

Exploring religious tourist experiences in Jerusalem: The intersection of Abrahamic religions

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Table 2. Trip Characteristics of the Samples

		Jewish (N=264)		Christian (N=278)		Muslim (N=306)	
		f	%	f	%	f	%
Travel partner	Alone	6	2.3	2	0.7	35	11.4
	With family	103	39.0	133	47.8	122	39.9
	With friends	130	49.2	106	38.1	86	28.1
	With tour partner	24	9.1	30	10.8	49	16.0
	Other	1	.4	7	2.5	14	4.6
Number of visit to Jerusalem	Once	39	14.8	199	71.6	40	13.1
	Twice or more	225	85.2	79	28.4	266	86.9
Organization of visit	By myself	77	29.2	9	3.2	42	13.7
	Thorough a travel agency	187	70.8	269	96.8	264	86.3
Holy places visited*	Church of Holy Sepulchre	37	14.0	236	84.9	35	11.4
	Church of the Visitation	14	5.3	225	80.9	61	19.9
	Monastery of the Cross	10	3.8	110	39.6	70	22.9
	Via Dolorosa	40	15.2	213	76.6	52	17.0
	The Western Wall	221	83.7	178	64.0	25	8.2
	Mount Zion	97	36.7	148	53.2	25	8.2
	Mount of Olives	17	6.4	140	50.4	16	5.2
	Al-Aqsa Mosque	4	1.5	50	17.9	292	95.4
	Mosque of Omar	14	5.3	35	12.6	293	95.8
Main travel motives*	Prayer, reconciliation, confession	148	56.1	264	94.9	217	70.9
	Spiritual development	45	17.0	238	85.6	144	47.1
	Pilgrimage	23	8.7	235	84.5	86	28.1
	Spending time with family/friends	71	26.9	211	75.9	25	8.2
	Visiting friends and relatives	160	60.6	3	1.1	59	19.3
	Image/popularity of Jerusalem	50	18.9	10	3.6	38	12.4
	Curiosity	35	13.3	45	16.2	45	14.7
	Other	31	11.7	14	5.0	85	27.8

* More than one options are available