Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

"LIVING STONES" SOLIDARITY TOUR – PALESTINE

June 24-July 6, 2027

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LAND COST

$2495 *(20+ travelers)* **$2795** *(15-19 travelers)* **$3295** *(10-14 travelers)* **$3995, FIT rates may be added** *(8-9 travelers)*

ADD AIRFARE – *You book your own flight to/from Tel Aviv (TLV)*

The Tour Price *DOES* include

- Entrance fees to listed sites
- Hotels –***Gloria***, Jerusalem Old City, **Manger Square**, Bethlehem; Beauty Inn, Ramallah – all rooms double occupancy
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Two meals daily on average *(breakfast every day)*
- Certified Guide *(Al-Aqsa, Khan al-Ahmar)*

The Tour Price *DOES NOT* include

- *** Airfare to/from Tel Aviv (TLV)**
- Travel Insurance
- Travel to/from airport – Michael will arrange for transport (you pay driver)
- One meal daily, on average; drinks with all meals;
- Single room supplement: $1200
- Souvenirs; personal items
- Pre-tour night @ Gloria Hotel (double, $265; single, $240)

FEATURES

Dr. Michael Spath is Executive Director, *Indiana Center for Middle East Peace*; Fulbright Scholar (1998-99), *Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies*, Amman, Jordan (under patronage of HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal); 35+ trips to Palestine/Israel. **This is Michael's 20th Solidarity Tour**, 270+ travelers, meeting with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim political, religious, and NGO leaders working for justice and human rights. Michael is a board member of *Friends of Hebron* and *ICAHD-USA.*

Pre-trip preparatory meetings discuss the people with whom we'll meet, as well as the political, cultural, moral, economic, human rights, and religious issues in Palestine and Israel, and US involvement in the region.

Meetings with leading Jewish, Christian, Muslim religious, political, NGO leaders, peacemakers, human rights advocates (see below).

Free time scheduled throughout the tour, for personal exploration, shopping, rest, etc. For those interested in visiting the holy sites of the three Abrahamic faiths, there is ample time to do that as well.

Gloria Hotel is in the Christian Quarter inside Jerusalem's Old City, walking distance to markets, shops, and Jerusalem religious sites.

Manger Square Hotel is one block from Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Beauty Inn Hotel, centrally-located in Ramallah; adjacent to Munther Isaac's church

Pending approval by the Islamic waqf, a **guided tour of Dome of the Rock & Al-Aqsa Mosque**.

Optional Sunday Worship (June 27), Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem Old City.

Optional one-hour Debriefing Sessions throughout the tour to process travelers' experiences, emotions, insights, questions.

Optional day-tour to Galilee Jesus sites pre- or post-tour. Contact Michael.

Optional 1-2 day tours pre-tour, Judean desert – UNESCO World Heritage, Battir, Bedouin encampment, more. Contact Michael.

Optional volunteering at Tent of Nations with Nassar family pre- or post-tour. Contact Michael.

PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS – *tentative until confirmed*

Abdelfattah Abusrour, *Arrowwad Cultural & Theater Training Center*, Aida Refugee Camp; "beautiful resistance" – Bethlehem

African Quarter, meet with representatives of Muslim Afro-Palestinian community – Jerusalem Old City

Issa Amro, 2025 Nobel Peace Prize nominee**;** *Youth Against Settlements*, *Friends of Hebron***,** "Palestinian Gandhi"– Hebron

Sami Awad, *Non-Violence International*; trainer, creative non-violent resistance; author, *The Sacred Awakening* – Bethlehem

Sam Bahour, Palestinian-American businessman/entrepreneur– Ramallah

Fakhri & Amneh Abu Diab, Silwan activists, house demolished on Valentine's Day, 2024 – Jerusalem

Sahar Francis, *Addameer Prisoner Support* – Ramallah

Jeff Halper, Two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee (2006, 2025), *Israel Committee Against House Demolitions* – Jerusalem

Omar Haramy, *Sabeel Palestinian Liberation Theology Center*, 2025 "Berrigan Peace Award," DePaul University – Jerusalem

Munther Isaac, *Bethlehem Institute for Peace & Justice*; Lutheran Church of Ramallah, Kairos Palestine – Ramallah

Eid Jahalin, Al Khan al-Ahmar Bedouin village – Jerusalem E-1

Daoud Nassar, *Tent of Nations* environmental peace and sustainability farm – Bethlehem

Mazin and Jesse Qumsiyeh, 2025 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, *Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability* – Bethlehem

George & Najwa Sa'adeh, Rami Elhanan, *Bereaved Parents Circle* – Bethlehem

Ayman Shaka'a, Aroub Jamleh, *Multipurpose Community Resource Center* – Nablus

Zoughbi Zoughbi, 2011 World Vision "Peacemaker of Year"; *Wi'am Conflict Resolution & Transformation Center* – Bethlehem