



# 2015 Board of Directors' Study Tour Itinerary

(subject to change as necessary)

## Optional Pre-Trip Extension: November 4 – 7, 2015

### Pre-trip: Wednesday, November 4 – Arrival

- Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv on your own
- *Hotel/Meals: Tel Aviv*

### Pre-trip: Thursday, November 5 – Nazareth and Tiberias

- Breakfast at hotel/leave hotel by 7:30 AM
- Visit [Casearea Maritima](#)
- Visit Nazareth's [Church of the Annunciation](#)
- Visit Capernaum
- Visit Tabgha's [Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes](#)
- Boat ride on the Lake of Kinneret/Sea of Galilee in Tiberias
- *Hotel/Meals: Tiberias (B, D)*

### Pre-trip: Friday, November 6 – Galilee and Jordan Valley

- Breakfast at hotel
- Early check-out
- Visit [Mount of Beatitudes](#)
- Visit traditional baptismal site at the Jordan River
- Lunch and visit in Jericho
- Visit Dead Sea
- Drive to Bethlehem and check-in to hotel
- *Hotel/Meals: Bethlehem (B, D)*

### Pre-trip: Saturday, November 7 – Bethlehem and Jerusalem

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Shepherd's Field church
- Opportunity to purchase fair trade souvenirs
- Walk down Mount of Olives, visiting the [Church of the Tears](#) and the [Church of All Nations](#)/Garden of Gethsemane
- 6:00 PM: Meet the rest of the group for the introduction to the tour
- *Hotel/Meals: (B, D)*

## **Trip: November 7 – 13, 2015**

### **Day 1: Saturday, November 7 – Arrival**

- Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem on your own (for people not on the pre-trip)
- 6:00 PM: Meet your Palestinian and Jewish Israeli guides
- 7:00 PM: Group dinner
- *Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (D)*

### **Day 2: Sunday, November 8 – Historical Context of Jerusalem**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Attend 9:30 AM (Anglican) or 9:00 AM (Lutheran) worship service
- Group lunch in the Old City
- Visit Noble Sanctuary/Temple Mount
- Tour the Old City of Jerusalem
- Dinner on own
- *Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, L)*

### **Day 3: Monday, November 9 – Israeli Settlement & Palestinian village**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour Settlement
- Tour Wadi Fukin
- Tour Cremisan Valley
- Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity
- Meet Mayor of Bethlehem
- Reception and dinner with Palestinian civil society leaders
- *Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, D)*

### **Day 4: Tuesday, November 10 – Modern Jerusalem**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Political tour of East Jerusalem with local non-governmental organization
- Meet with Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel ([www.eappi.org/en/](http://www.eappi.org/en/))
- Reception and dinner with Israeli civil society leaders
- *Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, D)*

### **Day 5: Wednesday, November 11 - Hebron**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Hebron tour with Breaking the Silence (<http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/>) or Christian Peace Makers Team (CPT) (<http://www.cpt.org/work/palestine>)
- Visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs (if time permits both the mosque and synagogue)
- Opportunity to purchase souvenirs

- Lunch with a Hebron family
- Visit Susya
- *Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, L, D)*

**Day 6: Thursday, November 12 – West Bank: Nablus and Jenin**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check-out of the hotel and drive to Nablus
- Visit Jacob’s Well and Orthodox Church
- Meeting with Munib Masri and learn about about the Samaritans
- Large lunch in Nablus; sample the city’s famous [knafeh](#)
- Meet with Palestinian security officials in Nablus
- Tour Nablus market
- Go up [Mount Gerizim](#)
- Drive to Tel Aviv
- Check-in to your hotel and have a late dinner there
- *Hotel/Meals: Tel Aviv (B, L, D)*

**Day 7: Friday, November 13 – Tel Aviv/Jaffa & Departure**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour Tel Aviv and Jaffa
- Dinner on own
- No hotel due to departure late evening /early morning; ideal flights should leave between 10:00pm on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 2:00am on November 14<sup>th</sup>
- *Hotel/Meals: (B)*

In the past meetings have been held with, among others:

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| • President Mahmoud Abbas  | • Rabbi Daniel Roth, Pardes Jewish Institute               |
| • US Consul General Michael A. Ratney                                | • Ministry of Foreign Affairs                              |
| • Dr. Rabbi Daniel Sperber   | • Member of the Knesset                                    |
| • Dr. Abdelrahman Alamarah Tamimi, Palestinian water expert          | • Parents Circle members                                   |
| • Dr. Saeb Erakat  | • Dan Goldenblatt and Riman Barakat, co-directors of IPCRI |
| • Amal Al Qassem, grassroots activists from Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem | • Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat                              |
| • Imam Abu Sneineh, Al Aqsa Mosque                                   | • Akiva Eldar of Haaretz                                   |
| • Bishop Mounib Younan, President of the Lutheran World Federation   | • American Embassy officials                               |

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