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Bethlehem Pocket Guide
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**Tours**
Bethlehem
As the birth place of Christ, the ancient town of Bethlehem holds a connection with Christians from all around the world. While small in size and population, the town of Bethlehem and its surroundings has lots to offer to any visitor. At the heart of the town lies the Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Inside the church is the Grotto of the Nativity, marking the spot where Jesus was born. Since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1994, there has been quite a bit of development and restoration work throughout the town. A large number of tourism establishments such as hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops have been opened and are ready to serve all your travel needs.

Beit Sahour
Located a few kilometers southeast of Bethlehem is the town of Beit Sahour and Shepherds Field, where the angel announced to the shepherds the birth of Jesus Christ. There are three enclosures in the eastern part of Beit Sahour which are claimed by different denominations to be the actual ‘Shepherds’ Field: one belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church, another belonging to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, and a third belonging to the Lutheran Church.

Beit Jala
North of Bethlehem lies the town of Beit Jala, famous for its beautiful skyline of church steeples and narrow roads. The town of Beit Jala is the natural expansion to the west of Bethlehem. It lies only two kilometers from the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Its name comes from Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ, and means “grass carpet.”
The open esplanade stretching from the Mosque of Omar to the Church of the Nativity constitutes Manger Square, the tourist center of Bethlehem. Lined with souvenirs shops, restaurants and cafés, and two visitor information centers, the Square underwent extensive renovation from 1998-2000 leading up to the millennium celebrations. Next to the Mosque of Omar is the Bethlehem municipality and the Bethlehem Peace Center. Beautifully restored old alleyways and streets branch out from Manger Square such as the Milk Grotto street, or the Old Market (Souq).

Tel: +972 2 274 3277
Opening Hour: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
The Church of the Nativity lies in the center of Bethlehem in Manger Square. It is one of the oldest working churches in existence today. The first church was built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the fourth century AD, over the Grotto where Mary gave birth to Jesus. Constantine and his mother Helena, built a magnificent and majestic church adorned with beautiful marble and mosaics. Later, during the sixth century, the Byzantine emperor Justinian built a new and even more intricate church on the same spot. During the Persian invasion in the seventh century the church was spared destruction. By the eleventh century, the Crusaders raised their flag above the Basilica and renovated the church. The Church of the Nativity today stands in the middle of Manger Square and is essentially the same as when it was re-erected by Justinian with some additions from the Crusader period. Two sets of stairs lead down to the Grotto where there is a large fourteen pointed silver star marking the exact spot with the inscription: “Hic de Virgin Maria Jesus Christus Natus Est,” meaning “Here Jesus Christ was born by the Virgin Mary.” The guardianship of the church is shared by three Christian denominations: Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Armenian. Next to the Basilica lies the Basilica of St. Catherine, built on the foundations of the Crusader church, which was erected in the twelfth century. The church was dedicated to Saint Catherine who died as a martyr in Egypt during the fourth century. Just outside St. Catherine’s Basilica lies the Cloister of St. Jerome, best known for translating the Bible into Latin.

Tel: +972 2 274 2440, Opening Hours: Summer (April - September) 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Winter (October - March) 5:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Note: Grotto is closed on Sunday morning. Bethlehem St. Catherine’s Church Tel: 874 2425 Opening hours: Summer (April - September) 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Winter (October - March) 5:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Notes: Sunday opening, open for Holy Masses, Grotto opens in the afternoon.

Milk Grotto Church
Located a few minutes walk from the Church of the Nativity is the Milk Grotto Church, so called because of the white colored rock on the floor which, according to tradition, turned that color when a drop of Mary’s milk fell on it while she nursing Jesus as she hid before her escape to Egypt. Today a Franciscan Chapel surrounds the Grotto.

Tel: +972 2 274 3277 Opening Hour: 9.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Mosque of Omar
Located at the corner of Paul VI Street and Manger Square, the mosque was built in honor of the second Caliph Omar Ibn al-Khattab. A companion of the Prophet Mohammed and his father-in-law, he entered Bethlehem after taking Jerusalem, and prayed in the southern aisle of the Basilica of the Nativity. He guaranteed that the Basilica would remain a Christian place of worship in the Pact of Omar, which stipulated that Muslims would be allowed to pray there only as individuals rather than in a roup and which prohibited calling for Muslim prayer from inside the church walls. This pact set a precedent for good and peaceful relations between Christians and Muslims, which remains today.

Tel: +972 2 274 3277 Opening Hour: 9.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.
LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS CHURCH  Bethlehem

The Lutheran congregation of Bethlehem was founded in 1854 and is one of the oldest in Palestine. The current church was built between 1886-1893 as the first Protestant church in Bethlehem. The unique shape of the tower recalls the type of hat worn by Bethlehem women in the nineteenth century. Today it is a landmark at the top of the Al Madbasheh square. The church was visited by Kaiser Wilhem II back in 1898.

Tel: +972 2 274 3277  Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

THE OLD TOWN AND THE SOUQS  Bethlehem

In the center of Bethlehem is its old city, which consists of eight quarters, laid out in a mosaic style, forming the area around the Manger Square. Many of these old quarters have been beautifully renovated and rehabilitated, offering visitors an opportunity to wander these streets and alleyways and enjoy the many local shops and restaurants.

Tel: +972 2 274 3277  Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SHEPHERDS FIELD (ROMAN CATHOLIC)  Beit Sahour

Located in the town of Beit Sahour a few kilometers southeast of Bethlehem is Shepherds Field (known in Arabic as Haqal al-Ru’ah) where according to tradition, the angel appeared to the Shepherds and informed them of Jesus’ birth. The Roman Catholic known as the Church of the Angels features a Franciscan chapel, built by architect Antonio Barluzzi in 1954, designed to resemble a shepherds’ tent. The acoustics inside the church are quite exceptional and provide a serene atmosphere for singing hymns. Beside the church are ruins of a Byzantine monastery, destroyed in the seventh century by the Persians. Many caves can be found in the area, still used by shepherds to this day.

Tel: +972 2 277 2413,  Opening Hours: All year long 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SHEPHERDS FIELD (GREEK ORTHODOX)  Beit Sahour

The Greek Orthodox Church (Deir Al Ra’wat) is located further down toward the valley floor. The original Byzantine Church was built and renovated three times in the 5th, 6th, and 7th centuries. The remains of monks killed in the seventh century Persian invasion are located in baptismry. At the heart of the shrine is an underground cave which contains beautiful mosaic crosses.
The monastery of Mar Saba is located only six kilometers from St. Theodosius and fifteen kilometers from Bethlehem. Few of the Byzantine desert monasteries can match the serenity and beauty of this one. Clinging to the cliff face of the Kidron Valley, this immense and spectacular Greek Orthodox monastery evokes a thrilling shock when its first comes into view from the midst of a desert landscape. The monastery is named after Saint Saba (439-532 AD) who settled in a cave opposite the actual site in complete seclusion that lasted some five years. Built into the rock, Mar Saba represents a way of life unchanged since the time of Constantine. The body of Saint Saba can be seen in the principal church, while his tomb is paved in the courtyard outside. The first church founded by Saint Saba is marked by the Chapel of St Nicholas.

Tel: +972 2 277 3136 Opening Hours: All year long 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Note: Men Only

The Monastery of St. Theodosius (also known in Arabic as Deir Dosi) is located about twelve kilometers east of Bethlehem. Founded by St. Theodosius in the late fifth to early sixth century, it stands on the site where the three wise men rested on their way back from visiting the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. The original monastery was destroyed during the Persian invasion. St. Theodosius died in 529 AD and at that time there was said to be some four hundred monks living in the monastery who were massacred by the Persians during the invasion of 614 AD. The monastery was restored in 1893 by the Greek Orthodox Church, and it contains the remains of an old Crusader building. Today, the monastery is inhabited by a dozen Greek Orthodox monks. A white-walled cave marks the place where the founder, St. Theodosius, is buried.

Tel: +972 262 477 Opening Hours: All year long 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Located some ten kilometers east of Bethlehem are the remains of the magnificent palace of Herod the Great, named “Herodion” after its builder, Herod. The palace was built towards the end of the first century BC as a fortified palace with a castle inside. The Arabic name, Jabal al-Freidees is derived from the Arabic word “fardous” a word meaning “paradise,” referring to the magnificent garden that was built at the foot of the hill. It was lavish and luxurious palace in its day, a city of round walls and a fort enclosing apartments, baths and a beautiful garden.

Opening Hours: Saturday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closing Hours: The site closed one hour earlier during winter.
CREMISAN

In 1883, the convent of Cremisan was founded in Palestine by Salesians on ruins of a Byzantine monastery from the 7th century. Its main purpose was to produce wine from local grapes. The convent is located just on the current border between Jerusalem and Beit Jala. Today, grapes are grown on hillsides between 600 and 930 m altitude, but only 2% of the wine production (around 700,000 liters per year) is made from Cremisan’s own grapes. The rest comes mainly from Beit Jala and Hebron area.

ST. NICOLAS CHURCH

This church is said to be built on the site of the cave where St. Nicolas lived. Originally from Cappadocia, Nicolas was a monk who came to Palestine in the fourth century and later became Bishop of Myrrh in Turkey. This ancient church was on the verge of collapse before being completely rebuilt in the 1920s. Ruins of an old floor and cave with Byzantine mosaic murals confirmed its antiquity. Tradition teaches that St. Nicolas stayed four years in this cave when he visited Bethlehem during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, around 330 AD. He is Beit Jala’s patron saint. The pilgrimage to the church on December 19th, his feast day, is a highlight of the Greek Orthodox season of Nativity Lent.

SOLOMON’S POOLS

Located three kilometres south of Bethlehem near the village of Artas, you can find Solomon’s Pools, which are the closest perennial springs to Jerusalem at an altitude above that of the city. The three rectangular shaped pools/cisterns can hold up to 116,000 cubic meters of water. Partly excavated from rock and partly built, these huge reservoirs were used to collect spring and rain water, pumped into to Bethlehem and as far as Jerusalem using the sheer force of gravity. Two of the pools were built during the time of Herod and the third is believed to date back to the Mamluk date. There is a small fortress near the pools known as the Murad Fortress or Qalat Al Burq, which was built in 1540 by the Ottomans to protect this resource and the road to Hebron.

ARTAS

Just south of Bethlehem, near Solomon’s Pools, lies the village of Artas (or Urtas) which is by far one of the best-known West Bank villages. The name Artas originates from hurtus, the Latin for “garden”, because it is believed to be the site of “hortus conclusus,” Solomon’s erotic Canticle or Song of Songs: “Thou art like a garden enclosed, my sister, my spouse, like a sealed fountain. Thy plantations are a paradise of delights.” In 1894, the Italian Order of the Sisters of Mary of the Garden built the Hortus Conclusus Convent in Artas. Another must-see attraction in the village is the Artas Folklore Museum on the north side of the valley, which features aspects, past and present, of village culture. Every year in April, the Artas Folklore Center organizes the annual Lettece Festival which features traditional dance and music and is a must-see for any visitor.
Museums, Theatres & Cultural Centres

Al Bad Museum
The Al Bad Museums for Olive Oil Production, also known as the Badd Giacaman Museum is located in the center of Bethlehem near the Church of Nativity. The building in which the museum was built dates from the 18th–19th century. From 1998 to 2000, the museum was restored by the Department of Antiquities, in coordination with the UNDP and the Greek Orthodox Society. The museum houses several ethnographic and archaeological artifacts depicting the process of olive oil production. The exhibits demonstrate the use of olive oil for lamps, medicine, food, soap, cosmetics, etc.
Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 274 1581
Opening Hours: Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Baituna Al Talhami Museum
The Al Bad Museums for Olive Oil Production, also known as the Badd Giacaman Museum is located in the center of Bethlehem near the Church of Nativity. The building in which the museum was built dates from the 18th–19th century. From 1998 to 2000, the museum was restored by the Department of Antiquities, in coordination with the UNDP and the Greek Orthodox Society. The museum houses several ethnographic and archaeological artifacts depicting the process of olive oil production. The exhibits demonstrate the use of olive oil for lamps, medicine, food, soap, cosmetics, etc.
Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 274 1581
Opening Hours: Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Palestinian Heritage Center
The Palestinian Heritage Center was established in Bethlehem in 1991. The main purpose of establishing such a center is to preserve and promote Palestinian Cultural Heritage such as authentic dressers, jewelry, furniture, rare pieces and the art of embroidery. The Center itself consists of a traditional living room, a furnished Bedouin tent, library, and an exhibition hall that can hold up to 150 people. Over the years, the center has put on numerous exhibitions, both in Palestine and in other countries, and has done lectures and seminars on the topic of Palestinian Heritage and traditional costumes. The Center has also sponsored a few fashion shows for traditional costumes.
Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 2742381

Environmental Education Center (EEC)
The EEC’s natural museum is unique in Palestine and includes over 2,500 samples of various fossilised and stuffed animals, some of which were stuffed as far back as 1902. The museum includes various types of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish that were uniquely stuffed to attract viewers and generate a sense of curiosity and love for knowledge. The samples at the museum are a scientific tool to study, categorise, and compare various species. The museum also protects our natural heritage and preserves a number of samples of extinct and endangered animal species. It is a marvellous and exceptional destination for students, researchers, and the interested public; it also encourages locals and internationals to take advantage of ecotourism to Palestine.
Bethlehem
INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY MUSEUM

The Museum is located along the “Star Street”, the same way traditionally covered by the three Wise Men in order to meet the baby Jesus in the Nativity Grotto. The way even today leads to the Manger Square, where is the Nativity Church. The International Nativity Museum is ready to welcome Pilgrims every day according to a flexible timetable (morning, afternoon and evening). The visit of the Museum is guided by the collaborators or by the Salesians themselves in different languages.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 598911511

CRIB OF THE NATIVITY MUSEUM

The Museum offers visitors 31 magnificent 3 dimensional models which take the visitor on a trip across time and space starting with the Creation and highlighting the significant stages of Jesus’ life. The Theatre offers a wonderful animated show, about 17 minutes. The Exhibition captures the imagination and work of some of the most famous artists in the world as they try to depict the envision the miraculous birth of Jesus through the eyes of their various nations.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 2780876

BETHLEHEM PEACE CENTRE MANGER SQUARE

The Bethlehem Peace Centre is a cultural centre with the aim to promote and enhance peace, democracy, religious tolerance and diversity. Its central location on Manger Square makes the Bethlehem Peace Centre the natural gravitational point for the citizens of Bethlehem, as well as the thousands of tourists who pass through Bethlehem every year. While the centre is certainly meant as a focal point for the local community, it is also meant as a springboard for international exchange and the promotion of Palestinian cultural heritage from here to everywhere else.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 2786677

BETHLEHEM ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Bethlehem Academy of Music was founded in 1997 with a view to redressing the problem of minimal existing music education provision in the Palestinian school curriculum. The Academy incorporates two main academic arms. Its General Institute (which began operating in September 1997) caters for students aged 8 to 18 years who are interested in pursuing a music education in parallel to their regular schooling. Its Higher Institute caters for mature students aged 19 years or over. The Academy also incorporates the Bethlehem Philharmonic Society and a Music Library, an Orchestra and a regular season of professional concerts and recitals for the general public.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 2777141
Established in 1993 and based in Beit Sahour, the Anat Palestinian Folk and Crafts Centre was the first training and marketing centre in the southern region of the West Bank for women's handicrafts. The Centre seeks to provide opportunities for Palestinian women aged 15-80 to be self-reliant and economically independent by employing and training them in cross-stitch embroidery. The Centre also provides both local and international markets for hand-made crafts of all kinds (including embroidery, greeting cards, woven carpets, glass and pottery) produced by more than 1,200 women from self-help groups, co-operatives, refugee camps and women’s committees around the country.

Bethlehem
Tel/Fax: +972 2 2772024

The Cultural Centre for the Palestinian Child
Established in 1992 through an initiative of the Women's Union for Social Work in Beit Sahour. The Centre seeks to counterbalance the negative effects of the Israeli occupation and the traumas of the Intifada. Aimed at children aged 6-14 years, the Cultural Centre is staffed entirely on a voluntary basis and comprises a Library of around 2,000 children's books, a Music Section which offers piano, organ, lute and guitar classes as well as encouraging the formation of music and dabke groups, a Recreational Section which organizes games and sports activities, and a Summer Activities Section which organizes summer camps, sports trips and related activities.

Bethlehem
Tel/Fax: +972 2 2773332

AL HARAT THEATER
AL-Harah Theater is a non-profit organization that was established in 2005. AL-Harah Theater aims to produce theatre that is well crafted but moving, challenging but accessible and, essentially, honest. Theatre that has the potential to change the lives of those who make it and those who watch it. They believe in promoting a high dramatic standard while remaining accessible and through both their performances and their educational work they bring compelling stories to audiences throughout Palestine, the Arab world and beyond in one of the last uncensored spaces.

Bethlehem
Tel: +972 2 2787798 +972 2 2787758

Catholic Action Club
The Catholic Action Center is a non profit institute that was established in 1952, as part of the Catholic activities of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Since its establishment, this institute has served the social and recreational needs of the community, without prejudice to race or race, and is managed by a board of directors who are members of the local community. The Catholic Action Center has many goals they want to achieve, and they are mostly targeted at young children and youths of the community. They provide these youths with a venue for educational, recreational and other extra curricular activities.

Bethlehem
Tel: +972 2 2743277
The International Center of Bethlehem

The international Center of Bethlehem is a Lutheran based, ecumenically-oriented institution serving the whole Palestinian community, with an emphasis on children, youth and women. It was first established in 1995, and today has numerous centers and programs within it. Amongst these centers are the Cave Arts & Crafts Center and the heath & awareness center. The ICB has also established a place for local, national and international concerts, theatre, film screenings, performances, conferences and encounters, called “Addar Cultural & Conference Center”, and as of this year, have opened a restaurant and a guest house.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 277 0047

Artas Folklore Center

The folklore centre provides a window into the “most studied village in Palestine.” Artas has been the focus of archaeological study for centuries, and this historical building serves to highlight the village’s cultural and ecological blessings. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Artas Valley, the Artas Spring, and the shrine of Hortus Conclusus and its enchanting gardens, the centre serves to maintain these treasures and raise public awareness in order to engender pride in them. The centre also has a programme to protect threatened buildings and hosts an in-house folklore troupe that delivers traditional performances.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 278 05 33

Center for Cultural Heritage Preservation

The Centre for Cultural Heritage Preservation is an off-shoot of the Bethlehem 2000 Project Authority (BL2000), established in 1998 to prepare Bethlehem for the celebrations marking the turn of the millennium. The Centre was mandated by President Yasser Arafat on 14 April 2001 to continue and expand on cultural heritage preservation efforts started by BL2000. It is an independent public body operating under the guidance of a board of trustees which is headed by the Minister of Culture and currently under the supervision of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 2786244
Opening Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:00 to 16:00

Turathuna - Center for Palestinian Heritage

The Center for Palestinian Heritage: Turathuna, was officially dedicated on 1 June 2004. Brother Vincent Malham, President-Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Niall Holohan, Head of the Representative Office of Ireland, cut the ribbon. Members of the faculty and staff attended the ceremony, along with the Board of Trustees, area school principals, and friends of Bethlehem University from the local community including those who contributed their time, talent, and resources to the realization of this endeavor.

Bethlehem:
Tel: +972 2 274 1241
THE CARDIAL HOUSE

The Cardinal House is a non-profit organization that was established in Bethlehem in 1998. The Cardinal House was established with the purpose of spreading Palestinian education and culture to international students. It started a study abroad program, where students from International Catholic Universities would come to Palestine to continue their education and/or apply for internships in various companies and organization in Palestine.

Bethlehem:
Tel/Fax: +972 2 278 4778

IBDA’A CULTURAL CENTRE

‘Ibdaa’ means to create something out of nothing in Arabic, and is a community initiative of Dheisheh Refugee Camp founded in 1995. Ibdaa seeks to empower the children of the camp by developing their ability, creativity and leadership skills through social, educational and cultural activities. Ibdaa strives to provide an environment where the children can explore the true meaning of childhood, which they have been deprived of by Israeli Military Occupation and overwhelming poverty. Ibdaa aims to promote Palestinian heritage and culture to the children, to broaden their awareness and to boost their self-confidence. It also seeks to educate the international community on issues relating to Palestine.

Bethlehem:
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WHERE TO STAY

FEATURED HOTELS

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JACIR PALACE INTER CONTINENTAL
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Fax: +972(or 970) (02) 2766770
Email: sales@icbethlehem.com

BETHLEHEM HOTEL
Tel: +972(or 970) (02) 2770702
Fax: +972(or 970) (02) 2770706
Email: info@bethlehemhotel.com
Upmarket
Abu Jubein (Lutheran)
Guest House
Tel: +970(2) 277 0047
Zaituna Tourist Village
Tel: +970(2) 275 0655

Mid-range
Casandra Palace Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 274 2798
Grand Hotel Bethlehem
Tel: +970(2) 274 1602

Nativity Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 277 0650
Beit Al-Baraka Youth Hostel
Tel: +970(2) 222 9288
Bethlehem Star Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 277 0285
Al-Salam Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 276 4083/4

Budget
Al-Salam Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 274 1247
Erez Hostel
Tel: +970(2) 274-2604
Golden Park Resort & Hotel (Beit Sahour)
Tel: +970(2) 277 4414
House of Peace Hostel
Tel: +970(2) 276 4739
Mukad Tourist Resort
Tel: +970(2) 275 9880
Nativity Bells Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 274 8880
Paradise Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 274 4542/3
Sanca Maria Riz Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 7374/5/6
Shepherd Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 274 0656

St. Antonia Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 276 6221
St. Nicholas Hotel
Tel: +970(2) 274 3040/1/2
Talita Kumi Guest House
Tel: +970(2) 274 3519
Beit Ibrahim Guesthouse
Tel: +970(2) 274 2613
El-Beit Guest House
Tel: +970(2) 277 5857
Al-Andalus Guest House
Tel: +970(2) 274 3519
Saint Vincent Guest House
Tel: +970(2) 276 0967/8

House of Hope Guesthouse
Tel: +970(2) 274 2325
Mary’s House
Tel: +970(2) 275 0360
Greek Catholic Guesthouse
Tel: +970(2) 272 2424
El-Beit
Tel: +970(2) 277 5857
Casandra Hospice
Tel: +970(2) 274 3981
Where to Dine

Restaurants

Abu Eli Restaurant
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Abu Shanaab Restaurant
Tel: +972(2) 2742985

Andalus
Tel: +972(2) 2743519

Al Makani Bar - Jacir Palace
Tel: +972(2) 2766777

Bidad - Jacir Palace
Tel: +972(2) 2766777

Cigars Bar - Jacir Palace
Tel: +972(2) 2766777

Cheer's Restaurant
Tel: +972(2) 2766338

Dar Joqouda Coffee Shop
Tel: +972(2) 2743212

Diwan
Tel: +972(2) 2770333

Golden Roof
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Mariachi - Grand Hotel
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RadioNet Cafe - Beit Sahour
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Riwag Courtyard - Jacir Palace
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Shepherds Valley Village
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Taichi Chinese
Tel: +972(2) 2744382

Zaatarneh - Jacir Palace
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Afeef Restaurant
Tel: +972(2) 2747940

Al-Aqeesha Palace (Jacir Palace)
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Al-Hakura Restaurant
Tel: +972(2) 2773335

Al-Kharmeh (Jacir Palace)
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Azzaw Café
Tel: +972(2) 2748447

Balloons
Tel: +972(2) 2750221

Beit Sahour Citadel
Tel: +972(2) 2777771

Bonjour Restaurant & Café
Tel: +972(2) 2740406

Dar al-Balah
Tel: +972(2) 2749073

Geoto Restaurant
Tel: +972(2) 2748844

Il'iyen Restaurant
Tel: +972(2) 2770047

La Terrasse
Tel: +972(2) 2753678

Layal Lounge
Tel: +972(2) 2750655

Palmeras Gastropub
Tel: +972(2) 2756622

Roots Lounge (Beit Sahour)
Tel: +972(5) 99333665

The Tent Restaurant
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ONE DAY TOUR OF NABLUS:

Quick Brief: Also known as the Uncrowned Queen of Palestine, Nablus is one of the oldest cities in the world. Named by the Canaanites "shechem" and later called "Neapolis" by the Romans, Nablus today is one of the largest Palestinian cities. Nablus’ rich history lies in its Old City with its distinct stone facades, beautiful architecture, narrow streets and old urban spaces. The population of the old city today number around 20,000. There are two churches, twelve mosques and a Samaritan synagogue in around the densely populated residential areas.

1 DAY TOUR TO JENIN AND SEBASTIYA:

Quick Brief: Located in the northern West Bank, the city of Jenin dates back to 2450 BC, was built by the Canaanites. Also known as the “Food Basket of Palestine”, a name attributed to the vast gardens and orchards surrounding the area. In fact, Jenin is part of what is known as the “Fertile Triangle”.

1 DAY TOUR TO JERICHO & DEAD SEA:

Quick Brief: Located around 30 km east of Jerusalem, Jericho is considered the lowest and oldest continuously inhabited city in the world dating back over 10,000 years. The tour includes several stops along the way to Jericho as well as a short break at the Dead Sea.

1 DAY TOUR OF RAMALLAH & AL BIREH:

Quick Brief: The twin cities of Ramallah and Al Bireh are located only 16 Km north of Jerusalem. While these cities do not share in the wealth of religious shrines and sites as Jerusalem and Bethlehem, they still have so much to offer. Today Ramallah is Palestine economic and cultural Hub and despite the modern feel of the cities, there are lots of interesting historic and archeological sites to visit.

1 DAY RAMALLAH VICINITY:
Tour Brief: Ramallah is surrounding by some of Palestine best landscapes and rural communities. This tour explores several villages and towns in the area. More off the beaten track, the tour is provides an excellent opportunity to experience Palestinian hospitality and rural life.

BETHLEHEM & HEbron
Tour Brief
Visit the City of Hebron, tour the Old market, the Ibrahimi Mosque. Optional traditional Palestinian lunch with local families. Continue to Bethlehem and tour the Separation Wall, visit to a refugee camp and then to Manger Square and the Church of Nativity.

HEBON
Tour Brief
Drive to Hebron - Tel Rumaiideh - old market - Ibrahimi mosque - synagogue - lunch with Family (Palestinian meals with salads and drinks cost 35 nis, not included in the price) - Kufiye Factory - glass factory - back to Jerusalem

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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# Useful Words

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