

In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel

January 30-February 10, 2015

Hosted by 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:



Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem

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Villa Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth

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Golden Walls Hotel, Jerusalem

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www.goldenwalls.com

Friday, January 30

Depart the U.S.

Saturday, February 31

Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer via motor coach to Bethlehem

After settling in at the Manger Square Hotel (located near the Nativity Church), we will meet for an orientation to the pilgrimage, have lunch at Afteem's, and tour the Nativity Church and Jerome's Cave.

Dinner and overnight at the Manger Square Hotel

Sunday, February 1

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

Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

Worship

Bus to Jerusalem to tour Al Aqsa Mosque (the Temple Mount). Tour the Old City: Via Doloroso, Church of the Resurrection, Western Wall (Wailing Wall).

Lunch. Mount of Olives, Kidron Valley, Gethsemane and more.

Dinner in a local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square Hotel



Monday, February 2

Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

Visit Shepherds Fields & the East Jerusalem YMCA Rehabilitation Program in Beit Sahour (a Global Ministries mission partner; www.shepherdsfieldymca.org)

Visit Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem for presentation by the Al Rowwad Cultural & Theatre Society (www.alrowwad-acts.ps)

Lunch on bus during drive to Jerusalem to Rawdat el Zuhur School (a Global Ministries mission partner, www.rawdat.org)

Meeting with B'tselem (www.btselem.org) for a conversation with the staff

Dinner at My Grandfather's House, Bethlehem

At Manger Square Hotel (where we'll overnight), meet with The Parents Circle (www.theparentscircle.com), bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families

Tuesday, February 3

Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

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)

Visit Tent of Nations (www.tentofnations.org) and plant olive trees

Dinner at the Family Tent in Beit Sahour; overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Wednesday, February 4

Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

A free day ending with dinner at a local restaurant

Enjoy a day of rest, walking/shopping in Bethlehem, or an activity of your choice. Additional, optional day tours will be offered (locations and costs will be sent to pilgrims before the tour date)

Thursday, February 5

Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel

Bus to Jericho. Hike in the Wadi Qelt or tour Jericho (Hisham's Palace). Cable car to lunch on Mt. of Temptation

Visit Elisha's Spring, experience the Judean wilderness and the Jordan Valley

Visit the traditional baptismal site and swim in the Dead Sea

Drive to Nazareth

Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth, Nazareth

Friday, February 6

Breakfast at Villa Nazareth Hotel

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

Lunch at Stella Mares Guest House, visit the Canaanite altar below the church
Drive to the Galilee: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Church of Loaves and Fishes and more

Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Saturday, February 7

Breakfast at Villa Nazareth Hotel

Explore first and second century ruins beneath the Sisters of Nazareth Convent
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; www.sabeel.org)

Dinner and overnight at Jerusalem's Golden Walls Hotel (across from the
Damascus Gate through the old city wall)

Sunday, February 8

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Worship at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Meet with a politically conservative Jewish voice to gain another Israeli
perspective on security and peace

Lunch in the Armenian quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem

Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum (www.yadvashem.org)

Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Monday, February 9

Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

Travel to Ramallah to 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)

After lunch on the street near the meeting house, meet with Sam Bahour, a
Palestinian activist and businessman

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

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

Tuesday, February 10

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

