

In the Footsteps of Jesus
An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel
A Global Ministries People-to-People Program
February 12 – 23, 2016



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Conditions on the ground and availability of speakers can dictate changes in the itinerary.
Group worship along the way/time for group reflection each evening.

Two of Siraj's awards:



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Friday, February 12

Depart the U.S.

Saturday, February 13

Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer via motor coach to Bethlehem

After settling in at Manger Square Hotel, we will meet our guide and Michel Awad, director of Siraj Center, have lunch at Afteem's

2:30 p.m. Tour Manger Church, Jerome's Cave and more.

6 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Sunday, February 14

Early risers may visit Manger Church or walk the streets as Bethlehem awakes

7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

7:30 Bus to Jerusalem, tour Al Aqsa Mosque

9:00 Attend worship with Arab congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church (a global Ministries partner).

- 10:30 Tour the Old City: Via Doloroso, Church of the Resurrection, Western Wall (Wailing Wall)
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Continue tour of Jerusalem: Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, stop in Silwan, Gethsemane and more
- 6:00 Dinner with Redeemer youth
Overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Monday, February 15

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8:15 Meet with staff of Kairos Palestine (Global Ministries partners; www.kairospalestine.ps), **“A Kairos Moment: Redeeming the Time”**
- 9:15 Meet with Mitri Raheb, Lutheran Christmas Church, **“For the Sake of the Community”**
- 11:00 Visit Aida Refugee Camp for presentation by Abdelfattah Abu Srou, director of the Al Rowwad Cultural & Theatre Society (www.alrowwad-acts.ps), **“Beautiful Resistance”**
- 12:15 Lunch at Aida Camp
- 2 p.m. Meet with B'tsaalem (Global Ministries mission partner; www.btselem.org), **“Monitoring Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Territories”**
- 5:30 Meet with Bassam Aramin and Rami Alhanan of The Parents Circle (www.theparentscircle.com), **“Reconciliation as an Alternative to Hate and Revenge”**
- 7 p.m. Dinner at My Grandfather's House
Overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Tuesday, February 16

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8:00 Bus to settlement for a meeting with Oded Revivi, mayor of Efrat settlement, **“Life in a Settlement”**
- 9:30 Bus to Hebron, tour the old city, market and Tomb of the Patriarchs
- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Meet with Daoud Nassar, Director, Tent of Nations (www.tentofnations.org), **“We Refuse to Be Enemies”**; plant olive trees
- 6 p.m. Dinner at Abu Shanab Restaurant, Bethlehem
Overnight at Manger Square Hotel



Wednesday, February 17

- 7-9 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 9:30 Meet with Ciro Fiorilla, Head of the Office for UN Food and Agriculture Organization West Bank and Gaza (www.fao.org), **“Tracking Water & Nutrition in the Occupied Territories”**

- 11:00 Free time in Jerusalem
 6 p.m. Dinner with Redeemer families
 Return to Bethlehem for overnight at Manger Square Hotel
Pack to leave for the Judean wilderness tomorrow morning.



Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
 righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
 Psalm 85:10

Thursday, February 18

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel
 8:00 Bus to Jericho. Experience the Judean wilderness. Hike in the Wadi
 Qelt or tour Jericho
 11:00 Cable car to lunch on Mt. of Temptation and monastery
 1:30 p.m. Tour Jericho YWCA (a Global Ministries partner; www.ywca-palestine.org) and meet with Loren McGrail, GM missionary, **“Palestinian Women: Challenges and Opportunities”**
 3:00 Visit traditional baptismal site and float in the Dead Sea
 5:00 Bus through Jordan Valley to Nazareth
 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Friday, February 19

- 8 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth Hotel
 8:30 Bus to I'billin to meet with “retired” Melkite Catholic Archbishop Elias Chacour, **“Living the Beatitudes”**
 11:30 Bus to the Sea of Galilee for a picnic lunch; visit Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Church of Loaves and Fishes
 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel
Pack to leave for the Judean wilderness tomorrow morning.

Saturday, February 20

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth Hotel
 8:30 Tour Nazareth (Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary’s Well and more).
 11:00 Meet with Jonathan Cook, independent journalist, **“Reporting from Nazareth”**
 Noon Lunch
 1 p.m. Bus to Jerusalem
 3:00 Visit Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center (a Global Ministries partner; www.sabeel.org), **“Theology Matters”**
 4:30 Free time in Old City

7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls

Sunday, February 21

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

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

9:00 Worship with Arab or English-speaking congregation at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jerusalem

Free time in Old City

Noon Lunch with leadership of Redeemer Lutheran

Free time in Old City

6 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Monday, February 22

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

8 Leave for visit with Rawdat el Zahour School (a Global Ministries partner; www.rawdat.org), **“A Garden of Flowers: Children, Education & Hope”**

10:30 Bus to Ramallah

Lunch

2 p.m. Meet with Jean Zaru (author of *Occupied with Nonviolence: A Palestinian Woman Speaks*) in the meeting house of the Friends International Center (a Global Ministries partner; www.ramallahquakers.org), **“Building a Culture of Peace & Nonviolence.”**

3:30 Bus to Beit Sahour

5:00 Enjoy a cultural dinner (with debka dancing) as guests of our hosts, Siraj Center.

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

