

Ways of Jesus in 2020 Immersion Study – Israel/Palestine

A Specialization Course for Doctor of Ministry Students
in Intercultural and Improvisational Tracks
January 6-17, 2020

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Hosts: Jeff and Janet Wright



**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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info@mangersquarehotel.com

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

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Monday, January 6

Depart the U.S.

Tuesday, January 7 (Greek Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic Christmas)

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

Wednesday, January 8

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

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 7:30 a.m. Bus to Jerusalem
- 8:30 a.m. Visit Haram al Sharif (Temple Mount); 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 Abu Shanab (@abushanabrestaurant)
- 7:30 p.m. Debrief at Manger Square
- 8:30 p.m. Overnight at Manger Square Hotel



Thursday, January 9

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8:30 a.m. Bus to Gush Etzion settlement to meet with Settler Bob, **"Life in the Settlement"**
- 10:30 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."**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Visit Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem for presentation by Abdelfattah Abu Srou, director of the Al Rowwad Cultural & Theatre Society (www.alrowwad-acts.ps), **"Beautiful Resistance."**
- 4:30 p.m. Return to hotel
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner at the Nai Restaurant (shepherds.nai@gmail.com), Beit Sahour
- 7 p.m. Debrief
- 8 p.m. Overnight at Manger Square

Friday, January 10

- 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 and Preaching"**
- 10:30 a.m. Visit East Jerusalem YMCA Rehabilitation Program in Beit Sahour (a Global Ministries partner; www.shepherdsfieldymca.org) to meet with Director Nader Abu Amsha and Supervisor of Mental Health Therapists Muna Zagrou, **"Community Outreach, Vocational Rehab & Psycho/Social Health Care."**
- Noon Lunch at Ruth's
- 12:45 Disperse in Shepherds Fields to write and reflect
- 1:30 Bus to East Jerusalem to meet with Omar Harami, Director, Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center (a Global Ministries partner; www.sabeel.org), **"Theology Matters."**

- 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”**
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner at Casa Nova Palace
- 7:30 p.m. Debrief
- 8:30 p.m. Overnight at Manger Square Hotel

Saturday, January 11

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 9 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”**
- 10:30 a.m. Bus to Jerusalem to meet with Dr. Muna Mushahwa, President of the National Coalition of Christian Organizations of Palestine, **“The Church Under Occupation”**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch & free time in Jerusalem or Bethlehem
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own at local restaurant in Bethlehem
- 7 p.m. Debrief
- 8 p.m. Overnight at Manger Square

Pack to leave for the Judean wilderness tomorrow morning.

Sunday, January 12

- 7 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine's Catholic Church
- 8 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8:30 a.m. Check out from hotel
- 9 a.m. Bus through the Judean wilderness to Jericho. Hike in the Wadi el Qelt or tour Jericho (Hisham's Palace)
- 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 Villa Nazareth Hotel

Monday, January 13

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth
- 8 a.m. Tour Nazareth (Mary's Well, Basilica of the Annunciation, and more)
- 11:30 a.m. 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 Villa Nazareth, **“Reporting from Nazareth”**
- 7 p.m. Dinner at Villa Nazareth Hotel
- 8 p.m. Debrief
- 9 p.m. Overnight at Villa Nazareth

Pack to leave tomorrow morning.



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

Tuesday, January 14

- 8 a.m. Breakfast at Villa Nazareth
- 9 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.”**
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Mar Elias High School (www.pilgrimsofibilin.org)
- 12:30 p.m. 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

Wednesday, January 15

- 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
 - 7:30 a.m. Bus to Rawdat el Zahour School (Global Ministries Mission Partner; www.rawdat.org), **“A Garden of Flowers: Children, Education & Hope”**
 - 10 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”**
 - 11:30 p.m. Lunch at Jerusalem Hotel
 - 1 p.m. Meet with Danny Seidemann, Israeli attorney, **“Israeli/Palestinian Relations in Jerusalem and the Two-State Solution?”**
 - 2:30 p.m. Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum (www.yadvashem.org)
 - 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls

Pack tonight to depart the pilgrimage tomorrow.



Thursday, January 16

- 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.”**
- 10:30 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 Addameer, Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (www.addameer.org), **“Isolation, Administrative Detention, Medical Negligence: the Palestinian Prisoners’ Plight”**
- 3:30 p.m. Drive to Beit Sahour
- 5 p.m. Enjoy 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

Friday, January 17

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