

# COME & SEE Tour, Sept 30 – Oct 12, 2019

Day  
**1**

Monday, Sept 30:

Fly as a group from Chicago, (O'Hare) to Amman, Jordan, (Queen Alia International Airport).



Day  
**2**

Tuesday, Oct 1:

Arrive in Amman, Jordan, mid-afternoon, and travel an hour by van to the Holiday Inn Dead Sea Resort. Take a dip in the Dead Sea.



Day  
**3**

Wednesday, Oct 2:

Drive 2.5 hours through the dessert to visit the historical and archaeological city of Petra. Return to hotel, Holiday Inn Dead Sea Resort.



Day  
**4**

Thursday, Oct 3:

While in the area, visit Mt Nebo and Jesus's baptismal site on the Jordan River. Head over the boarder to Israel/Palestine to Bethlehem by way of Jericho and St Georges Monastery. Stay the next several nights at Abu Jubran Guest House.



Day  
**5**

Friday, Oct 4:

Spend the day exploring Bethlehem, with guide, Usama Nicola. The day will include touring The Church of the Nativity, a refugee camp, and a meeting and lunch meal at Wi'am Conflict Resolution Center.



\* While in Israel/Palestine we travel in a 14-passenger bus. Our driver, George Mussalam, has been our driver for all of our trips. While in Bethlehem, we eat breakfasts and most dinners at the guesthouse. Chef Bassem specializes in authentic Palestinian cuisine. Mmmmmmm

## Day 6

Saturday, Oct 5:

Finally, to Jerusalem! Start the day walking down the Mount of Olives. Then on to the Wailing Wall and Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On the way back to "home" at the guesthouse, stop for a coffee at the Banksy Hotel and see the separation wall up close.



## Day 7

Sunday, Oct 6:

Attend worship at the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, grab a quick lunch and then head back to Jerusalem. This will be a different kind of tour of Jerusalem proper with a local Jewish Israeli guide from ICAHD (Israeli citizens against House Demolition).



## Day 8

Monday, Oct 7:

Spend the day with partner, Diyar Consortium, to learn about their work: Dar al-Kalima University College, health and wellness center, sports arena, and gift shop where student art is sold. Attend a cooking class and experience a traditional Biblical dinner served in the Cave under the Guest House.



## Day 9

Tuesday, Oct 8:

Head back to the Old City of Jerusalem to tour the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Then visit the East Jerusalem YWCA, a UCC mission partner. In the afternoon, meet up again with Usama Nicola, who will guide by 4-wheelers into the desert to visit a Bedouin community and have dinner with a family there.



## Day 10

Wednesday, Oct 9:

Leave early for the city of Hebron and see the tomb of Abraham and Sarah. Lunch with a Palestinian family. Visit Tent of Nations, whose motto is *We Refuse to be Enemies*. Finish the day back in Bethlehem to hear from members of The Parent Circle, an organization of Israeli and Palestinian parents who come together for peace because of their common experience of losing children to the conflict.



## Day 11

Thursday, Oct 10:

Leave Bethlehem to drive north to the city of Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Sisters of the Nazarene who have a surprise below their convent. Hear from Palestinians who live in Israel. Lodging is at the guesthouse on the Mount of the Beatitudes, overlooking the Sea of Galilee.



## Day 12

Friday, Oct 11:

Travel around the Sea of Galilee, stopping at places where Jesus taught. Stop for lunch for St Peter's fish. At the end of the day, drive to Tel Aviv and have dinner together before catching a late flight back to Chicago.



## Day 13

Saturday, Oct 12:

Arrive in Chicago and say farewell.



\*Estimated cost of the trip is \$3,500, includes airfare.

\*Trip includes extensive walking, stairs, sometimes on rough terrain.

\*Because of time needed, a tour of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum is not included on this trip. Travelers are welcome to extend their time at the end of the trip.

\*Recommended book and video list available.

**FIRM COMMITMENT NEEDED BY NOV 1, 2018**

Interested in the trip? Questions?

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