

## World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel

**22 - 28 September 2013**

***"Pray, educate, and advocate for justice in Palestine"***

An initiative of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF) of the World Council of Churches

### **Come and See – WWPPI Holy Land Tour 2013**

**Sep. 21 – Saturday – Departure/ Arrival day**

**Sept 22 – Sunday – Arrival in the Holy Land**

Welcoming and briefing

PM : Ecumenical Service with Churches and local Community of Palestinian Christians

Dinner with Church leaders of Jerusalem

Overnight in Jerusalem

**Sep 23 – Monday – Introduction – *Abrahamic decedents' journey to Jerusalem***

This morning we drive up on the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We then visit The Church of Paternoster, The Chapel of Ascension and walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to The Dominus Fleuit, where our Lord wept over Jerusalem. We continue to The Garden of Gethsemane and The Church of All Nations.

Drive south to the city of **Al-Khalil/Hebron**, the City of our Patriarch fathers and today a striking example of segregation between the grand children. With the *Ecumenical Accompaniment Program* (of the World Council of Churches) through the infamous vacated Shuhada Street to the tombs of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca and Jacob and Leah in the Al Ibrahim Mosque.

**Evening Reflection on the Word of Faith from Kairos Palestine by Patriarch Emeritus Michel Sabbah**

**Sep 24 – Tuesday – *Universality of Jerusalem***

We start sightseeing on foot in the Old City of Jerusalem, to The Wailing Wall, and then enter The Haram-al-Sharif, to view The Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, if permitted.

In the afternoon, we first enter the Old City of Jerusalem on foot through St. Stephen's Gate, and visit The Church of St. Anne, The Pool of Bethesda, The Chapel of Flagellation, The Lithostrotos and The Ecce Homo. We follow Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) past narrow alleys and bazaars to The Church of The Holy Sepulcher, and we will visit Golgotha and The Tomb of Jesus.

Evening panel with local Christian and Moslem and Jewish speakers, followed by dialogue under the motto: "*Living together the Word of Faith*":

***In the afternoon 6 pm : Interfaith panel of speakers, on the universality of Jerusalem with. Nora Carmi and Dr. Nazmi Jubeh and a Rabbi***

Dinner and overnight stay in **Jerusalem**.

### **Sep 25 – Wednesday – *The Birth of the Word – Access between Jerusalem and Bethlehem***

Through the Separation wall and military check points to Bethlehem. Visit The Basilica of The Nativity, and The Grotto of Jesus' Birth. Tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine and the Shepherds' Fields. After lunch, you will visit **YMCA Beit Sahour learn about the Olive planting part of project of the Joint Advocacy program by Nidal Abu Zuluf from YMCA.**

PM– the Kairos Palestine document and the current situation in The Holy Land – presented by **Rifaat Kassis/ Nora Carmi Kairos Palestine Coordinators : Reflection on the words of Hope and Love by Kairos Palestine.**

Dinner and overnight stay in Beit Lehem/Bethlehem

### **Sep 26 Thursday- Settlements on confiscated land**

**Way of the cross on Settlements with SABEEL- Liberation theology**

Other options:

PM: Tent of Nations (Christian family isolated and surrounded by Settlements)  
Or ... Settlement tour around Occupied East Jerusalem with Israeli guide from

BetSelem

### **Sep 27 – Friday – *Jericho and Displacement (refuge and refugees)***

After breakfast and passing by the Samaritan Inn drive under sea level to the city of Jericho, Visit Tel Al Sultan and the mount of temptation by cable car. A trip to the Dead Sea for a short stop then back to Jerusalem.

*Optional upon early return if possible to join demonstration*

- 1- At Sheikh Jarrah displaced people from East Jerusalem homes*
- 2- At Cremisan Convent Fields to be separated by the wall*

### **Sep 28 – Saturday – Land of miracles and multiplication**

Trip North takes us to Nazareth and Sea Of Galilee

PM back to Bethlehem

**Sep 29 – Sunday – Advocate Peace and Justice when back home**

Leaving Jerusalem.

**Package Includes**

- *Accommodation in double room occupancy at*
  - *3 nights Capitol Hotel in Jerusalem*
  - *4 nights Bethlehem Star Hotel in Bethlehem*
- *All transportation in a air-conditioned and heated bus*
- *Well experiences licensed tour guide and escorts*
- *Speakers and thematic tours with different organizations as indicated in the itinerary*
- *All entrance fees to places visited*
- *Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily*

***COST USD 990***

***Per person in Double room occupancy***

*For single room supplement it is additional: USD 280*

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It's time for Palestine