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On the historical traces of Saint James in the Holy Land and the discovery of the cradle of monotheistic religions with the path of Abraham in Palestine

Why :

- ➔ Contact during the "Hector Project" – Cultour + (Institute)
- ➔ **Assisi and Bethleem are twinned**
- ➔ Palestine is "Democracy partner" Assembly parliamentary of Council of Europe
- ➔ Region AuvergneRhoneAlpe is partnership with Masar Ibrahim al Khalil
 - ➔ French Agency of Development + French and regional ONG Tetrakys- AFRAT + World Bank -+ EU project .
 - ➔ Meet in February and September in Le Puy-en-Velay – In july in Santiago de Compostela
- ➔ Piotr ROZAK (Poland) contacts the St James Cathedral (Jerusalem) - Armenia Church. Interreligious dialogue.
- ➔ **St James is born and death in Palestine**. His body left the port of Jaffa. We are in the historical roots.
- ➔ Abraham is the founder father of monotheistic religious.
- ➔ The project Abraham Path is similar to the objectifs of european federation : democracy - cultural and tourism development - Sustainable tourism - **High historical value - Heritage and landscape.**
- ➔ Exchange of good practice.
- ➔ **St James Way is a bridge between Europe and Middle East. Intercultural Dialogue.**

Program for the delegation of the European Federation Saint James Way - 9th – 14th March 2018 23 persons of 7 countries

Day 1: Friday 9th March

During day:

Arrival to Tel-Aviv airport/Israel

20:00 **Introduction meeting** and dinner for the delegations arrived

Day 2: Saturday 10th March

7:30 : Breakfast

8h00: Walking private tour to Al-Aqsa Mosque – Temple Mount.

9: 00 : Walking – Old City –

10h00: **Meeting at the Armenian church – Saint James Cathedral**

- Presentation and dialogue; who is Saint James?
- Historical presentation -
- Visit of the Armenian church Saint James
- Meet

13h00: Lunch

14h30 : City tour of Jerusalem old city + Panoramic view – Quaters of Old City

- Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulter – Jaffa Gate – Abbey of Dormition – Coenaculum – Cardo - The Western Wall – MT of Olives – Gethsemani – Mary’s Tomb -

18h00 : **Conference – Meet** - French biblical and Archeolic school

- “Jérusalem 1870 – today” : Frère dominicain Jean-Michel de TARRAGON
- Pelgrin Santiago and Holy-Land by director Francisco-Eustaquio Barrado Broncano, Instituto Español Bíblico y Arqueológico- **Casa Santiago**

20h00 Dinner at *Azka Denya restaurant or other restaurant*

Overnight at hotel –

Day 3: Sunday 11th March

7:30 : Breakfast

8h00: Travel to Jericho by Bus

9h30: Walking tour to Saint George Monastery (Wadi Qelt) **(shoes for walking)**

- Nabi Musa – European project and Palestianian tourism.

12h00: **Meeting with Jericho Municipality**

13h00: Lunch at the Mount of Temptation (Cable car)

15h00: Visit ancient Jericho (Tel Al Sultan) + Hisham Palace + Zacchaeus Sycamore Tree

17h00: **Meeting with WMCA- women cooperative**

18h30: Drive to Rashayda (**Bedouin tent**) + Dinner

- ❖ Sleep/overnight in Rashayda (bedouin tent)- **collective room**
- Option: 2hours walk to watch sunrise at Dead sea view point at 3h00 AM.
 - Return jeep

Day 4: Monday 12th March

7:30 breakfast

8:00 : Transfert to Bethlehem University

9h00: **Meeting in Bethlehem University**

10h30: Bethlehem city tour

- Aida Camp (Rouad org.) ?
- Walled Off Hotel (Museum + Photo Gallery)
- Manger Square
- Church of the Nativity - Milk Grotto chapel....
- Souk

13h00: Lunch at Aftem

14:00 : Transfer to the Hotel to check in and to prepare for the meetings

- Hotel: Sahara Hotel
<http://www.saharabethlehem.com/>
 Address: Shepherds' Field Street, Beit Sahour

15h00: Transfer to Bethlehem

15:30 : **Meeting with Bethlehem Municipality – twinning with Assisi**

17h00: **Press Conference at Manger Square Hotel**

- **Official reception**

Dinner and overnight at hotel:

Day 5: Tuesday 13th March

7:30 : Breakfast

8h00: Travel to Hebron by bus

9h00: Meeting with HRC – Hebron Rehabilitation Committee

10h00: Hebron old city tour

- Ibrahimi Mosque
- Patriarch Tombs
- Keffiehs factory (?)

13h00: Lunch at Lamar Guest House (homemade food) –

- **Exchange with Masar Ibrahim Al Khalil -**

16h00: Drive back to Bethlehem – Free time

19h00: Closing dinner + Folkloric dance

- ❖ Overnight at hotel:

Day 6: Wednesday 14th March : Departure

Departure for airport – By taxi –