

# 2017 Living Stones Pilgrimages

sponsored by Pilgrims of Ibillin  
May 15-27 ~ October 16-29



Full information and sample itinerary  
available at  
<http://www.pilgrimsofibilin.org/living-stones-pilgrimage/>

## Israel/Palestine Study Tour Sponsored by Pilgrims of Ibillin

Cost: \$1,950/person program fee, double occupancy  
(includes hotel, ground transportation, tours, tips,  
breakfast & dinner daily, most lunches).

Does not include cost of airfare\*, beverages with meals,  
4 lunches, insurance, personal items.  
Single Supplement, \$300

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Register early to assure your spot in this unique tour.  
\$500 due with registration,  
\$1450 balance due one month before departure.



Usama Nicola, left, our Bethlehem-based Tour Planner & Staff member of Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center, and Fr. Firas Khoury Diab, right, our host in Zababdeh

**\*TRAVEL INFO:** Call our travel agent to make airline reservations from your home airport, connecting through JFK in New York. The group will fly together from JFK-TLV.

Contact Cindy Walker, Travel Leaders, Burlington, WA:  
1-800-827-9645, [cindy.walker@travelleaders.com](mailto:cindy.walker@travelleaders.com).

We also strongly encourage the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, also from our travel agent. (Insurance must be paid-for within 10 days of registering for pre-existing conditions to be covered.)

## Goals of the Trip:

This is a study and listening tour! Get to know the "Living Stones" of Israel/Palestine. Meet Pilgrims of Ibillin's partners in Ibillin, Zababdeh, Ramallah, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Ramle. Hear from leaders of organizations on both sides of the Green Line that seek a nonviolent path to peace.

Visit key biblical sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Galilee (including Nazareth), and learn why the Holy Land is known as "the Fifth Gospel." Share in worship and reflection on all we see and hear.

Experience Palestinian hospitality, including during a home-stay in Zababdeh.

Get to know students and leaders at the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Ibillin. Visit with MEEI founder and peace activist Archbishop Elias Chacour (if his schedule permits). With a native of Biram, visit the destroyed village where Abuna Chacour was born and lived until 1948.

Be equipped to give presentations after returning home. Prepare to share the story of new friends – Christians, Muslims, Jews, and Druze – who live with hope and work for peace despite great challenges.

Check out past Living Stones Pilgrimage blogs: reflections by participants  
in real time during their tours: [www.livingstonespilgrimage.org](http://www.livingstonespilgrimage.org)