



A Journey to the Holy Land

St. David's Episcopal Church, MI *A Journey to The Holy Land*

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12-Days: January 14-25, 2022

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Jan 15-18 **Sisters of Nazareth**
Jan 18-25 **Saint George's Guest House**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, DAY 1: DEPART USA

On our way to the Holy Land

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 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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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 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 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

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, DAY 8: 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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 in Jericho.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues — An Israeli Perspective

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, DAY 10: WORSHIP AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday Eucharist at Saint George's Cathedral, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic. Lunch. **FREE AFTERNOON.**

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, DAY 11: 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. **FREE AFTERNOON.**

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 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 Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight home

For More Information

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