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Promoting Christian Tourism to Israel

Tourism is the most important industry in Israel and the surrounding territories. The money generated from tourism and the associated supporting opportunities and has benefited all parties, Israeli and Palestinian alike and for many years and was the foundation upon which their economies were based. One of the most devastating effects of the Middles East conflict however is the decimation of the tourism industry and those who rely on it as the foundation for their economic stability.

Pave the Way is trying to change the course of this negative effect by working with the Israeli Ministry of Tourism to encourage special visits to the Holy Land by high-ranking secular Christian and spiritual leaders. Many of these prelates have been charged with the pastoral care and diocesan responsibility of millions of the faithful Christians. When the faithful see their spiritual leaders go to Israel and are accorded wonderful courtesies, it encourages new pilgrimages. When, through the Ministry of Tourism, a Christian spiritual leader is the guest of the Israeli government, their hosts will escort them not only to the Christian shrines but also the Jewish Shrines. This furthers mutual understanding and respect, while helping the local Israeli and Palestinian economies.

Pave the Way is working with the Israeli Ministry of Tourism to encourage these most important pilgrimages.



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