

CHRISTMAS PROCESSION ROUTE

Jaffa Gate

Jaffa Gate (Bab el-Khalil) is one of the eight gates in Jerusalem's Old City walls (facing the direction of the City of Jaffa). It was built by Sultan Suleiman in 1538 and acts as a corridor between the Christian and Armenian Quarters.

Katamon

Katamon, derived from the Greek, kata tōi monastēriōi ("under the monastery"), is a neighborhood located geographically in south-central Jerusalem. It was mainly inhabited by Palestinian Christians, all of whom were expelled by Israel during the Nakba (1948 catastrophe) and property stolen on May 1st 1948.

No man's land

Part of the territory occupied by Israel since 1967, no man's land refers to the area of the West Bank that did not have military forces on either side between 1948 and the occupation that began in 1967.

Jerusalem – Hebron Road

Hebron Road is the historic link between Jerusalem and Hebron through the City of Bethlehem. Israel has limited the road's transit since 1991, and most notably, disconnected road continuity in 2003, thereby splitting it with the construction of its Annexation Wall.

Mt of Olives

Jerusalem

Silwan

Ath Thuri

East Talpiot

Beit Safafa

Givat HaMatos

Sharafat

Sur Baher

Checkpoint 300

The main checkpoint inside Bethlehem, it serves as Israel attempts at creating a border between Bethlehem and Jerusalem (though it is located several kilometers inside Bethlehem). It is also the main entry point into Occupied East Jerusalem for Palestinians (holding valid military issued permits) from the southern West Bank (Bethlehem and Hebron).

Mar Elias Monastery

Um Tuba

Annexation Wall

Illegal under international law, the Annexation Wall is built inside Bethlehem and separates the urban center from its lands, where Israeli settlements are being built. It has severely affected Christian holiday celebrations, access into the city and has effectively separated the twin cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem for the first time since the birth of Christ.

Cremisan

Har Gilo

Aida Refugee Camp

Beit Jala

Har Homa

Beit Sahour

Church of the Nativity

The Church of the Nativity is a basilica located in Bethlehem, Palestine. Originally commissioned in 327 A.D. by Constantine and his mother Helena, the site is believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Since 2012 it has been registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is currently being restored in an effort led by a special committee appointed by President Mahmoud Abbas.

Bethlehem