

In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel
January 24-February 4, 2020
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Madisonville, Kentucky
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, January 24

Depart the U.S.

Saturday, January 25

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 26

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; continue tour of Old City; then Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane...; return to Bethlehem.
- 7 p.m. Dinner at Abu Shanab (@abushanabrestaurant), overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Monday, January 27

- 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)
- 10:30 a.m. Meet with Nader Abu Amsa, Director, East Jerusalem YMCA Rehabilitation Program (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.ejymca.org), and Mona Zagrut, Supervisor of Therapists
- Noon Lunch at Ruth's (near Shepherds Fields)
- 2 p.m. Visit B'tselem (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.btselem.org) for a conversation with the staff
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Shepherds Nai Restaurant, (shepherds.nai@gmail.com) in Beit Sahour, overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Tuesday, January 28

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to Gush Etzion settlement to meet with a settler
- 10 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)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch in Hebron
- 2:30 p.m. Visit Tent of Nations (www.tentofnations.org), meet with Daoud Nassar, Director, and share in work of planting vegetables
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Casa Nova, overnight at Manger Square



Wednesday, January 29

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8:15 a.m. Meet with Rifat Kassis, General Director 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)
- 9:45 a.m. Visit Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem for presentation by Abdelfattah Abu Srou, director of the Al Rowwad Cultural and Theatre Society (www.alrowwad-acts.ps), tour the camp
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Free time in Jerusalem or Bethlehem
Dinner on your own

6:30 p.m. Meet with The Parents Circle (www.theparentscircle.com), bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families



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

Thursday, January 30

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
1:30 p.m. Visit the traditional baptismal site; float in the Dead Sea
4 p.m. Bus through the Jordan Valley to Tiberius
7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Villa Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth

Friday, January 31

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
Lunch
1 p.m. 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

Saturday, February 1

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*)
Noon Lunch at Mar Elias High School (www.pilgrimsofibilin.org)
Travel to East Jerusalem, free time in the afternoon after checking in to Golden Walls Hotel
7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel (Jerusalem)

Sunday, February 2

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 p.m. Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum (www.yadvashem.org)
6 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

Monday, February 3

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)

10:00 a.m. Drive to Ramallah, meet with Sam Bahour, Palestinian activist and businessman

12 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)

3 p.m. Meet with Addameer, Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (www.addameer.org)

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 4

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

