



A Journey to the Holy Land

Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina A Journey to The Holy Land

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12-Days: April 10-21, 2023

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April 11-13 Saint George's Guest House

April 13-16 Sisters of Nazareth

April 16-21 Saint George's Guest House

MONDAY, APRIL 10, DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A

On our way to the Holy Land

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, DAY 2: ARRIVE BEN GURION AIRPORT / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

Arrival to Tel Aviv you will be met by your guide, transfer to our accommodation in Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, DAY 3: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM

Introductions. Walk down to Damascus Gate to get the feel for the distance and our surrounding. Mt. Scopus, view the Judean desert, Mt. of Olives, view the city of David.

Lunch. Depart for 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

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Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – An Israeli Perspective

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, DAY 4: 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 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.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 14, DAY 5: 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, 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, Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, DAY 6: SEPPHORIS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Depart for Zippori, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman/ Byzantine city, Lunch. We continue to Caesarea Philippi (Banias). And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? "

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, DAY 7: BURQIN / ZABABDEH / NABLUS / TAYBEH

Depart for Burqin. Jesus ad 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, Sunday Eucharist at Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church in Zababdeh. 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. Helen 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.

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MONDAY, APRIL 17, DAY 8: 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' 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.

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Guest Speaker: Lecture on Islam

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, DAY 9: OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

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.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, DAY 10: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / PRINCESS BASMA / 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. 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. Lunch. Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, will also visit a scale model of the City of Jerusalem, describing the city more as it would have been during Jesus time.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, DAY 11: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / DEAD SEA / YAD VASHEM

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 Qumri's, Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (Rocky Beach). Visit Yad Vashem site of the Holocaust Memorial.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21, DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS / EMMAUS

Early this morning we walk and pray the Way of the Cross, Emmaus Nicopolis. We celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church.

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight

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