as the burial place of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people, including Abraham, revered by all three monotheistic religions (Hebron). Church of the Holy Sepulchre is widely recognized as the site of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus (Jerusalem, Old City). Church of the Multiplication is believed to be the location where Jesus turned a few fish and a couple loaves of bread into enough food for thousands (Tiberias). Church of the Nativity is widely believed to be the location where Jesus was born (Bethlehem). Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque is the second holiest site in all of the Muslim world (Jerusalem, Old City). Mount of Olives is the site of many miraculous occurrences and is an extremely significant location in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (Jerusalem, near the Old City). Mount Zion is the possible site of the Last Supper and is the locale of King David's Tomb (Jerusalem). Tomb of Rabbi Meir is significant to Jews all over the world as the tomb of the rabbi who was nicknamed the miracle worker and in whose name charity is often given (near Tiberias).

I recently received this book as a gift. I'm going to be retiring soon and everyone knows that I want to travel to places that I have never been. This book immediately caught my attention, even though I wasn't thinking about visiting Israel before. The author has a way of bringing you into the many

scenes and places and makes them all come alive. The color photos are scattered throughout the book and they give the reader a very distinct sense of what it's really like to visit there. All of the helpful hints about safety, local history and the many places to eat food from all over the world was especially helpful. After reading this book I've put a visit to Israel on the top of my list!

We are going there and this book really helps me understand what I will be seeing. It has great maps and the locations are explained extremely well.

I purchased this book since I'd been happy with several other Moon Handbooks in the past, and this one was the most recently published of all the Jerusalem guidebooks. At first glance it seemed like an attractive book, with many nice photographs and high-quality paper. Once in Jerusalem, though, I gave up on it, since its information on the sights was very, very skimpy. For a 378 page book titled Jerusalem and the Holy Land, I could not believe that it had BARELY 20 PAGES on Jerusalem sights (and many of those pages had photos, making it more like 15 pages of information). It hardly explained anything, and was not useful at all in comparison to other guidebooks I brought with me (DK, Rough Guide, and Frommer's). I bought this book because I was only visiting Jerusalem, not the rest of Israel. The book should not be titled Jerusalem at all. It covers all of Israel, but perhaps Moon was scared to publish it with that title due to anti-Israel sentiment?

Going to Israel this summer - this is a GREAT book for travel and touring guide. Lots of information and maps.

This book provides first hand information written by an award winning NYC journalist while she was a resident in Jerusalem. In addition to its informational value, the book is also a work of art containing beautiful photographs taken by the author herself. Jerusalem & The Holy Land provides priceless inside information about the most beautiful spots in the region with descriptions from the writer's heart as she personally visited each spot, breathed the sea air and tasted the food first hand. Whether you plan to physically go to Jerusalem or just want to learn more about this ancient city, this book will be a keepsake for yourself or will make a nice gift for someone you care about.

I keep starting it and then I find something else to read. Hope to get threw it before I go.

This book is so helpful for knowing what to see and do while in Israel! The pictures and descriptions

really helped me get a sense of what it would be like when I got there and helped me choose ahead of time which things I wanted to see on my first ever visit to this amazing country. If you are planning a trip to Israel, you should get this book!

As a frequent visitor to Jerusalem, this is the first and last guide recommendation I'd make to a friend. Comprehensive, clear information paired with vivid photography make for a page-turning read on the El-Al flight and a constant companion for the boots-on-the-ground trip. Guidance and details with an intimate tone and friendly touch, well worth owning.

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