

See the holy places - Jewish, Christian, Muslim.



Visit with the people.



Learn about the impact of the Israeli occupation on Palestinian life and consider what is needed for a just peace.

SABEEL: Voice of the Palestinian Christians

Sabeel is a Palestinian Christian organization, based in Jerusalem, that is committed to nonviolence and promotes a just solution to the conflict in the Holy Land. Sabeel is an Arabic word that means "the way" and "spring of water." Sabeel strives to promote a more accurate international awareness of Palestinian struggles, and encourages individuals and groups from around the world to work for a just, comprehensive, and enduring peace informed by truth and empowered by prayer and action. The Most Rev. Archbishop Desmond Tutu from South Africa is the International Patron of Sabeel.

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June 12-25, 2019

Led by Arnie Voigt and Joy Lapp

Organized by Friends of Sabeel-Colorado www.sabeelcolorado.org

Trip Highlights



- Visit the holy sites in the Old City of Jerusalem - the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Dome of the Rock.
- Experience the realities of the Palestinian community living under Israeli

occupation: the Wall, settlements, checkpoints, confiscated land and demolished homes, refugee camps, and environmental degradation.

- Visit the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem.
- Meet with Palestinian groups such as the Tent of Nations, Lutheran projects in Bethlehem, Badil Center for Refugee Rights, the Alrowwad Theater in the Aida Refugee Camp, Stop the Wall, and Al-Haq Human Rights Center in Ramallah.
- Have dinner in the home of a Palestinian family and learn about their struggle to keep their land.



- Meet with Israeli groups like B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, and Zochrot which works to raise awareness of the Palestinian villages destroyed in 1948.
- Visit the site of a destroyed Palestinian village in Israel and learn about the loss of civil and property rights currently experienced by Palestinians with Israeli citizenship.
- Travel to a Bedouin village in the Negev Desert and hear of their struggles.
- Spend two nights in the Galilee and visit Nazareth, the Mount of Beatitudes, and

the Sea of Galilee.

- Tour Nablus in the heart of the West Bank including the Old City and Jacob's well.
- Meet with the Christian Peacemaker Team in Hebron, and visit the Ibrahimi Mosque, honored by Jews

and Muslims as the burial place of Abraham and Sarah.

Accommodations are arranged in hotels/guest houses in East Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and Nazareth.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A RIGOROUS TRIP THAT INCLUDES CLIMBING OF STAIRS AND MUCH WALKING, SOMETIMES OVER ROUGH TERRAIN.

Tour Leaders

Arnie Voigt is a Luther an minister and serves on the Planning Committee for Friends of Sabeel-Colorado. He has visited Israel/Palestine many times and has led numerous tour groups. This is the ninth trip that Arnie and Joy are organizing together.

Joy Lapp teaches religion and ethics at Iowa Wesleyan University. She spent three years in the Middle East working with Mennonite Central Committee and serves on the Steering Committee of the Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN).

Cost Summary

\$2,500 Includes: Hotels and meals, honoraria for speakers, entrance fees, ground transportation, and tips.

This does not include: airfare, travel to Jerusalem from the airport or return to the airport, souvenirs, personal expenses, or travel insurance.

Each participant will arrange his/her own travel to Jerusalem and return. Please arrange your flights so that you can check-in at the hotel by Wed, June 12. Our first dinner together is at 6 pm on June 12, followed by introductions and orientation. Departure is on June 25. Prices are based on double-occupancy. There is a \$400 supplement for a single room. Prices are based on a minimum of 12 travelers, and subject to changes due to circumstances beyond our control.

* By March 1, a confirmation of \$300 will be asked from every participant.

**Travelers must have a passport that is valid six months beyond date of re-entry to the US.

