

In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel
A Global Ministries People-to-People Program
October 16-27, 2015
Hosts: Jeff and Janet Wright



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Conditions on the ground and availability of speakers can dictate changes in the itinerary. Times for group worship & reflections vary each day.

Two of Siraj's awards:



Golden Walls Hotel, Jerusalem
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Villa Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth
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Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem
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*This tour has been prepared for Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ, Arlington, Virginia. Congregation members will participate in three meals (marked with an asterisk) with the Arab congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem. However, in other aspects the tour does not vary from the Wrights' usual alternative tour, and **registration is open to all.***

Friday, October 16

Depart the U.S.

Saturday, October 17

Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer via motor coach to Jerusalem.

After settling in at Golden Walls Hotel (located near the Damascus Gate), we will meet our guide, have lunch at a local restaurant and experience a brief introduction to the Old City.

Early dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Sunday, October 18

Early risers may enter the Old City or hike to Mount of Olives and watch Jerusalem awake.

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Walk to Al Aqsa Mosque (the Temple Mount) and begin tour of Jerusalem: Via Doloroso, Church of the Resurrection, Western Wall (Wailing Wall).

Attend worship with Arab congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church (a Global Ministries partner).

Lunch

Continue tour of Old City, Kidron Valley, Gethsemane and more.

Dinner at local restaurant & overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

(*Rock Spring dinner pizza party with Redeemer youth)

Monday, October 19

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Visit Rawdat el Zahour School (a Global Ministries partner)

Bus to Ramallah

Lunch

Meet with Sam Bahour (Palestinian businessman)

Meeting with The Parents Circle

Dinner & overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Tuesday, October 20

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Bus to settlement for a meeting with a settler

Drive to Hebron, tour the old city including the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Lunch

Visit Tent of Nations and plant olive trees.

Dinner & overnight at Golden Walls Hotel



Wednesday, October 21

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Bus to YWCA (a Global Ministries partner) to meet with Loren McGrail

Meet with Ciro Fiorilla, Head of the Office for UN Food and Agriculture Organization West Bank and Gaza

Free afternoon for lunch and shopping, Yad Vashem, Israel Museum...

Dinner in local restaurant & overnight at Golden Walls

(*Rock Spring dinner with Redeemer families)

Thursday, October 22

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Bus to Jericho. Experience the Judean wilderness. Hike in the Wadi Qelt or tour Jericho. Cable car to lunch on Mt. of Temptation and monastery. Visit

Elisha's Spring and the traditional baptismal site and swim in the Dead Sea.

Bus through Jordan Valley to Nazareth.

Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth, Nazareth

Friday, October 23

Breakfast at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Bus to I'billin to meet with Melkite Catholic Archbishop Elias Chacour (author of *Blood Brothers*).

Bus to the Sea of Galilee.

Picnic lunch

Visit Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Church of Loaves and Fishes.

Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Saturday, October 24

Breakfast at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Tour Nazareth (Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well and more).

After lunch, travel to East Jerusalem to meet with the Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center (a Global Ministries partner).

Check in at Grand Park Hotel, Bethlehem.

Dinner at a local restaurant & overnight at Grand Park

Sunday, October 25

Early risers can visit the Manger Church and/or awake with Bethlehem around Manger Square.

Breakfast at Grand Park Hotel

Worship at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jerusalem, choosing the service in either Arabic or English.

Meet with B'tsalem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories.

Lunch in the Armenian quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

(*Rock Spring group to lunch with Redeemer leaders to plan future relationship.)

Free afternoon in Jerusalem

Bus to Bethlehem

Dinner at a local restaurant & overnight at Grand Park Hotel

Monday, October 26

Breakfast at Grand Park Hotel

Tour Manger Church and Shepherds Fields

Meet with staff of Kairos Palestine at Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church (Global Ministries partners).

Visit Aida Refugee Camp for presentation by Abdelfattah Abu Srou, director of the Al Rowwad Cultural & Theatre Society.

Lunch

Meet with Mitri Raheb, Pastor of Lutheran Christmas Church (a Global Ministries partner).

Free time in Bethlehem

Enjoy a cultural dinner (with debka dancing) as guests of our hosts, the Siraj Center.

Depart for airport, then depart for the U.S. late tonight

Tuesday, October 27

Arrive in the U.S. early a.m. to meet connecting flights to your final destination.

