



A Journey to the Holy Land

## *The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland A Journey to The Holy Land*

Led By Bishop Eugene Sutton  
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri & Rami Qumri  
**13-Days: April 18-30,2022**

*Updated on September 5, 2021*

**April 19-22**                      **Sisters of Nazareth**  
**April 22-30**                      **Saint George's Guest House**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18, DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A**  
On our way to the Holy Land

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, DAY 2: 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  
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, DAY 3: 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, APRIL 21, DAY 4: 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. Lunch 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

**A treat you will not want to miss!!!!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22, DAY 5: 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. Visit St. Luke's Hospital. Lunch in Taybeh, visit Taybeh, the only 100% Christian town, 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.

**Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – A Palestinian Perspective**

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, DAY 6: 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, APRIL 24, DAY 7: 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, APRIL 25, DAY 8: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM**

We depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Field, visit a 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues- An Israeli Perspective**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, DAY 9: OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

**Group Photo.** Briefing for the Holy Sepulcher. We then walk the Cardo to the Constantinian Entrance of the Holy Sepulcher. Lunch, continue our visit to the Holy Sepulcher.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, DAY 10: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / PRINCESS BASMA**

Depart for Beth-phage and Mt. of Olives walk down the Palm Sunday Road ending at the Garden of Gethsemane. Lunch, Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, this church was built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Peter denied Jesus three times). Lunch. Visit 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.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, DAY 11: JERICHO / DEAD SEA / YAD VASHEM**

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. Visit Yad Vashem site of the Holocaust Memorial.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, DAY 12: 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.

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, DAY 13:**

Early breakfast, Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for our return flight that departs at 08:00AM

**For More Information**

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