



Masar Ibrahim El Khalil

**WALKING IN PALESTINE**

SUMMER 2009



ABRAHAM PATH INITIATIVE



MAKING NEW **FRIENDS**

DISCOVERING

MIDDLE-EASTERN

**HOSPITALITY**

INSPIRING RESPECT AND

**HONORING** OTHERS

A WAY OF LIVING WITH **GENEROSITY**



EXPERIENCE CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL

**DIVERSITY**

## **NEW EXTRAORDINARY IDEA FOR YOUR SUMMER VACATION!**

**July 23- 30, 2009**



**DEAD SEA EXPERIENCE!**

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY, SOMETHING THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE THE MIDDLE EAST?**

**WE ARE OFFERING A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO EXPERIENCE A TRIP TO REMEMBER FOR A LIFETIME: A ONE WEEK CULTURAL IMMERSION AND JOURNEY THROUGH PALESTINE ORGANIZED BY THE MASAR IBRAHIM EL KHALIL (ABRAHAM PATH INITIATIVE- PALESTINE) A SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT OF THIS TRIP IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WALK THE PALESTINIAN SEGMENT OF THE MASAR EL IBRAHIM KHALIL (API PALESTINE) BY BEING A PARTICIPANT IN SUMMER 09 YOUTH GROUP!**

### **MASAR IBRAHIM EL KHALIL (ABRAHAM PATH INITIATIVE- PALESTINE)**



**FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE MASAR IBRAHIM EL KHALIL (API-PALESTINE) HAS BEEN WORKING TO DEVELOP A WALKING TRAIL FOLLOWING THE JOURNEY OF ABRAHAM IN PALESTINE. TODAY, WE ARE EXCITED TO INVITE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO JOIN US IN WALKING OUR FIRST 70 KM SEGMENT. COME DISCOVER THE LOCAL CULTURE AND TRADITIONS, EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT OF WELCOMING AND**

**HOSPITALITY ALONG THE ROUTE, AND WITNESS THE MAGNIFICENT HISTORICAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF THE PALESTINIAN LANDSCAPE!**

**OUR COUNTRY TEAM IS COMPOSED OF A NETWORK OF LOCAL PARTNERS (BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY, THE SIRAJ CENTER, THE PALESTINIAN WILDLIFE SOCIETY, THE PALESTINIAN ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS, ROSANA AND THE RIWAQ CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AND MANY FRIENDS). TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ANTIQUITIES, WE ARE DEVELOPING THE TRAIL WHICH ABRAHAM COULD HAVE POSSIBLY WALKED SOME 4,000 YEARS AGO.**

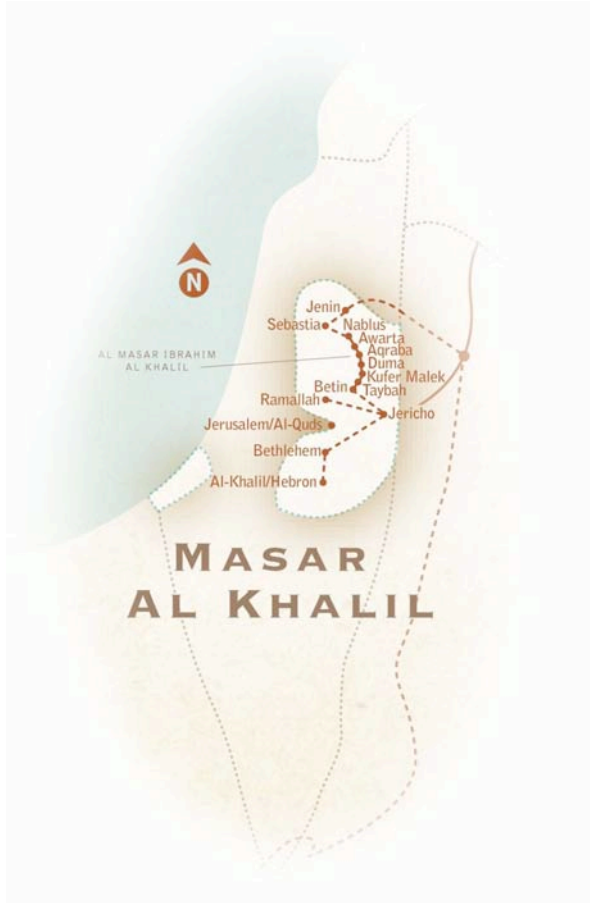
**THIS IS A JOURNEY FROM THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, SHARING THE SPIRIT OF ABRAHAMIC HOSPITALITY, KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP**

THROUGHOUT THE AGES AND UNTIL TODAY,  
LOCAL COMMUNITIES ALONG THE PATH  
HAVE EMBRACED THESE VALUES  
WELCOMING STRANGERS AS ABRAHAM, THE  
FRIEND OF GOD, WELCOMED THE ANGELS  
SENT TO HIS DOOR. TODAY THE MASAR  
IBRAHIM EL KHALIL IS PROUD TO HONOR  
THESE COMMUNITIES BY GIVING THEM THE  
CHANCE TO CONTINUE THIS TRADITION.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE [WWW.ABRAHAMPATH.ORG](http://WWW.ABRAHAMPATH.ORG).**

## THE WALK

### OVERVIEW

SPEND ONE WEEK AND WALK 70 KM FROM  
THE CITY OF NABLUS TO JERICHO IN THE  
WEST BANK WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
TRAVELLERS AND PALESTINIAN STUDENTS.  
THE TRIP CULMINATES WITH VISITS TO  
BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON/AL KHALIL. YOU  
WILL HAVE TIME TO GET TO KNOW THE  
LOCAL FAMILIES AND PARTICIPATE IN  
LOCAL CULTURE THROUGH HOME STAYS.



THE PATH WINDS ALONG THE SURROUNDING HILLS OF NABLUS, PASSING THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF 'AWARTA AND 'AQRABA BEFORE TRAVERSING THE EDGE OF THE JORDAN VALLEY UNTIL DUMA. ON THE WAY THE TRAVELER WILL SEE CANAANITE, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE RUINS AT THE CITY OF MOUNT 'URMA. ANCIENT ISLAMIC SHRINES (MAQAM) AND OTHER BYZANTINE VESTIGES SUCH AS OLD CHURCHES ALSO DOT THE LAND, AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL VILLAGE HOUSES. FROM DUMA, THE PATH MOVES WEST THROUGH A WILD WADI LINKING EIN SAMIA, AN IMPORTANT WATER SOURCE, TO KEFER MELEK, DEIR JARIR AND THE CHRISTIAN VILLAGE OF TAYBEH BEFORE ENDING THE WALK IN AUJA VILLAGE IN JERICHO. THE TRIP CULMINATES IN A VISIT TO HEBRON/EL KHALIL AND BETHLEHEM.

## IS THIS RIGHT FOR YOU?

THIS JOURNEY IS FOR THOSE WHO:

ARE OPEN TO NEW, CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES AND FRIENDSHIPS

ARE EXCITED TO JOIN A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 25 INTERNATIONAL AND PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN A 70 KM TREK ACROSS THE WEST BANK , PALESTINE

ARE RESPECTFUL AND CURIOUS

WOULD LIKE A UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

NO PRIOR TRAVEL OR FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY TO JOIN THIS TRIP.

**AN INVITATION... TO EXPERIENCE GREAT FOOD AND HOSPITALITY,  
EXPLORE HISTORICAL SITES AND WALK WITH NEW FRIENDS ON THE  
MASAR IBRAHIM EL KHALIL.**



**ARRIVAL DAY: THURSDAY JULY 23, 2009 ARRIVAL TEL AVIV.**

**TRANSFER TO BETHLEHEM AND OVERNIGHT**

**STARTING DATE: FRIDAY JULY 24, 2009**

**MORNING: DRIVE THE BUS TO NABLUS**

**ARRIVAL IN NABLUS**

**VISIT THE SAMARITANS**

**LUNCH**

**AFTERNOON: TOUR IN TAL BALATA, THE  
OLD CITY IN NABLUS**

**WALK TO 'AWARTA (1H/4KM)**

**ARRIVAL TO 'AWARTA, AND WELCOMING**

**DIVIDE UP TO HAVE DINNER AND STAY WITH  
FAMILIES.**



**NABLUS FAMOUS KNAFEH**

**SECOND DAY: SATURDAY JULY 25, 2009**

**MORNING: WALKING TO 'AQRABA (3H/9KM)**

**ARRIVAL IN 'AQRABA AND  
WELCOMING**

**LUNCH IN 'AQRABA IN THE  
FIELDS**

**AFTERNOON: SMALL EXHIBIT  
DABKA PERFORMANCE,**

**REST**

**WALKING TO DUMA (3H/9KM)**

**BIRD WATCHING ACTIVITY**

**ARRIVAL IN DUMA, TOUR IN  
THE VILLAGE, NIGHT OUT IN  
THE MOUNTAIN**

**DIVIDE UP TO HAVE DINNER  
AND STAY WITH FAMILIES**



### **THIRD DAY: SUNDAY JULY 26, 2009**

**MORNING: LEAVING FROM DUMA TO EIN SAMIA (3H/10KM)**

**ARRIVAL TO EIN SAMIA, PICNIC**

**WALK TO KUFAR MALAK, (2H/7KM)**

**WELCOMING FROM THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**DIVIDED INTO FAMILIES AND LUNCH WITH FAMILIES**

**AFTERNOON: ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE**

**VISITING THE WATER RESOURCES**



### **FOURTH DAY: MONDAY JULY 27, 2009**

**MORNING: LEAVING KUFAR MALAK (2H/6KM)**

**ARRIVAL TO TAYBEH , AND LOADING IN THE SISTER HOUSE**

**LUNCH IN THE PARK**

**AFTERNOON: TOUR OF TAYBEH**

**REST IN THE GUEST HOUSE**

**ACTIVITIES WITH THE YOUTH CENTRE**

**TIME TO GATHER IN A GUEST HOUSE**



### **FIFTH DAY: TUESDAY JULY 28, 2009**

**VERY EARLY MORNING: TRANSFER FROM TAYBAH TO EIN SAMIA**

**WALK TO AUJAH (4H/10KM)**

**MORNING: ARRIVAL TO AUJAH**

**TOUR IN JERICHO AND LUNCH**

**AFTERNOON: TRANSFER TO DEAD SEA**

**TRANSFER TO HEBRON**

**DIVIDE UP TO STAY WITH FAMILIES IN HEBRON.**



**SIXTH DAY: WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2009**

**MORNING: TOUR IN HEBRON (MOSQUE, OLD CITY, AL SHUHAD'A ST.)**

**LUNCH IN HEBRON**

**AFTERNOON: TRANSFER TO BETHLEHEM**

**VISITING NATIVITY CHURCH IN BETHLEHEM**

**EVALUATION SESSION**

**FAREWELL DINNER**

**OVERNIGHT IN LOCAL STUDENT'S FAMILIES**

**SEVENTH DAY: THURSDAY JULY 30, 2009**

**DEPARTURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS**



**COST**

**600 USD PER PERSON FOR INTERNATIONALS FOR THE WHOLE WEEK (INCLUDING A DONATION FOR A PALESTINIAN YOUTH TO ATTEND THE WALK)**

**THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**TRANSPORTATION IN WEST BANK**

**TRIP GUIDES**

**ALL MEALS: BREAKFAST, LIGHT LUNCH, AND DINNER**

**WATER DURING THE WALK**

**VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

## INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL COORDINATORS

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE, AIR TRANSFERS, HEALTH INSURANCE, VISAS, TIPS, SNACKS, DRINKS, OR PERSONAL ITEMS, AIRPORT TRANSFERS TO BETHLEHEM AND BACK (CONTACT US IF YOU WISH FOR A TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT)

THE PRICE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS/STUDENTS IN DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# The Abraham Path

## Registration Form

Please send complete and send this form no later than July 10, 2009 to  
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Name		
Address		
City & State		
Postal Code Country		
Home Phone		
Mobile Phone		
Email Address		
Passport Number & Expiration Date:		
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Phone Number		
Travelling Alone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No- with?
Please describe previous hiking experience		

Do you have any medical conditions? Please describe.		
Medication Allergies		
Food Allergies		
Vegetarian?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Air Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like help arranging	<input type="checkbox"/> will arrange this on my own
Departure (home) airport		Other nearby airports
Air Travel Dates		
Any other needs or information which would be helpful for us to know?		