

Ways of Jesus in 2022 Immersion Study – Israel/Palestine

March 12-24, 2022

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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
Tel: (0)2 277-8888
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Legacy Hotel, Nazareth
Tel: (0)4 906-0000
<http://www.nazarethlegacy.com>

Golden Walls Hotel, Jerusalem
Tel: (0)2 627-2416
www.goldenwalls.com

* The 0 is used only when dialing from a cell phone in Palestine/Israel.

Saturday, March 12

Depart the U.S.

Sunday, March 13

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

1:30 p.m. Tour the Nativity Church (presumed birthplace of Jesus), Jerome's Cave and Shepherd's Fields

6:30 p.m. Dinner at Manger Square Hotel

7:30 p.m. Debrief

8:30 p.m. Overnight at the Manger Square Hotel

Monday, March 14

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

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 7:30 a.m. Bus to Jerusalem
Visit Haram al Sharif (Temple Mount) and explore the Old City including Via Doloroso, Western Wall, Church of the Resurrection, the Pool of Bethesda, St. Anne's Church
- Noon Lunch, then Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane...
- 5 p.m. Return to Bethlehem.
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant
- 7:30 p.m. Debrief at Manger Square
- 8:30 p.m. Overnight at Manger Square Hotel



Tuesday, March 15

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 9 a.m. Meet with Munther Isaac, Pastor, Bethlehem Christmas Church (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, a Global Ministries partner; <http://www.elcjh.org>) and Academic Dean, Bethlehem Bible College), **“Palestinian Theology and Preaching”**
- 10 a.m. Meet with Rifat Kassis, Coordinator of Kairos Palestine (Global Ministries Mission Partner, www.kairopalestine.ps) and co-founder of Defense for Children International—Palestine (www.dci-palestine.org), **“Hope In the Absence of All Hope” & “No Way to Treat a Child”**
- 11 a.m. Walking tour of Aida Camp
- Noon Lunch & free time
- 5 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”**
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant
- 8:00 p.m. Debrief & overnight at Manger Square

Wednesday, March 16

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to Gush Etzion settlement to meet with Bob Lange, **“Life in the Settlement”**
- 9:30 a.m. Drive south to Hebron, meet Breaking the Silence members (www.breakingthesilence.org.il) for tour the old city including the Tomb of the Patriarchs
- Noon Lunch
- 2 p.m. Meet with Daoud Nassar and work at Tent of Nations, **“We Refuse to Be Enemies”**
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- 7 p.m. Debrief & overnight at Manger Square

Thursday, March 17

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 10:30 a.m. Tour Bethlehem University, meet with students and eat lunch at the school
- 1:30 p.m. Meet with Shari Sarah Motro, attorney and blogger, **“An Israeli Perspective”**

3 p.m. Meet with Daniel Seidemann, Israeli attorney, Founder and Director of Terrestrial Jerusalem (<http://t-j.org.il/>), **“Political Impacts of Development in Jerusalem”**

4 p.m. Free time in Jerusalem or Bethlehem, dinner on your own

7 p.m. Debrief

8 p.m. Overnight at Manger Square

Pack to leave for the Judean wilderness tomorrow morning.

Friday, March 18

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 el Qelt or tour Russian Museum

Noon Lunch on Mt. of Temptation

2 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 Legacy Hotel, Nazareth

Saturday, March 19

7 a.m. Breakfast at Legacy Hotel

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

Noon Lunch

Bus to Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Peter's Primacy, Mt. of Beatitudes

6 p.m. Meet with Jonathan Cook, Independent Journalist

(<https://www.jonathan-cook.net/>) at Legacy Hotel, **“Reporting from Nazareth”**

7 p.m. Dinner at Legacy Hotel

8 p.m. Debrief and overnight at Legacy Hotel

Pack to leave tomorrow morning.



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

Sunday, March 20

8 a.m. Breakfast at Legacy Hotel

Worship at Christ Anglican/Episcopal Church

(<https://www.facebook.com/christchurchnazareth/>)

Lunch

Travel to East Jerusalem and visit the Israeli Museum (www.imj.org.il/en),

5 p.m. Check in to Golden Walls Hotel

6 p.m. Debrief

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

Monday, March 21

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

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel
- 8 a.m. Tour Silwan with Emek Shaveh (<https://emekshaveh.org>), the site of forced removals of Palestinian families from their homes
- 10:30 a.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"**
- Lunch in West Jerusalem
- 2:30 p.m. Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum
- 6 p.m. Debrief, dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Tuesday, March 22

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel
 - 8 a.m. Bus to Rawdat el Zahour School (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.rawdat.org), **"A Garden of Flowers: Children, Education & Hope"**
 - 10 Bus to East Jerusalem to meet with Omar Harami, Director, Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center (a Global Ministries partner; www.sabeel.org), **"Theology Matters."**
 - 11:30 p.m. Lunch & free time in Jerusalem or Bethlehem
 - 7 p.m. Dinner, debrief and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel
- Pack tonight to depart the pilgrimage tomorrow.**

Wednesday, March 23

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus 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), **"Building a Culture of Peace & Nonviolence."**
- 10 a.m. Meet with Sam Bahour, a Palestinian activist and businessman, **"Economic Realities & Possibilities Under Occupation."**
- Noon Lunch on your own in Ramallah
- 2 p.m. Meet with Shawan Jabarin, Director of Al Haq (www.alhaq.org), **"Defending Human Rights in Palestine"**
- Bus to Beit Sahour, a cultural dinner and Debka dancing as guests of our hosts, Siraj Center for Holy Land Studies (www.sirajcenter.org)
- 7 p.m. Depart for airport, then depart for the U.S. late tonight

Thursday, March 24

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