

# THE WAY OF THE STAR

# **BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM**

Our travel proposal is modulated over four days but can be customized according to your needs.

Guide: Association pro Terra Sancta friends and staff

Accommodation: Dar al-Majus Guesthouse in Bethlehem; Dar Mamilla in Jerusalem

#### DAY 1

Arrival in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem.

Typical Palestinian dinner prepared by local ladies. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.

## DAY 2

Morning: Visit to the **Basilica of the Nativity** and the Holy Grotto, the Church of Santa Caterina and the caves of St. Joseph, the Holy Innocents and St. Jerome, the Milk Grotto.

Free lunch.

Walk in the square and visit of the *suq* in the ancient city, with the possibility of understanding the life of the local community and getting to know some of the many social and educational works. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.

#### DAY<sub>3</sub>

Morning: we move to Jerusalem.

We enter the old city through the Jaffa gate. Walk in the *suq* and through the Jewish quarter and visit to the **Western Wall** and **Temple Mount**. We walk through the Islamic *suq* and we head towards the **Convent of the Flagellation** where the Christian tradition places two moments of the passion of Jesus: the flagellation and the death sentence. The two sanctuaries are annexed to the Franciscan monastery, seat of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum. Remains of the Antonia Fortress are visible. Visit to the **Terra Sancta Museum**.

We visit the **Basilica of St. Anne** with the **pool of Bethesda**, a healing place for the paralytic. Free lunch.

We continue by starting to walk the **Via Dolorosa**, passing through the Arch of the Ecce Homo and the stations of the Via Crucis that lead us to the **Basilica of the Resurrection** (**Calvary** and Holy **Sepulchre**). Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

## DAY 4

Visit to the **Mount of Olives**: Ascension shrine, cloister and cave of the Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Basilica of Gethsemane, Grotto of arrest and tomb of the Virgin.

Departure from Jerusalem to the airport.

## Quotation

Min 6-8 participants: starting from € 530 each Min 2-4 participants: starting from € 680 each

The price includes: reception at the airport on arrival and departure; accommodation in double / triple room with private bathroom and breakfast included; n. 2 dinners at Dar Al Majus Guesthouse; visits and excursions as per program with entrance fees included; transfers by private taxi; Europe Assistance insurance.

The price does not include: the flight; meals (except those included), tips, personal extras, and anything not specified in "the price includes".

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