Optional Pre-Trip Extension: November 4 – 7, 2015

Pre-trip: Wednesday, November 4 – Arrival
- Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv on your own
- Hotel/Meals: Tel Aviv

Pre-trip: Thursday, November 5 – Nazareth and Tiberias
- Breakfast at hotel/leave hotel by 7:30 AM
- Visit Casearea Maritima
- Visit Nazareth’s Church of the Annunciation
- Visit Capernaum
- Visit Tabgha’s Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes
- Boat ride on the Lake of Kinneret/Sea of Galilee in Tiberias
- Hotel/Meals: Tiberias (B, D)

Pre-trip: Friday, November 6 – Galilee and Jordan Valley
- Breakfast at hotel
- Early check-out
- Visit Mount of Beatitudes
- Visit traditional baptismal site at the Jordan River
- Lunch and visit in Jericho
- Visit Dead Sea
- Drive to Bethlehem and check-in to hotel
- Hotel/Meals: Bethlehem (B, D)

Pre-trip: Saturday, November 7 – Bethlehem and Jerusalem
- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Shepherd’s Field church
- Opportunity to purchase fair trade souvenirs
- Walk down Mount of Olives, visiting the Church of the Tears and the Church of All Nations/Garden of Gethsemane
- 6:00 PM: Meet the rest of the group for the introduction to the tour
- Hotel/Meals: (B, D)
Trip: November 7 – 13, 2015

Day 1: Saturday, November 7 – Arrival
- Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem on your own (for people not on the pre-trip)
- 6:00 PM: Meet your Palestinian and Jewish Israeli guides
- 7:00 PM: Group dinner
- Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (D)

Day 2: Sunday, November 8 – Historical Context of Jerusalem
- Breakfast at hotel
- Attend 9:30 AM (Anglican) or 9:00 AM (Lutheran) worship service
- Group lunch in the Old City
- Visit Noble Sanctuary/Temple Mount
- Tour the Old City of Jerusalem
- Dinner on own
- Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, L)

Day 3: Monday, November 9 – Israeli Settlement & Palestinian village
- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour Settlement
- Tour Wadi Fukin
- Tour Cremisan Valley
- Visit Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity
- Meet Mayor of Bethlehem
- Reception and dinner with Palestinian civil society leaders
- Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, November 10 – Modern Jerusalem
- Breakfast at hotel
- Political tour of East Jerusalem with local non-governmental organization
- Meet with Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (www.eappi.org/en/)
- Reception and dinner with Israeli civil society leaders
- Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, November 11 - Hebron
- Breakfast at hotel
- Hebron tour with Breaking the Silence (http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/) or Christian Peace Makers Team (CPT) (http://www.cpt.org/work/palestine)
- Visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs (if time permits both the mosque and synagogue)
- Opportunity to purchase souvenirs
• Lunch with a Hebron family
• Visit Susya
• *Hotel/Meals: Jerusalem (B, L, D)*

**Day 6: Thursday, November 12 – West Bank: Nablus and Jenin**
• Breakfast at hotel
• Check-out of the hotel and drive to Nablus
• Visit Jacob’s Well and Orthodox Church
• Meeting with Munib Masri and learn about about the Samaritans
• Large lunch in Nablus; sample the city’s famous *knafeh*
• Meet with Palestinian security officials in Nablus
• Tour Nablus market
• Go up *Mount Gerizim*
• Drive to Tel Aviv
• Check-in to your hotel and have a late dinner there
• *Hotel/Meals: Tel Aviv (B, L, D)*

**Day 7: Friday, November 13 – Tel Aviv/Jaffa & Departure**
• Breakfast at hotel
• Tour Tel Aviv and Jaffa
• Dinner on own
• No hotel due to departure late evening /early morning; ideal flights should leave between 10:00pm on November 13th and 2:00am on November 14th
• *Hotel/Meals: (B)*

In the past meetings have been held with, among others:
• President Mahmoud Abbas
• US Consul General Michael A. Ratney
• Dr. Rabbi Daniel Sperber
• Dr. Abdelrahman Alamarah Tamimi, Palestinian water expert
• Dr. Saeb Erakat
• Amal Al Qassem, grassroots activists from Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem
• Imam Abu Sneineh, Al Aqsa Mosque
• Bishop Mounib Younan, President of the Lutheran World Federation
• Rabbi Daniel Roth, Pardes Jewish Institute
• Ministry of Foreign Affairs
• Member of the Knesset
• Parents Circle members
• Dan Goldenblatt and Riman Barakat, co-directors of IPCRI
• Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat
• Akiva Eldar of Haaretz
• American Embassy officials

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