

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

January 1 - 12, 2011

An exploration into the land where Jesus walked, and into God's healing for the conflicts in Israel/Palestine.



Leaders:

The Rev. Len Cowan
The Very Rev. James Munroe

Tour price: \$ 3,195 per person in double
Single supplement: \$ 400

Jan 01/Sat. Depart USA. Motor coach departs from Church of the Nativity, Northborough, in the early afternoon. Motor coach departs from Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, in the late afternoon. Depart Newark International Airport for Tel Aviv on Continental Airlines flight late in the evening.

Sunday, January 02 - Tel Aviv/Jerusalem

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv in the late afternoon. Meet our guide, Mr. Iyad Qumri, and our driver. Drive to the guest house of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. We are welcomed by the Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. We have dinner and overnight at the guest house.

Monday, January 03 – Horizons of Jerusalem

This is an introductory day to the experience of this holy city. After breakfast at the guest house, we walk to the Damascus Gate of the old city of Jerusalem to get a feel of our surroundings. In the afternoon we travel to the top of Mt. Scopus to view the Judean desert. We also go to the Mount of Olives and to the original city of David. We have dinner and overnight at the guest house.

Tuesday, January 04 – Western Wall/Dome of the Rock/Ramallah

We go to the Western (Wailing) Wall near the Dome of the Rock with Dr. Ali Qleibo, an artist, author and anthropologist. In the afternoon, we will travel to the town of Ein Karem, the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, where Mary visited Elizabeth. We also visit the Church of the Nativity of John the Baptist. We have dinner and overnight at the guest house. After dinner, we have a guest speaker from a reconciliation community called Oasis of Peace.

Wednesday, January 05 – Bethlehem/Yad Vashem

We cross into the West Bank to go to Bethlehem. We visit the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus, and sing a Christmas hymn in the grotto under the church. We walk to the Christmas Lutheran Church to meet the Rev. Mitri Raheb, pastor of the church and strong voice for Christianity and peace. We stop at the Separation Wall at the border and have a time of prayer. In the afternoon, we visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. After dinner, we will meet and hear from an organization of Palestinian and Israeli family members of victims.

Thursday, January 06 – Orthodox (Greek, Syrian, Coptic) Christmas

After breakfast at the guest house, we go to Bethlehem to celebrate Christmas – a tremendous privilege!!! In the evening, we have a lecture on the complexities that define the Holy Land by Dr. Daniel Rossing, the director of the Institute for Jewish Christian relations.

Friday, January 07 – Judean Desert/Jericho/Nazareth

We get up early to watch the sunrise at Wadi Qelt and get a feel for the desert. We travel to Jericho to hike up the Mount of Temptation for a view of Jericho. We have lunch in Jericho and depart for the Galilee. In Nazareth, we visit the Church of St. Gabriel and the Basilica of the Annunciation. We have dinner and overnight at the Anglican guest house of the Sisters of Nazareth.

Saturday, January 08 – Jordan River/Chorizim/Capernaum/Mount of Beatitudes

We depart for the Sea of Galilee. We stop at the Jordan River on the northern side for a Renewal of Baptismal Vows. We visit Capernaum, where we see a 4th century synagogue and St. Peter's house. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes and take a prayer walk down its slopes. We take a boat ride on the Sea, followed by a visit to the chapel dedicated to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, where we celebrate the Eucharist. We have dinner and overnight at the guest house, including a tour of the excavation of a 1st century house underneath the guest house.

Sunday, January 09 – Dead Sea/Qumran/Masada

We leave Nazareth and drive south to the Dead Sea. We stop at Qumran, the site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We continue to Masada and ascend by cable car. We hold Sunday morning worship at Masada. We stop at En Gedi on the shore of the Dead Sea for a salty swim. We have dinner and overnight at the St. George's guest house.

Monday, January 10 – Bethphage/Gethsemane/Holy Sepulcher

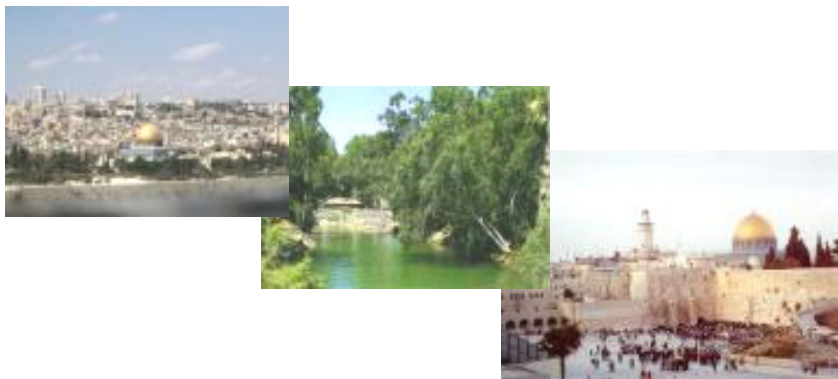
We have a briefing at St. George's College. Then we depart for Bethphage, where we walk to the Mount of Olives and down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. We spend the afternoon at a central focus of our pilgrimage, the Church of the Resurrection, standing on the hill where Jesus was crucified and kneeling outside the tomb where death was conquered. We have a Farewell Dinner at the home of the Qumris in Jericho.

Tuesday, January 11 – Way of the Cross/Emmaus

We get up early for a “Stations of the Cross” walk along the Via Dolorosa. Then we depart for Emmaus, where we celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine church. Then we meet with Dr. Stephen Need, the Dean of St. George’s College. The afternoon is free for last minute shopping and packing.

Wednesday, January 12 - Jerusalem/Tel Aviv/Newark

We drive to the airport for our flight home on Continental Airlines, which departs from Tel Aviv in the late morning and arrives in Newark in the late afternoon. Our motor coach will arrive in Springfield in the evening and in Northborough an hour later.



- Pilgrimage Includes:**
- Round-trip air transportation from Newark to Tel Aviv
 - USA Departure taxes (currently \$510 pp subject to change)
 - 10 nights in guest houses with private bath
 - 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners: (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
 - Transfers and sightseeing by first-class motor coach
 - English speaking escort from arrival until departure in Israel
 - Entrance fees to main sites
 - Liturgical schedule & special speakers
 - Hotel taxes and service charges
 - Porterage of one suitcase per person at Tel Aviv airport & hotels
- Pilgrimage does not include:**
- Passport or Visa fees (if applicable)
 - Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.)
 - Entrances/sightseeing
 - Optional trip cancellation insurance
 - Gratuities to guide (approx \$60 per person)
 - Domestic transportation to/from Newark airport

Payment due dates: (First come, first served)
Deposit: \$350 Aug. 15, 2010
Final payment: Nov. 1, 2010

VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED

It is required that your passport be valid for at least six months from the date of your departure. A visa may be required for non-USA citizens. You are responsible to have all documents in order. C-tours will not be held responsible for insufficient travel documents.

RESPONSIBILITY:

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

Full refund minus a \$100.00 fee will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 91 days prior to departure. After that period, additional cancellation fees are as follows:

Number of Days Prior to Departure	Cancellation Fees as % of Total Tour Price
90-61	15%
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44-31	50%
30-0	100%

Any unused tour portions are non-refundable. Returned checks will be billed at \$25 service fee.

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Our price is quoted in U.S. Dollars and is based on current tariffs, taxes, and exchange levels. Rates are subject to adjustments only in the unlikely event of tax increases and/or additional fuel or security surcharges. If a roommate is not available, you will be billed the single supplement cost. (Singles are limited and not guaranteed)

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