



A Journey to the Holy Land

Love Must Act, Louisville, KY A Journey to The Holy Land

Led by Bishop Stacy Sauls
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri & Rami Qumri

12-Days: April 1-12, 2022

Updated on July 23, 2021

Apr 2-7 **Saint George's Guest House**
Apr 7-9 **Sisters of Nazareth**
Apr 9-12 **Saint George's Guest House**

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, DAY 1: DEPART USA

On our way to the Holy Land

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

We arrive in Tel Aviv, we are met by our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri. We are transferred to Jerusalem. Introductions

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, DAY 3: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / GETHSEMANE / WORSHIP AT SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH / ISRAEL MUSEUM

We depart for the Western Wall near Elharam Esh Sharif (The Dome of The Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque), visit the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of All Nations.

Sunday Eucharist at Saint Andrew's Church in Ramallah, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic, Lunch. Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* are housed. We will also visit a scale model of the Old City of Jerusalem, describing the city as it would have been during Jesus' time.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Lecture on Islam

MONDAY, APRIL 4, DAY 4: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM

In the morning we will drive to Mt. Scopus where we will look at the different dramatic settings of the Scripture. Then we will look at the many different Jerusalem, 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

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, DAY 5: ST. JOHN'S OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL

Today we will pay a visit to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, treating patients regardless of ethnicity, religion or ability to pay.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, DAY 6: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

We depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Field, visit a 1st century cave dwelling, Lunch is in Beit Sahour (Shepherds' Field), 'And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night'. Church of the Nativity located in Manger Square. It is the Oldest Church in Christendom, constructed by Constantine in AD 326 and the traditional site of the Nativity. Enter through Jaffa gate to visit Church of the Resurrection.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, DAY 7: JERICHO / NAZARETH / SEPPHORIS

Wadi Qelt early morning to get the feel for the desert, depart for Jericho to hike up Mt. of Temptation and view Tell Jericho, 20-minute meditation on Mt of Temptation. Drive through the Rift Valley to Nazareth. Lunch. Depart to Zippori, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman/Byzantine city. In Nazareth we will 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 where we will have an opportunity to have an introduction to the Icon, we then follow on foot the path 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

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, DAY 8: JORDAN RIVER / KIBBUTZ GINOSAR / CAPERNAUM / BEATITUDES / TABGHA

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop at the Jordan River for the renewal of Baptismal vows, Kibbutz Gininosar to visit the Ancient Boat, Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, we then visit Capernaum where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, Lunch, visit to Tabgha (Heptapegon), The Loaves and Fishes Church and the Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth
A treat you will not want to miss!!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, DAY 9: BURQIN / NABLUS / TAYBEH

Depart for Burqin. Jesus had 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, Nablus to visit (St. Photini the Greek Orthodox Monastery), St. Photini lived in first century Palestine, she was the Samaritan woman who Christ visited at the well asking her for water, the church built over Jacob's well where will tour the church and drink from the Well, Lunch in Taybeh, visit Taybeh, the only 100% Christian town, in the fourth century the Emperor Constantine and his mother St. Helena built the church of St. George in the village, the ruins of the Church are still found on a hill in the town. We will also visit the brewery.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues — An Israeli Perspective

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, DAY 10: (PALM SUNDAY) WORSHIP AT SAINT GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday Eucharist at Saint George's Cathedral, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic. Lunch. Depart for Beth-Phage, walk the Palm Sunday Procession.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

MONDAY, APRIL 11, DAY 11: CITY OF DAVID / HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL / YAD VASHEM / DEAD SEA

City of David began over 3,000 years ago, when King David left the city of Hebron for a small hilltop city known as Jerusalem, deep underground, the City of David is revealing some of the most exciting archeological finds of the ancient world.

Hezekiah's tunnel, Leading from the Gihon Spring to the Pool of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel (also known as the Shiloah Tunnel) is one of only a few 8th-century-BC structures worldwide that are fully accessible to the public. Walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel in knee-high water (**Bring flashlight**) Lunch. Yad Vashem (Hebrew: **יָד ושֵׁם**; literally, "a monument and a name") is Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. It is dedicated to preserving the memory of the dead; honoring Jews who fought against their Nazi oppressors, established in 1953, Yad Vashem is on the western slope of Mount Herzl, also known as the Mount of Remembrance.. Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (Rocky Beach).

Dinner at the Qumris in Jericho

Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS / EMMAUS

Stations of the Cross, **Silent reflections at the Empty Tomb**, Later in the morning we will depart for Emmaus Nicopolis. We celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church.

Transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for our return flight home

For More Information

please contact our coordinator:



Andrew Wootson Joyce
Director of Operations



ajoyce@lovemustact.org