

KTH/ Family Visit and Explore Palestine

Journey of a lifetime to Palestine, the Holy Land!

July 11 - 21, 2019 (11 Days / 10 Nights)

Homecoming Journey

Through this Homecoming Journey, you will reconnect with your past and rediscover your heritage. This journey is about you and your history. It is about coming home that you belong to. Join us as we explore the land of our ancestors and the spiritual and historic sites, but more importantly, you will connect with the people – your Palestinian family. **Through this Journey, you will:**

- Explore your Palestinian heritage, culture and history.
- Experience the beauty and diversity of Palestine’s landscape
- Gain access to exclusive sites not offered anywhere else
- Participate in social and cultural events with local families
- Hear from inspiring local and global leaders and people working for justice, and peace
- **This is your opportunity to come home in a life-changing way**

Itinerary

Day 1 - Thursday, July 11 - Arrival in Amman

Our program will begin at our hotel in Amman with **check in by 4:00 p.m.** for our meet and greet **Dinner. Overnight in Amman.**

Day 2 - Friday, July 12 - Jordan

After breakfast in our hotel, we will have our orientation meeting to preview the activities of our trip. Today, we will have time to explore Amman, visit other nearby places of interest in Jordan, and meet with local institutions and people. **Dinner and overnight in Amman.**

Day 3 - Saturday, July 13 - Jericho



After an early breakfast, we will proceed to the King Hussein border crossing to enter Palestine. After passing immigration and meeting our new guide and drive, we will head to **Jericho** to see the excavations of the oldest city in the world, learn more about the history of the city, and meet with local officials. Then we will continue, climbing into the hills of Palestine. **Dinner and Overnight in Ramallah**

Day 4 - Monday, July 14 - Ramallah



After Breakfast, we will drive to Ramallah and visit the Memorial of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, then proceed to the **National Museum** and meet with local officials. After lunch in Birzeit, we will have a tour of the Rawabi planned community **Dinner and Overnight in Ramallah.**

Day 5 - Tuesday, July 15 - Jerusalem



After breakfast, we go in to Jerusalem for a visit to the Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will then walk through the narrow alleys and bazaars of the Old City to enjoy and tour the old city of Jerusalem, and we will meet with some of the local citizens. **Dinner and overnight in Ramallah.**

Day 6 - Wednesday, July 16 - Hebron



This morning after breakfast, we will drive to **Hebron** to visit the **Abraham Mosque**. Then we will have a tour in the **Old City of Hebron** and also visit some of the factories in the city, including the well-known ceramic and glass factories. **Dinner and Overnight in Ramallah.**

Day 7 - Thursday, July 17 - Bethlehem



After early breakfast, we will stop by Khirbet Al Najjar in the **Cremisan Valley**, where we will see the expansion of settlement and their effect on Bethlehem. Continue to **Beir Onah** where landowners have lost their lands behind the annexation wall. After a visit to **Bethlehem University**, we will have a tour of **Nativity Church** and free time in Bethlehem's Old City. **Dinner and Overnight in Ramallah.**

Day 8 - Friday, July 18 - Nablus/ Jenin



After breakfast, we will drive to the town of **Nablus** (Neapolis) which was founded in 72 AD by the Flavian Emperors as part of the Roman dynasty, built on the northern slope of **Mount Gerizim**. We will visit **Jacob's Well** and take a tour of **Nablus' Old City**, then visit **Bullata Refugee camp**. After lunch, we will travel to **Sebastia**, where we will see the **Roman tombs**, a **Hellenistic Tower** and the **Herodion Gate Towers**. **Dinner and overnight in Jenin.**

Day 9 - Saturday, July 19 - Iqrit/ Nazareth



In the morning we will drive north to Iqrit, a Palestinian village destroyed in 1948, to meet with some of the citizens working to preserve the village and its heritage. After lunch continue to **Nazareth** where we will visit the **Basilica of the Annunciation**, and the **White Mosque** near the old market. **Dinner and Overnight in Nazareth.**

Day 10 - Sunday, July 20 - Haifa/Acre/Jaffa



After breakfast we will visit Haifa, **Baha'i Gardens** and the slopes of **Mount Carmel**, Continue our travel to Acre where we will visit the **Al Jazzar Mosque** and the **Old City**. Then we will visit **Jaffa**. **Dinner and Overnight in Ramallah.**

Day 11 Monday, July 21 - Amman



After a breakfast, we will proceed to the **King Hussein Bridge Border Crossing** and return to Jordan.

Visit **Jerash** and have lunch in Jordan, We continue to **Amman** to our hotel, where our program will conclude.

We can also arrange for you to extend your stay beyond the organized journey to personally explore your roots!

This itinerary subject to change without notice.