



DECEMBER 6–18, 2017

THE HOLY LAND

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Center for Prayer & Pilgrimage at Washington National Cathedral

led by

the Rev. Canon John L. Peterson and Canon Iyad Qumri, local guide & instructor

For thousands of years, pilgrims have journeyed to the Holy Land to experience God in real and tangible ways. Join us as we retrace Jesus' steps, follow the paths of martyrs and the early Church, and see the Bible with fresh eyes in the land where God dwelt among us.

There's no better way to spend Advent and experience God's continued presence among us than the life-changing experience of a Holy Land pilgrimage. You'll never look at yourself—or your faith—quite the same way again.

pilgrimage highlights

- Experience the culture and history of the Holy Land
- Visit sacred sites important to the Abrahamic faiths
- Participate in stimulating and diverse worship services
- Be enriched by lectures, evening talks, events, spiritual reflection & contemplative walks
- Stay at St. George's Cathedral Guest House
- Savor local cuisine and culture
- Experience the hospitality of the many different peoples of the Holy Land
- Learn from well-known local guide and instructor Canon Iyad Qumri



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DAY 1, DECEMBER 6 *departures*

On our way to the Holy Land!

DAY 2, DECEMBER 7 *arrive Tel Aviv • transfer to Jerusalem*

We arrive in Tel Aviv and are met by our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri. We are transferred to our hotel in Jerusalem. Introductions. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 3, DECEMBER 8 *horizons of Jerusalem • Herodium*

In the morning we drive to Mt. Scopus, where we look at different dramatic settings of the Scripture. Then we look at the many different Jerusalems. Visit Herodium, some 12 km south of Jerusalem. On a hill shaped like a truncated cone that rises 758 m above sea level, stood Herodium, the palace-fortress built by King Herod. It had a breathtaking view, overlooking the Judean Desert and the mountains of Moab to the east, and the Judean Hills to the west. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

GUEST SPEAKER Contemporary Issues—A Palestinian Perspective

DAY 4, DECEMBER 9 *Judean Desert • Mount of Temptation • Jericho • Nazareth*

Visit to Wadi Qelt in the early morning to watch the sunrise, to get the feel for the desert and for silent reflections. Depart for Jericho to hike up the Mount of Temptation and view Tell es-Sultan, the ancient city of Jericho. Lunch in Nazareth. Visit Mary's Well, the site of the only spring-fed fountain in the city, and most likely the place where Mary would have gone to draw water. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation for an introduction to icons. We then follow the footpath to the Latin Church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary, telling her she would conceive Jesus, the Emmanuel. Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth.

DAY 5, DECEMBER 10 *Christ Church • Sepphoris*

We attend Sunday morning Eucharist at Christ Church in Nazareth, and meet with Fr. Nael Abu Rahmoun. After lunch, we depart for Zippori (Sepphoris), where we explore the excavations of the Roman/Byzantine city. Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth.

DAY 6, DECEMBER 11 *Jordan River • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes*

We depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth stopping at the Jordan River for the renewal of baptismal vows. We then visit Capernaum, where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes. Lunch is by the Sea of Galilee, followed by a visit to Tabgha (Heptapegon), The Loaves and Fishes Church and the Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy. Return to Nazareth. Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth.

After dinner—a treat you will not want to miss!

DAY 7, DECEMBER 12 *Burqin • Nablus • Taybeh*

Depart for Burqin. Jesus passed through Burqin on his way to Jerusalem from Nazareth, and as he was passing by the village he heard cries for help from ten lepers who were isolated in quarantine in a cave. On to Nablus to visit Bir Ya'qub (St. Photini) Greek Orthodox Monastery. St. Photini lived in first century Palestine, and is revered as the Samaritan woman who Christ visited at the well asking for water. We tour the church built over Jacob's well and drink from the well. We

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have lunch in and then visit Taybeh, the only all-Christian town in the Palestinian Authority. In the fourth century the Emperor Constantine and his mother St. Helen built the church of St. George in the village, the ruins of the church are still found on a hill in the town. Taybeh is also the home of the only Palestinian brewery in the Middle East. There will be time to shop in Taybeh to support the Christian community. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 8, DECEMBER 13 *Tekoa • Bethlehem*

We depart to Tekoa, home of the prophet Amos, and then visit the Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative Society. Lunch in Beit Sahour. Visit the Church of the Nativity located in Manger Square, the oldest church in Christendom. Constructed by Constantine in AD 326, it is the traditional site of the Nativity. Following our visit to the Church we visit the Creche museum in the Peace Center, which is situated in the heart of Bethlehem, directly between the Church of the Nativity and the Mosque of Omar in Manger Square. The Peace Center stands as a symbol of this West Bank city's reputation for coexistence, and is one of the premier cultural institutions and performance venues in Palestine. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

GUEST SPEAKER Lecture on Islam

DAY 9, DECEMBER 14 *Western Wall • Dome of the Rock • free afternoon*

We depart for the Western Wall near Elharam Esh Sharif (The Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque), St. Anne's Church and the pools of Bethesda. Lunch. We have free time for shopping in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

GUEST SPEAKER Contemporary Issues—An Israeli Perspective

DAY 10, DECEMBER 15 *Old City • Church of the Holy Sepulcher*

Group photo. Briefing on the Holy Sepulcher. We then walk the Cardo to the Constantinian Entrance of the Holy Sepulcher. Lunch, then continue our visit to the Holy Sepulcher. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 11, DECEMBER 16 *Beth-Phage • Dominus Flevit • Gethsemane • Bethlehem*

Depart for Beth-phage, where we begin the Palm Sunday Procession. We stop at Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit ("the Lord wept"), where Jesus wept over the city. Afterward, we walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. After lunch, we visit the site of Caiaphas' Palace, where Jesus experienced the Jewish portion of his trial. The site is known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu ("crowing rooster"). Depart for Bethlehem to join the Simulcast Service between Washington National Cathedral and the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 12, DECEMBER 17 *St. George's Cathedral • Jericho*

Sunday Eucharist at Saint George's Cathedral, where the liturgy is celebrated in English and Arabic, the language of Arabic-Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land and the whole Middle East. Lunch. Dinner at the Qumris in Jericho. Overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 13, DECEMBER 18 *Way of the Cross • Emmaus*

Early this morning we walk and pray the Way of the Cross. We depart for Emmaus Nicopolis and celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for afternoon/evening departures.



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COST & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

cost

The cost of the pilgrimage is \$4,000 per pilgrim. A \$900 non-refundable deposit secures your place on the pilgrimage.

INCLUDED in the pilgrimage cost are room and board, transportation in comfortable deluxe buses, guiding fees, all entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary, guest speakers, portage at all hotels, tips for restaurant and hotel staff, bus driver and guide tips, and farewell dinner.

NOT INCLUDED in the pilgrimage cost are airfare, medical insurance, travel insurance, and personal expenses.

donation

A \$500 donation is included in your non-refundable deposit. This is a tax-deductible donation to Washington National Cathedral (tax deduction given in 2017).

single room cost

Single rooms are available on a limited basis, and require a supplemental fee of \$560. You must request a single room on the registration form.

payment schedule

Payment schedule is as follows: \$900 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration. \$1,750 is due by **August 1, 2017**. Full payment (including \$560 single-room supplement, if applicable) is due **September 15, 2017**.

refunds

Refunds are available as follows. Full refund available before August 6, 2017. Half refund before September 6, 2017. Quarter refund before October 6, 2017. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after **October 6, 2017**. The \$900 deposit is non-refundable.

flight

Your flight to the Holy Land must be scheduled on **December 6**, arriving **December 7** in the afternoon. Details concerning flight information and recommendations will be given to you following your registration. Due to national interest in this pilgrimage, you will be responsible for booking your flight to Tel Aviv.

passport

Your passport must be valid six months prior to the pilgrimage (June 2017) and cannot expire prior to June 2018 in order to be admitted through Israeli customs. No exceptions are made for this policy. No visa is required for U.S. citizens.

physical activity

Moderate walking included. Please contact Tracy Dieter at tdieter@cathedral.org with questions about physical activity or the itinerary.

registration information

Submit your form by email to tdieter@cathedral.org, or mail to

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