

In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel
January 21-February 2, 2022
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:



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Friday, January 21

Depart the U.S.

Saturday, January 22

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 Shepherds Fields

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

Sunday, January 23

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, then Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane...; return to Bethlehem.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Monday, January 24

- 8 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”**
- 10:30 a.m. Meet with Rifat Kassis, Coordinator of Kairos Palestine (Global Ministries Mission Partner, www.kairospalestine.ps) and Director of Defense for Children International—Palestine (www.dci-palestine.org), **“Hope In the Absence of All Hope” & “No Way to Treat a Child”**
- Noon Lunch
- 2 p.m. Visit B'tselem (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.btselem.org) for a conversation with the staff, **“Human Rights Under Apartheid”**
- 5 p.m. Meet with The Parents Circle (www.theparentscircle.com), bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families, **“Reconciliation as an Alternative to Hate and Revenge”**
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square

Tuesday, January 25

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to Gush Etzion settlement to meet with a settler, **“Life in a Settlement”**
- 10 a.m. Drive south to Hebron, tour the old city including the Tomb of the Patriarchs, and meet with the Hebron Rehabilitation Organization, **“Revitalization Under Occupation”**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch in Hebron
Return to Bethlehem for free time
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square Hotel



Wednesday, January 26

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Walk through Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem
- 9:30 a.m. Drive to East Jerusalem, meet with Yoni Mizrahi, founder and CEO of Emek Shaveh (www.emekshaveh.org) for a walking tour of Silwan, **“Archeology and Cultural Heritage Rights”**
- Noon Lunch and free time in Jerusalem or Bethlehem
Dinner on your own and overnight at Manger Square Hotel

PACK TO LEAVE FOR JUDEAN WILDERNESS AND BEYOND TOMORROW



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

Thursday, January 27

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 7:30 a.m. Check out from hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to Jericho. Hike in the Wadi Qelt or tour Jericho (Hisham's Palace)
- Noon Lunch on the Mount of Temptation
- 1 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, Nazareth

Friday, January 28

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth
- 8 a.m. Bus to the Sea of Galilee, visit Capernaum, communion at St. Peter's Primacy, Mt. of Beatitudes
- 1 p.m. Return to tour Nazareth (Mary's Well, Basilica of the Annunciation and more)
- 5 p.m. Meet and have a conversation with Jonathan Cook, British author and journalist, "**Reporting from Nazareth**"
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth

PACK TO LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING

Saturday, January 29

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth
- 9:00 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**"
- Noon Lunch at Mar Elias High School (www.pilgrimsofibilin.org)
Travel to Jerusalem, visit The Israel Museum ([/www.imj.org.il](http://www.imj.org.il))
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel (Jerusalem)

Sunday, January 30

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. Worship at St. James Greek Orthodox Church
- Noon Lunch in West Jerusalem
- 2 p.m. Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum (www.yadvashem.org)
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Monday, January 31

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel

- 8 a.m. Bus to Ramallah, 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 Sam Bahour, Palestinian activist and businessman, **“Economic Realities & Possibilities Under Occupation.”**
- Noon Lunch on your own
- 2 p.m. Return to Jerusalem, meet with Omar Harami, Director, Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center (a Global Ministries partner; www.sabeel.org), **“Theology Matters.”**
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Tuesday, February 1

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Walls Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to Rawdat el Zahour School (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.rawdat.org)
- 10 a.m. Meet with Danny Seidemann, Israeli attorney, Founder and Director of Terrestrial Jerusalem (<http://t-j.org.il/>), **“Political Impacts of Development in Jerusalem”**
- 11 a.m. **“Question and Response”** with Dr. Muna Mushahwa, President of the National Coalition of Christian Organizations of Palestine, Ophthalmologist at Hadassah Hospital
Lunch and free time
- 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

Wednesday, February 2

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

