

## In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine & Israel

April 27 – May 8, 2018

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, April 27**

Depart the U.S.

### **Saturday, April 28**

Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer via motor coach to Bethlehem

After settling in at Manger Square Hotel (located near the Nativity Church), we will meet Ibrahim Jaber, our guide, and have lunch at Afteem's.

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

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

### **Sunday, April 29**

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](http://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
- 1 p.m. Continue tour of Old City; then Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane...; return to Bethlehem.
- 7 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square Hotel

### **Monday, April 30**

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 9:00 a.m. Visit Palestine Museum of Natural History and meet with Mazin Qumsiyeh, Director ([www.qumsiyeh.org](http://www.qumsiyeh.org)), **“Environmental Realities: Nature Under Occupation”**
- 10:30 a.m. Meet with Nader Abu Amsha, Director, East Jerusalem YMCA Rehabilitation Program (Global Ministries Mission Partner; [www.ejymca.org](http://www.ejymca.org)), **“Treating Trauma under Occupation”**
- Noon Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Visit B'tselem (Global Ministries Mission Partner; [www.btselem.org](http://www.btselem.org)) for a conversation with the staff, **“Monitoring Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Territories”**
- 4:30 p.m. Meet with Bassam Aramin and Rami Elhanan, members of The Parents Circle ([www.theparentscircle.com](http://www.theparentscircle.com)), **“Reconciliation as an Alternative to Hate and Revenge”**
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square Hotel

### **Tuesday, May 1**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 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](http://www.cpt.org/work/palestine)), **“The Day-to-Day Work of Peacemaking”**
- Noon Lunch
- 2 p.m. Travel to Tent of Nations ([www.tentofnations.org](http://www.tentofnations.org)), meet with Daoud Nassar, Director, **“We Refuse to Be Enemies”**, and share in work
- 5 p.m. Tour Aida Refugee Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant, overnight at Manger Square

### **Wednesday, MAY 2**

- 8 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 9 a.m. Meet with Rifat Kassis, Director of Defense for Children International-Palestine ([www.dci-palestine.org](http://www.dci-palestine.org)), **“No Way to Treat a Child”**
- 10:30 Bus to Jerusalem to meet with Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center (Global Ministries Mission Partner, [www.sabeel.org](http://www.sabeel.org)), **“A Palestinian Reading of the Bible”**
- Noon Lunch on one's own; free time in Jerusalem or Bethlehem
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at local Bethlehem restaurant and overnight at Manger Square



***Pack to leave for the Judean wilderness tomorrow morning.***



Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Psalm 85:10

### **Thursday, May 3**

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Manger Square Hotel
- 8 a.m. Bus to Jericho. Hike in the Wadi Qelt or tour Jericho (Hisham's Palace)
- 11 a.m. Cable car to lunch on Mt. of Temptation (a gift of our hosts, Siraj Center) and visit monastery and Elisha's Spring
- 2 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 Pilgerhaus Tabgha, Tiberius

### **Friday, May 4**

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Pilgerhaus
- 7:30 a.m. Bus to Nazareth
- 9 a.m. Visit Arab Association for Human Rights ([www.arabhra.org](http://www.arabhra.org)) and meet with Mohammed Zeidan, General Director, "**The Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel**"
- 10:30 a.m. Tour Nazareth (Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well and more)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
After lunch, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Church of the Loaves and Fishes and more
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Pilgerhaus

### **Saturday, May 5**

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Pilgerhaus
- 9:00 a.m. Bus to I'billin, meet with Melkite Catholic Archbishop Elias Chacour (author of *Blood Brothers*) and lunch  
Return to Jerusalem to check in to hotel, then free time in the city
- 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel (Jerusalem)

### **Sunday, May 6**

- 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
- 8:30 a.m. Meet with an Jewish speaker, "**Israeli Perspectives on Security and the Prospects for Peace**"
- 11 a.m. Worship at St. George's (Anglican) Cathedral
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Jerusalem Hotel
- 2:30 p.m. Tour Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum ([www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org))
- 6 p.m. Dinner and overnight at Golden Walls Hotel

***Pack to leave for home tomorrow night.***

## **Monday, May 7**

- 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](http://www.rawdat.org)), **“A Garden of Flowers: Children, Education & Hope”**
- 10:00 a.m. Drive to Ramallah, meet with Sam Bahour, Palestinian activist and businessman, **“Economic Realities & Possibilities”**
- 12:30 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](http://www.ramallahquakers.org))
- 3:00 p.m. Meet with Addameer, Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association ([www.addameer.org](http://www.addameer.org)), **“Isolation, Administrative Detention, Medical Negligence: the Palestinian Prisoners’ Plight”**
- 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, May 8**

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

