The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities is proud to welcoming our distinguished guests to Bethlehem for the International Conference on Religious Tourism: "Fostering sustainable socio-economic development for host communities".

So as to offer the opportunity to all our visitors to discover Palestine’s multi-faceted culture, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities has the pleasure to offer participants an array of optional tours. Participants can choose the tour/s of their preference by registering online in the conference’s website or by completing and sending this registration form by email to intlconf.registration@travelpalestine.ps, by 1 June 2015.

- Flavors of Palestine – Saturday, 13 June 2015
- Spirituality in Palestine – Sunday, 14 June 2015
- Sacred Palestine – Monday, 15 June 2015
- Unique Palestine – Tuesday, 16 June 2015
- The Desert of Palestine – Wednesday, 17 June 2015
- Traditional Handicrafts of Palestine – Thursday, 18 June 2015

Please note that the tours will be guided in Arabic and English but depending on the number of registered participants and the language groups, we will try to accommodate the guiding languages.

Full Name _____________________________________________________________
Preferred Language _____________________________________________________
Flavours of Palestine

Saturday 13th of June 2015

8:00  Traditional Palestinian Breakfast at Afteem's Restaurant

9:00  Departure from Bethlehem

10:00 visit of Taybeh or Birzeit village

(visit of olive oil press)

12:30  lunch in Sebastya

Small Palestinian village with a rich olive oil history. The meal will be a choice of maqloubeh (vegetable and rice traditional dish) or Musakhan (hand-made bread, olive oil, sumac spice, grilled chicken)

14:30  visit to the Samaritans

One of the smallest communities in the world, living on top of Mount Garizim in the Nablus area. A memorable visit to discover the diversity of faiths and communities in Palestine.

15:30  Nablus

Nablus’s Old City hosts some of the oldest food factories of Palestine. Your afternoon stroll in the streets of Nablus will take you inside the candy factory, the spice shops, the soap factories and you will taste the world-famous knafeh dessert.

Back to Bethlehem and free evening
8:00  Departure from hotel in Bethlehem
8:30  Visit of the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem
10:00 Visit of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron
12:30 Visit of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock
13:30 Lunch in Jerusalem
14:30 Visit of the Holy Sepulcher
15:30 Visit of the Afghani and Naqshabandi Zawiyas in Jerusalem
17:00 Return to Bethlehem

Free evening
10:00 Departure from Convention Palace
10:30 Visit of the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem
13:00 visit of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock
14:30 Visit of the Holy Sepulchre
16:00 return to hotel in Bethlehem
9:00 Departure from hotels in Bethlehem
9:30 Visit of Battir and short hike in the natural and historical landscapes of Palestine – World Heritage Site
12:30 Lunch in Battir
14:00 Cultural Visit of Hebron / Old City, Ibrahimi Mosque
17:00 return to hotel in Bethlehem
Closing Ceremony Evening
The Desert of Palestine

Wednesday 17th of June 2015

9:00 Departure from hotel in Bethlehem

9:30 Visit the Arab al-Jahaleen (hear about the Bedouin culture, enjoy the beauty of the desert)

11:00 Visit of the Nabi Musa site

12:30 Visit Saint George - Wadi Qelt

13:30 Coffee break at Bedouin site

14:00 Lunch in Jericho

15:00 Private visit of Hisham Palace

16:30 Return to hotel in Bethlehem

Free evening
Traditional Handicrafts of Palestine
Thursday 18th of June 2015

9:00 Departure from hotel in Bethlehem
9:30 to 11:30 visit of Hebron's ceramics and glass factories
12:00 visit of Bethlehem's olive wood carvers
13:30 lunch in Bethlehem
15:00 visit to Jericho's artisans (mosaic, honey, wool)
18:00 return to hotel in Bethlehem

Free evening