

Pilgrim Guide & Accompaniment Resources

A. Tour Agencies

Alternative Tourism Group (ATG) – located in Beit Sahour

- www.atg.ps
- Email: info@atg.ps
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-2151

Authentic Tourism Program (Lutheran ministry) – located in Bethlehem

- Contact Fida' Ghareeb
- www.diyar.ps
- Email: tours@diyar.ps
- Tel: +970 (0)2-277-0047
- Organized through International Center of Bethlehem

Grace Tours

- Contact: Elias Ghareeb
- www.grace-tours.com
- Email: elias@grace-tours.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-2757363

Guiding Star – located in Jerusalem

- www.guidingstartd.com
- Email: info@guidingstar2.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-3150

Mejdi Tours (Focus on Dual Narrative Tours) – located in US

- www.mejditours.com

Shepherd's Tours

- www.shepherdstours.com
- Email: info@shepherdstours.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-4121

Universal Tourist Agency – located in Jerusalem

- Contact Stelios Odeh
- www.universaljerusalem.com
- Email: contact@universaljerusalem.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-28-4383

B. Websites, Guidebooks

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land website, www.elcjh.org
- Christian Information Centre, Includes opening hours of Christian holy sites, www.cicts.org
- *Lonely Planet Guide to Israel and the Palestinian Territories*, published by Lonely Planet, 2015; www.lonelyplanet.com
- *Palestine: The Bradt Travel Guide*, published by Bradt Travel Guides Ltd, UK and the Globe Pequot Press Inc, USA, 2012; www.bradtguides.com
- *Palestine and Palestinians*, The Alternative Tourism Group (ATG), published by ATG in Ramallah, Palestine, 2008, www.atg.ps

C. Tour Guides

Hisham Sharabati (Based in Hebron, guides Hebron only)

- Email: h.sherabati@yahoo.com
- Tel: +972 (0)59-962-9000

Husam Jubran (Based in West Bank, guides West Bank & Israel)

- husam@mejdi.net

Sa'id Mreibe (Based in Jerusalem, guides West Bank & Israel)

- Email: saidmreibe@gmail.com
- Tel: +972 (0)54-756-5526

Salim Musallam (Based in Jerusalem, guides West Bank & Israel)

- Email: smusallam99@hotmail.com
- Tel: +972 (0)54-7952037

Shadi Musleh (Based in West Bank, guides West Bank only, also guides in Spanish)

- Email: shadimusleh@hotmail.com
- Tel: +972 (0)59-891-6132

Yaniv Mazor (Political Tours in East Jerusalem, West Bank)

- Email: yanivmaz@hotmail.com
- Tel: +972 (0)52-350-1317

D. ELJCHL Ministries to Visit

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)

- Bishop Munib Younan, by appointment, contact Tamara Zahran, administrative assistant
- www.elcjlh.org
- Email: administration@elcjlh.org, tzahran@elcjlh.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-6800

Educational Ministries of the ELCJHL (Schools)

- Dr. Charlie Haddad, contact Georgette Hazboun Rabadi
- www.elcjlh.org/department-of-education/schools/
- Email: grabadi_22@yahoo.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-6800
- Schools located in Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahour, and Ramallah. Tours available.

Educational Ministries of the ELCJHL (Environmental Education Center)

- Simon Awwad
- www.eecp.org
- <http://www.elcjlh.org/department-of-education/programs/enviro-edu-center/>
- Email: eec@p-ol.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2 276 5574
- The EEC is located on the campus of the Talitha Kumi School in Beit Jala. Tours available.

Worshipping Communities of the ELCJHL

- All are welcome for Lutheran Worship Services (in Arabic unless noted). Times and contact information available at www.elcjlh.org
- Amman (Jordan), Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Pastor Samar Azar
- Bethlehem, Christmas Lutheran, Pastor Mitri Raheb
- Beit Jala, Pastor Saliba Rishmawi
- Beit Sahour, Pastor Ashraf Tannous
- Jerusalem, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pastor Ibrahim Azar
- Jerusalem, Redeemer Lutheran Church (English Speaking), Pastor Carrie Smith
- Ramallah, Church of Hope, Pastor Imad Haddad

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Tours and Visits

- Archaeological Site, Monday through Saturday, 10a-4p
- Tower, Monday through Friday, 10a-5p; Saturday, 10a-12p
- The church is not open on Sunday except for worship

Baptismal Site at the Jordan River (Jordan)

- The Lutheran Pilgrim Center at Bethany Beyond Jordan is a place of worship and dialogue, of meditation and study, of listening and learning.
- Deacon Jonas and Karin Bodin
- <http://www.elcjlh.org/elcjlh-projects/baptismal-site-at-the-river-jordan/>
- Tours available, allow a full day

E. Other Lutheran Ministries to Visit

International Center of Bethlehem (ICB), Diyar Consortium

- Rev. Mitri Raheb, contact Hiba Nasser Al-Atrash
- www.diyar.ps
- Email: Diyar@Diyar.ps
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-0047
- Tours available

Lutheran World Federation Jerusalem

- Rev. Mark Brown
- www.lwfjerusalem.org
- Email: mark@lwfjerusalem.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-2289
- Tours of Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Vocational Training Center are available, as well as seasonal opportunities to join in grape and olive harvests

F. Accommodations with a Lutheran Affiliation

Abraham's Herberge/Beit Ibrahim: *Beit Jala/Bethlehem, part of ELCJHL Ministries*

- Contact: Naim Odeh Muallem, Director
- <http://www.elcjlh.org/elcjlh-projects/abrahams-herberge/>
- Email: nmuallem@elcjlh.org, abrahamsherberge@elcjlh.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-274-2613

Abu Jubran Guesthouse: *Bethlehem, part of Diyar Consortium*

- <http://www.annadwa.org/addar/guesthouse.htm>
- Email: guesthouse@diyar.ps
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-0047

Lutheran Guesthouse: *Old City Jerusalem, located near the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*

- www.guesthouse-jerusalem.com
- Email: info@guesthouse-jerusalem.co.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-6888

Victoria Guesthouse: *East Jerusalem, on the campus of the Lutheran World Federation, Mt. of Olives*

- www.lwfjerusalem.org/guesthouse
- Email: info@lwfjerusalem.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-2289

G. Other Opportunities to Consider

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)

- www.cpt.org

Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)

- To become an Ecumenical Accompanier: www.eappi-us.org/
- For a tour with the EAPPI in Hebron, Bethlehem or another placement: <https://www.eappi.org/en>

Lajee Center

- www.lajee.org/

Noor Weg

- <https://noorweg.wordpress.com>

Open House in Ramle

- www.friendsofopenhouse.co.il

Parents' Circle

- www.theparentscircle.com

Peace Centre for the Blind

- www.pc4b.org

Tent of Nations

- www.tentofnations.org

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)- Occupied Palestinian Territories

- <http://www.ochaopt.org/>

Note about phone calls: When calling Israel/West Bank from the United States, do not dial the (0) listed in the phone numbers. Landlines listed here have one more digit than cell phone numbers.

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