



ST. JOHN'S NORWOOD
Chevy Chase-Bethesda

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

March 28-April 7, 2023



Tour leaders:
The Rev. Sari Ateek
Johnna Story

Trip Cost: \$2,500/person

Includes: This price includes tour fee, hotel stays (doubles), 3 meals a day, and all tipping. (For single room, please add \$750 per ticket)

Does Not Include: Airfare

Registration/Questions: Please contact Johnna Story at johnna.story@finnegan.com

Please note that a non-refundable deposit of \$500/per person is required for registration. This deposit will go toward the cost of your trip.

Itinerary



Depart Washington D.C. on Tuesday, March 28

A view of the Sea of Galilee from the north

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 29

Meet up with the rest of the group at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Transfer from the airport to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at our Hotel.

Day 2 – Thursday, March 30

TABGHA • MT OF BEATITUDES • CAPERNAUM • MAGDALA • SEA OF GALILEE

A.M. We start our day with a Eucharist together on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and then visit Tabgha where Christ performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes. We will then proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount and taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer. From there, we head to Capernaum, the home base of Jesus' ministry.

P.M. After lunch, we will visit the excavated town of Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene. Then on to the Yigal Alon Museum which houses an ancient excavated fishing boat that dates back to the first century known as the "Jesus boat" before boarding a boat of our own to enjoy a scenic ride on the sea of Galilee.

Day 3 – Friday, March 31

CANA • NAZARETH • CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION • MT. TABOR

A.M. This morning we will start by visiting Cana where Jesus performed the first miracle of changing water into wine. We then continue our drive to Nazareth where Jesus grew up to visit The Church of The Annunciation, Mary's Well, the synagogue where Jesus taught, and the Old Market.

P.M. After lunch, we make our way to Mt. Tabor, the historical site of Jesus' transfiguration.

Day 4 – Saturday, April 1

BEIT SHE'AN • JERICHO • JORDAN RIVER • DEAD SEA • JERUSALEM

A.M. This morning we check out of our Hotel in Tiberias and begin traveling south to Jerusalem. First, we will stop in Beit She'an, one of the oldest cities of the ancient Near East, to visit the impressive excavated city of Scythopolis (part of the Ancient Decapolis), and one of the largest archaeological excavation sites in Israel. We will continue our drive South to Jericho where we will eat lunch.

P.M. We then head to the Jordan River to renew our baptismal vows. After this sacred time together, we will head over to the Dead Sea for an optional swim and then make our way up to Jerusalem in time for a panoramic view of the old city from the Mount of Olives. Dinner and overnight at St. George's Guesthouse.

Day 5 – Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

WORSHIP AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL • BETHLEHEM

A.M. This morning, we will worship with the Arabic speaking congregation at St. George's Cathedral and enjoy a time of fellowship with the congregation after the service.

P.M. We will then head south to Bethlehem to visit Shepherds Field – the traditional site of where the angels appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of the Messiah; and then visit the Church of the Nativity built over the cave where Christ was born.



Garden of Gethsemane

Day 6 – Monday, April 3

WAY OF THE CROSS • HOLY SEPULCHRE • FREE AFTERNOON

A.M. We will begin this day with an early morning walk to the Old City of Jerusalem to pilgrim through the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) stopping at each station for scripture reading and prayer. The Way of the Cross will ultimately lead us to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we will visit the site of Jesus' Crucifixion and Burial.

P.M. Free afternoon.

Day 7 – Tuesday, April 4

NABLUS • ST. LUKE'S • SEBASTIA

A.M. This morning we head to Nablus, one of the largest cities in the West Bank, to visit St. Luke's hospital with which St. John's has a partnership. St. Luke's is an institution of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and the only charitable hospital in the West Bank.

P.M. We will eat lunch in the Palestinian village of Sebastia which is believed to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited villages in the West Bank. After some souvenir shopping in Sebastia, we will

make our way back to Jerusalem. In the evening, we will host a guest speaker to gain greater exposure to the efforts of Peace & Justice in Israel-Palestine.

Day 8 – Wednesday, April 5

WAILING WALL • DOME OF THE ROCK • POOLS OF BETHESDA

A.M. This morning we will spend time visiting the sacred Jewish and Muslim sites of the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock. We then proceed to Crusaders Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralyzed man.

P.M. Free Afternoon



2016 pilgrims standing in front of the Dome of the Rock

Day 9 – Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

ISRAEL MUSEUM • LAST SUPPER • MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE • WALK TO GETHSEMANE

A.M. This Morning we will make our way to the Israel Museum, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Holy Land scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ.

P.M. “Last Supper” with the Group. Maundy Thursday service at St. George’s Cathedral, and walk to Gethsemane.

Day 10 – Friday, April 7

Travel home.