

In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel

February 8 – 19, 2019

Hosts: Jeff and Janet Wright



www.footstepsofJesustour.org

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:



Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem

Tel: (0)2 277-8888

info@mangersquarehotel.com

Villa Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth

Tel: (0)4 600-0569

info@villa-nazareth.co.il

Golden Walls Hotel, Jerusalem

Tel: (0)2 627-2416

www.goldenwalls.com

Siraj Center: 02 274-8590

Michael Awad, Director: 052 288-4979

Jeff's phone:

Janet's phone:

Friday, February 8

Depart the U.S.

Saturday, February 9

Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer via motor coach to Bethlehem

After settling in at Manger Square Hotel (located near the Nativity Church),

we will meet our guide and have lunch at Afteem's

(afteemrestaurant@yahoo.com)

1 p.m. Tour the Nativity Church (presumed birthplace of Jesus), Jerome's Cave and Shepherd's Fields

5 p.m. Dinner and overnight at the Manger Square Hotel

Sunday, February 10

Early risers may visit Nativity Church or watch Bethlehem awake around Manger Square.

6:30 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

7:00 a.m. Bus to Jerusalem

7:30 a.m. Begin tour of Old City, visit Haram al Sharif (Temple Mount)

9 a.m. Attend worship with Redeemer Lutheran Church (Global Ministries mission)

- partner; www.elcjh.org/elcjh-ministries/congregations)
- 10:30 a.m. Continue exploring Old City including Via Doloroso, Church of the Resurrection, Western Wall and more; lunch; Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane...; return to Bethlehem.
- 7 p.m. Dinner at Abu Shanab (@abushanabrestaurant), overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Monday, February 11

- 8 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 9 a.m. Visit Palestine Museum of Natural History and meet with Mazin Qumsiyeh, Director (www.qumsiyeh.org), **“Environmental Realities: Nature Under Occupation”**
- 10:30 a.m. Meet with Nader Abu Amsha, Director, and Mona Zaghrou, Senior Supervisor, East Jerusalem YMCA Rehabilitation Program (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.ejymca.org), **“Treating Trauma under Occupation”**
- Noon Lunch
- 2 p.m. Visit B'tselem (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.btselem.org) for a conversation with the staff, **“Monitoring Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Territories”**
- 4:30 p.m. Meet with Bassam Aramin and Rami Elhanan, members of The Parents Circle (www.theparentscircle.com), **“Reconciliation as an Alternative to Hate and Revenge”**
- 6 p.m. Dinner at Shepherds Nai Restaurant, (shepherds.nai@gmail.com) in Beit Sahour, overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Tuesday, February 12

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Drive south to Hebron, tour the old city including the Tomb of the Patriarchs, and meet with the Christian Peacemaker Team (www.cpt.org/work/palestine), **“The Day-to-Day Work of Peacemaking”**
- Noon Lunch
- 2 p.m. Visit Tent of Nations (www.tentofnations.org), meet with Daoud Nassar, Director, **“We Refuse to Be Enemies”**, and share in work
- 5 p.m. Tour Aida Refugee Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at My Grandfather's House, overnight at Manger Square



Wednesday, February 13

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to the Knesset in Jerusalem to meet with Member of Knesset, **“An Israeli Perspective on the Conflict”**
- Lunch & free time in Bethlehem or tour Herodian (cost for admission)
- 4 p.m. Meet with Rifat Kassis, Chair of Kairos Palestine (Global Ministries Mission Partner, www.kairospalestine.ps), President of the International General Assembly of Defense for Children International Global (www.defenseforchildren.org), **“A Palestinian Cry for Justice” & “No Way to Treat a Child”**
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Casa Nova Palace; overnight at Manger Square

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 14

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 7:30 a.m. Check out from hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus through the Judean wilderness to Jericho. Hike in the Wadi Qelt or tour Jericho (Hisham's Palace)
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Visit the traditional baptismal site; float in the Dead Sea
- 4 p.m. Bus through the Jordan Valley to Nazareth
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Friday, February 15

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth
- 7:30 a.m. Tour Nazareth (Mary's Well, Basilica of the Annunciation, and more)
- 10:30 Visit Arab Association for Human Rights (www.arabhra.org) and meet with Mohammed Zeidan, General Director, **"The Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel"**
- Noon Picnic lunch on the way to the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Church of the Loaves and Fishes, Magdala and more
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Saturday, February 16

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth
- 8:00 a.m. Bus to Ibillin, meet with retired Melkite Catholic Archbishop Elias Chacour (author of *Blood Brothers*), **"Living the Beatitudes in the Midst of Conflict."**
Lunch at Mar Elias High School (www.pilgrimsofibilin.org)
Travel to East Jerusalem, check in to Golden Walls Hotel, then free time in the city
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Sunday, February 17

- Early risers may enter the Old City or hike to Mount of Olives and watch Jerusalem awake.
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel
- 11 a.m. Worship at St. George's (Anglican) Cathedral
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Jerusalem Hotel
- 2:30 p.m. Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum (www.yadvashem.org)
- 6 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Pack to leave for home tomorrow night.

Monday, February 18

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

8:00 a.m. Bus to Rawdat el Zahour School (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.rawdat.org), **“A Garden of Flowers: Children, Education & Hope”**

10:00 a.m. Drive to Ramallah, meet with Addameer, Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (www.addameer.org), **“Isolation, Administrative Detention, Medical Negligence: the Palestinian Prisoners’ Plight”**

12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:30 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), **“The Challenges & Strengths of Palestinian Women”**

3:00 p.m. Sam Bahour, Palestinian activist and businessman, **“Economic Realities & Possibilities”**

4 p.m. Drive to Beit Sahour to enjoy a cultural dinner and debka dancing as guests of our hosts, Siraj Center

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

Tuesday, February 19

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