

## Itinerary Fall 2024 Living Stones Pilgrimage

October 28 - November 8, 2024

Be aware that conditions on the ground may dictate change

**Monday, October 28 - Fly to Tel Aviv on late night flight**

**Tuesday, October 29**

- Arrive (afternoon) and transfer to hotel in Abu Gosh
- Dinner and Orientation



**Day 1 — Wednesday, October 30 — Haifa District to Ibillin**

- Caesarea Maritima and Roman Aqueduct
- Mt. Carmel and see Elijah's Cave
- Lunch
- Ba'hai Gardens overlook
- Crusader site at Acre
- Overnight at I'billin

**Day 2 — Thursday, October 31 — Ibillin to Nazareth**

- Meet with Archbishop Elias Chacour
- Cana
- Lunch and tour at Nazareth Village
- Basilica of the Annunciation
- Gentle walk up the Mt. of Precipice for sunset
- Overnight in Nazareth



## Day 3 — Friday, November 1 — Galilee

- Ruins of Magdala on the Sea of Galilee
- Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Enjoy a St. Peter's Fish lunch
- Visit Tagbha
- Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes
- Sussita or Kursi (the place of the swine)
- Overnight in Nazareth



## Day 4 — Saturday, November 2 — Jerico to Bethlehem

- Ancient ruins of Beth-Shean
- Renew our baptism at Jordan River (Qasr al-Yahud) in the desert
- Lunch
- Qumran Caves
- Swim at the Dead Sea
- Wadi Qelt aka the Valley of the Shadow of Death at sunset
- Overnight Bethlehem



## Day 5 — Sunday, November 3 — Jerusalem

- Early morning tour inside Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock
- Walk parts of the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross)
- End the journey at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Enjoy some free time and lunch in the Old City, guided options

- St. Peter in Gallicantu/Caiaphas' House
- Return to Guesthouse in Bethlehem

## Day 6 — Monday, November 4 — Jerusalem

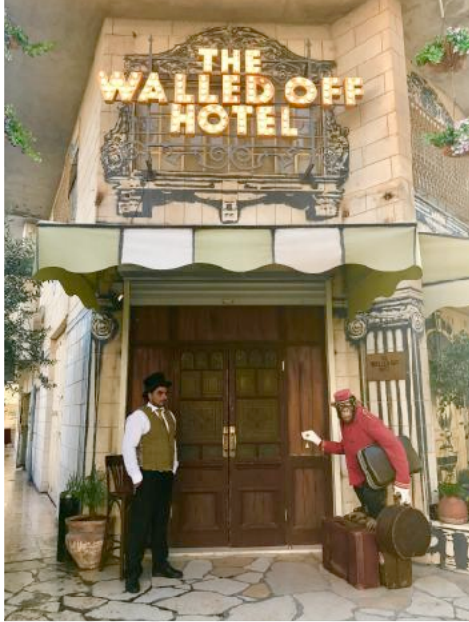
- Mt. of Olives walk down Palm Sunday Rd.
- Gethsemane/Church of all Nations and the ancient olive grove
- Old City of Jerusalem through the Lion's Gate
- Visit and sing at St. Anne's Church by the Pools of Bethesda
- Enjoy lunch in the Old City
- Prayer at the Western Wall
- Overnight in Bethlehem



## Day 7 — Tuesday, November 5 — Bethlehem



- Manger Square Church of Nativity
- Hope school in Beit Jala
- Shepherd's Field
- Wi'am Conflict Transformation Center
- Meet with Parents' Circle/Bereaved Families at hotel
- Overnight in Bethlehem

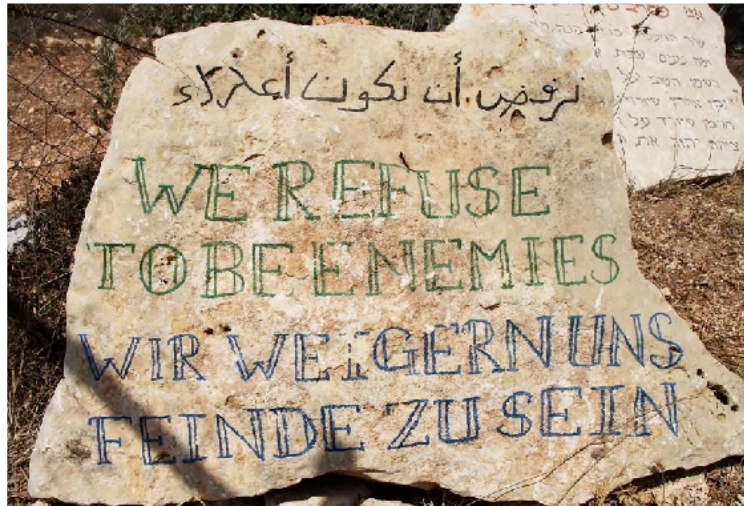


**Day 8 — Wednesday, November 6 — Bethlehem**

- Visit and have lunch in Aida refugee camp with the women of Noor Weg Women's Empowerment
- Al Rowwad Cultural Center
- Walk along the graffiti'd separation wall
- Warm up with Tea at the Walled Off - Banksy Hotel with gallery and museum
- Overnight in Bethlehem

**Day 9 — Thursday, November 7 — Bethlehem to Hebron**

- Tent of Nations
- Travel to Hebron
- Abraham Mosque/Tomb of the Patriarchs
- Walk through Souq (market) and Shouhada St.
- Meet with Community Peacemaker Team and lunch
- Kaffiyeh factory and glass/ceramics factories
- Overnight in Bethlehem



**Day 10 — Friday, November 8 — Bethlehem to Jaffa to Airport**

- Morning hike to Battir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (an easy/moderate 5 miles)
- Lunch in Battir

- Visit Palestinian Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainability at Bethlehem University
- Travel to Jaffa for final meal together and debrief
- Transfer together to airport, arriving 3 hours prior to departure - late night flight back to US (typically 11pm or midnight)



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*“The Pilgrims of Ibillin come to our minds as being the best ambassador of the United States. What the Pilgrims do is bring a factor of hope... We nurture the hope that soon you would be able to come and visit us and see for yourself what unity we have here within our diversity.”*

*– Abuna Elias Chacour*

