



A Journey to the Holy Land

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui A Journey to The Holy Land

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10-Days: May 9-18, 2023

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May 9-12 **Sisters of Nazareth**
May 12-18 **Saint George's Guest House**

TUESDAY, MAY 9, DAY 1: ARRIVE BEN GURION AIRPORT / TRANSFER TO NAZARETH

Arrival to Tel Aviv you will be met by our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri, transfer to our accommodation in Nazareth. Introductions
Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, DAY 2: NAZARETH / SEPPHORIS

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. Lunch. Depart to Zippori, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman/Byzantine city.
Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

THURSDAY, MAY 11, DAY 3: SEA OF GALILEE / JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM / BEATITUDES

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop 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 and we will celebrate the Eucharist at Mt. Eremos as we walk down 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. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at Sisters of Nazareth

Continuation: A treat you will not want to miss!!!!

FRIDAY, MAY 12, DAY 4: 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 we 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

SATURDAY, MAY 13, DAY 5: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM

Walk down to Damascus Gate to get the feel for the distance and our surrounding, afternoon Mt. Scopus, view the Judean desert, Mt. of Olives, City of David, Lunch, 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: Lecture on Islam

SUNDAY, MAY 14, DAY 6: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / WORSHIP AT SAINT GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL / ISRAEL MUSEUM

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. Sunday Eucharist at St. George's Cathedral; 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

MONDAY, MAY 15, DAY 7: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM

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', Lunch, 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.
Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

TUESDAY, MAY 16, DAY 8: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / PRINCESS BASMA CENTER

Walk the Palm Sunday Procession. We will stop at Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the city. It is known as *Dominus Flevit* [Latin for "The Lord wept"]. Afterward, we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Lunch. Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children on the Mount of Olives, the Center is home to the victims of many paralyses, strokes, debilitating injuries and other physical and Emotional needs, currently numbering 450 Students
Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, DAY 9: JERICHO / DEAD SEA

Wadi Qelt early morning to watch the sunrise also get the feel for the desert, depart for Jericho to hike up Mt. of Temptation and view Tell Jericho. Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (**Rocky Beach**). Lunch at the Qumris.
Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

THURSDAY, MAY 18, DAY 10: WAY OF THE CROSS & EMMAUS

Early this morning we walk and pray the Way of the Cross. Later we 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 to Hong Kong that departs at 14:35

For More Information

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