

# Pilgrim Guide & Accompaniment Resources

## A. Tour Agencies

### Alternative Tourism Group (ATG) – located in Beit Sahour

- [www.atg.ps](http://www.atg.ps)
- Email: [info@atg.ps](mailto:info@atg.ps)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-2151

### Authentic Tourism Program (Lutheran ministry) – located in Bethlehem

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

### Grace Tours

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

### Guiding Star – located in Jerusalem

- [www.guidingstartd.com](http://www.guidingstartd.com)
- Email: [info@guidingstar2.com](mailto:info@guidingstar2.com)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-3150

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

- [www.mejditours.com](http://www.mejditours.com)

### Shepherd's Tours

- [www.shepherdstours.com](http://www.shepherdstours.com)
- Email: [info@shepherdstours.com](mailto:info@shepherdstours.com)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-4121

### Universal Tourist Agency – located in Jerusalem

- Contact Stelios Odeh
- [www.universaljerusalem.com](http://www.universaljerusalem.com)
- Email: [contact@universaljerusalem.com](mailto: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](http://www.elcjh.org)
- Christian Information Centre, Includes opening hours of Christian holy sites, [www.cicts.org](http://www.cicts.org)
- *Lonely Planet Guide to Israel and the Palestinian Territories*, published by Lonely Planet, 2015; [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://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](http://www.bradtguides.com)
- *Palestine and Palestinians*, The Alternative Tourism Group (ATG), published by ATG in Ramallah, Palestine, 2008, [www.atg.ps](http://www.atg.ps)

## C. Tour Guides

### Hisham Sharabati (Based in Hebron, guides Hebron only)

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

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

- [husam@mejdi.net](mailto:husam@mejdi.net)

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

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

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

- Email: [smusallam99@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:shadimusleh@hotmail.com)
- Tel: +972 (0)59-891-6132

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

- Email: [yanivmaz@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Ibrahim Azar, by appointment, contact administrative assistant
- [www.elcjhl.org](http://www.elcjhl.org)
- Email: [administration@elcjhl.org](mailto:administration@elcjhl.org)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-6800

### **Educational Ministries of the ELCJHL (Schools)**

- Dr. Charlie Haddad, contact Mr. Salameh Bishara
- [www.elcjhl.org/department-of-education/schools/](http://www.elcjhl.org/department-of-education/schools/)
- Email: [sbishara@elcjhl.org](mailto:sbishara@elcjhl.org)
- 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.eecp.org)
- <http://www.elcjhl.org/department-of-education/programs/environ-edu-center/>
- Email: [eec@p-ol.com](mailto: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.elcjhl.org](http://www.elcjhl.org)
- Amman (Jordan), Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Pastor Samar Azar
- Bethlehem, Christmas Lutheran, Pastor Munther Isaac
- Beit Jala, Pastor Ashraf Tannous
- Beit Sahour, Vicar Rodny Said
- Jerusalem, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pastor Fursan Zu'mot
- 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.
- Hans Kasch
- <http://www.elcjhl.org/elcjhl-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](http://www.diyar.ps)
- Email: [Diyar@Diyar.ps](mailto:Diyar@Diyar.ps)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-0047
- Tours available

### **Lutheran World Federation Jerusalem**

- Sieglinde Weinbrenner
- [www.lwfjerusalem.org](http://www.lwfjerusalem.org)
- Email: [LWFrep@lwfjerusalem.org](mailto:LWFrep@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.elcjhl.org/elcjhl-projects/abrahams-herberge/>
- Email: [nmuallem@elcjhl.org](mailto:nmuallem@elcjhl.org), [abrahamsherberge@elcjhl.org](mailto:abrahamsherberge@elcjhl.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](mailto: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](http://www.guesthouse-jerusalem.com)
- Email: [info@guesthouse-jerusalem.co.il](mailto: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](http://www.lwfjerusalem.org/guesthouse)
- Email: [info@lwfjerusalem.org](mailto:info@lwfjerusalem.org)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-2289

## **G. Other Opportunities to Consider**

**Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)**

- [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org)

**Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)**

- To become an Ecumenical Accompanier: [www.eappi-us.org/](http://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/](http://www.lajee.org/)

**Noor Weg**

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

**Open House in Ramle**

- [www.friendsofopenhouse.co.il](http://www.friendsofopenhouse.co.il)

**Parents' Circle**

- [www.theparentscircle.com](http://www.theparentscircle.com)

**Peace Centre for the Blind**

- [www.pc4b.org](http://www.pc4b.org)

**Tent of Nations**

- [www.tentofnations.org](http://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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