

Journey of Understanding Itinerary

Please hold these times and events loosely as "life" does change and there may need to be adjustments.

Day 1 - Friday, November 1

Tel Aviv / Jerusalem

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, participants will be met and transferred to our hotel in Jerusalem. (Departure from the US will be Thursday, October 31, from Europe and the UK, Friday, November 1.) Dinner, welcome, and orientation will be at the hotel.

Day 2 - Saturday, November 2

Jerusalem



Today will be our Tour of Old City Jerusalem (including Tower of David, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulcher, and the Western Wall). In the evening we will have dinner and a meeting with representatives from **Parents' Circle Family Forum**---a mixed Israeli and Palestinian group that represents parents who have lost family members in the conflict. (www.theparentscircle.com)

Day 3 – Sunday, November 3

Jerusalem

This morning we will have the opportunity to worship together with some of our Israeli and Palestinian friends at a local church. In the afternoon we complete our Jerusalem tour (including the Mount of Olives and the Garden Tomb). In the evening we will have dinner and meeting with *Renee Techelet*, an Israeli Jew working with a reconciliation group called MEP. She will be explaining their program, their perspectives, and their hopes for the future. We will leave some time to wander through the markets of the Old City.

Day 4 - Monday, November 4

Jerusalem / Bethany / Bethlehem

In the morning we will visit **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. For lunch we will visit Joint Ventures for Peace in Bethany (**Shorouq Society for Women and NISPED**). This organization is designed to bring together Israeli and Palestinian artisans to build relationships and offer economic development and jobs creation for women. Then we will drive to Bethlehem and check into our rooms, after which we have a tour of **Bethlehem Bible College** to hear about their work in training young Christian leaders for the church and society.

Day 5 - Tuesday, November 5

Bethlehem

Today we will tour Bethlehem, including the Nativity Church and Shepherds' Fields. Following this we will visit the **Tent of Nations**, just southwest of Bethlehem. The Nassars, a Christian Palestinian



family, have dedicated their property to God as a meeting place for reconciliation (www.tentofnations.org). On our way back to Bethlehem we will visit the surrounding villages with **Holy Land Trust** to learn about the impact of the Security Wall on these villages. Through a commitment to non-violence, Holy Land Trust strengthens and empowers the people of the Holy Land to end all forms of oppression (<https://holylandtrust.org/>).

Day 6 - Wednesday, November 6

Bethlehem

Today we will visit Aida Refugee Camp, and walk alongside the Security Wall. We will meet with representatives from **Musalaha** (Arabic for “reconciliation”). Musalaha promotes and facilitates reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians based on the life and teachings of Jesus (www.musalaha.org). We will have some free time today to explore Bethlehem.

Day 7 - Thursday, November 7

Jordan River Valley / Galilee



Today we will spend some time processing through all that we have experienced up to this point. Afterward we will drive down past Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea to visit Jericho, then drive up the Jordan River Valley and arrive in Nazareth.

Day 8 - Friday, November 8

Galilee

Today we visit the sites of Jesus’ ministry around the Sea of Galilee, including Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha (where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish), St. Peter’s Primacy, and others. We will finish up with a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee.



Day 9 – Saturday, November 9

Galilee



Today we will visit Nazareth Open Village Museum (a re-creation of what the village of Nazareth might have looked like in Jesus’ day), the Church of the Annunciation, and Mount Tabor. We will have time to talk together to process through what we have seen and heard of this Journey.

Day 10 - Sunday, November 10

Galilee / Caesarea / Tel Aviv

Today we will depart from the Galilee via the sea route, visiting the ancient sea port of Caesarea. We will arrive at the Tel Aviv airport for our return flights home (arriving in US on Monday, November 11).

COST:

\$ 1850 per person sharing double room

\$ 350 per person for single supplement

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airport assistance arrival and departure
- Accommodation in hotels and guest houses
- Meals daily (excluding lunches)
- Entrance fees to all sites in itinerary, includes boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Transportation in a deluxe bus all the way
- Professional English speaking guide as needed