



A Journey to the Holy Land

## *Christ Episcopal Church-San Antonio, TX* *A Journey to The Holy Land*

Led by Rev. Patrick Gahan  
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**10-Days: January 3-13, 2023**

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**Jan 4-8**      **Saint George's Guest House**  
**Jan 8-11**    **Sisters of Nazareth**  
**Jan 11-13**   **Saint George's Guest House**

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, DAY 1: DEPART USA**

On our way to the Holy Land

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, DAY 2: ARRIVE GURION AIRPORT / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM**

We arrive in Tel Aviv, met by our guide, transfer to our accommodation in Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House  
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### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, DAY 3: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / 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, 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**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, DAY 4: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM**

**GROUP PHOTO.** Introductions. 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**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, DAY 5: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM / OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER**

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. Walk the Cardo to the Constantinian Entrance to the Church of the Resurrection to the Holy Sepulcher.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, DAY 6: JERICHO / NAZARETH**

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 in Nazareth. 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

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, DAY 7: CAESAREA MARATIMA / SEPPHORIS**

Depart for Caesarea Maratima, a seaport on the Mediterranean Sea, this was built by Herod the Great, we visit the Crusaders fortifications, the Roman aqueduct and amphitheater. Lunch, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman / Byzantine city, the capital of Galilee at the time of Jesus.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, DAY 8: JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM / BEATITUDES / TABGHA**

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop at the Jordan River for the renewal of Baptismal vows, 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!!!!**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 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. We continue to Nablus to visit (St. Photini the Greek Orthodox Monastery), St. Photinilived 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 Palestinian Authority, 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. Taybeh is also the home of the only Palestinian brewery in the Middle East.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, DAY10: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE**

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 at the Qumris, Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (Rocky Beach)

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, DAY 10: 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. Lunch. **FREE AFTERNOON**

After breakfast transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight

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### For More Information

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