

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE / LIVING STONES

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Fr Mark

PILGRIMAGE

Fr Mark is the Chair of Friends of Sabeel Australia - a Christian charity established to support the work of the Sabeel Liberation Theology organisation based in Jerusalem.

Fr Mark has led over 12 Pilgrimages / Living Stones tours to the land that Jesus walked that have included both visits to the Holy sites, but also, an opportunity to meet and share the lives and stories of Palestinians and Jews living in this holy place.

We are planning a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Bethlehem and other parts of Palestine / Israel from **11th – 16th November 2024**.

CONFERENCE

In addition Fr Mark is leading a Conference on the subject of Religious Extremism in Bethlehem from **17th – 21st November**.

This conference will include expert speakers from around the world from Christian, Muslim and Jewish heritage as well as local Palestinians.

We will attempt to grow a greater understanding of the history of the current crisis in Israel / Palestine and see how the international situation has driven and continued the current war in Gaza and the West Bank.

Sabeel is a Christian based charity and is well respected within the Israeli and Palestinian societies as it seeks to find ways to work for a just and fair peace for all in this special place.

SAFETY

Because of the media coverage and the reality on the ground there is always concern about whether these trips will be safe.

Since October last year Sabeel has hosted over 30 trips from churches and interested parties from across the world and we would **never** allow ourselves to put anybody in danger. We will not travel to areas that are potentially dangerous and we will ensure that everybody is protected from danger at all times.

ITINERARY

The outline for the Pilgrimage / Living Stones itinerary will include:

<p>Monday 11th November) Jerusalem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount of Olives: Chapel of the Ascension • Dominus Fleuit and Palm Sunday walk • Garden and Church of Gethsemane • Church of St Peter in Gallicantu • Lunch in the Old City • Church of St Ann and Pool of Bethesda • Sisters of Zion and the Lithostrotos • Church of the Holy Sepulchre 	<p>Day 2 (Tuesday 12th November) Bethlehem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of the Nativity • The Shepherd's Fields • Tent of Nations & Nasser family • Hebron to meet the CPT Team
<p>Day 3 (Wednesday 13th November) Galilee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Jericho • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • Walk down to Tabgha Church through the fields • Mensa Christi and Church of the Primacy • Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee • Jordon Baptismal site 	<p>Day 4 (Thursday 14th November) Three Faiths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Western Wall via Damascus Gate and Cardo • The Al Aqsa Mosque • The Dome of the Rock • The Jewish & Armenian Quarters & Jaffa Gate • View a recent house demolition (with ICAHD representative) • Bethany and view the Separation Barrier
<p>Day 5 (Friday 15th November) Nazareth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive to Nazareth via Nablus • Nazareth Village • Church of the Annunciation • Nazareth excavations below Church <p>Afternoon meeting with Archbishop Elias</p>	

COST

Pilgrimage

This will be \$1000 USD (1500 Australian Dollars) which will include all travel whilst in Palestine / Israel, all hotels, all meals and any entry fees to specific events.

Travel to Palestine / Israel, as well as travel insurance is extra, but we will guide everybody through this.

Conference

This will be \$1250 USD (1900 Australian Dollars) which will include all travel whilst in Palestine / Israel, all hotels, all meals and any entry fees to specific events.

Travel to Palestine / , as well as travel insurance is extra, but we will guide everybody through this.

INVITATION

Fr Mark would like anybody who would like to share in either the Pilgrimage or the Conference, or both, to contact him to express an interest.

Please speak to him personally or email him at mark@invella.co.uk or telephone him at 0481 893 609.

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