



Photos taken during our
2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage.
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Saint George's Guest House

May 17 - 20 (3 nights)
May 23 - 27 (5 nights)
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www.iyadqumripilgrimages.com/accomodation
for further details.

QUESTIONS? READY TO JOIN US?

Email HolyLand2023@stbarts.org for questions,
or to reserve your place.

Under the direction of

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, D.D.

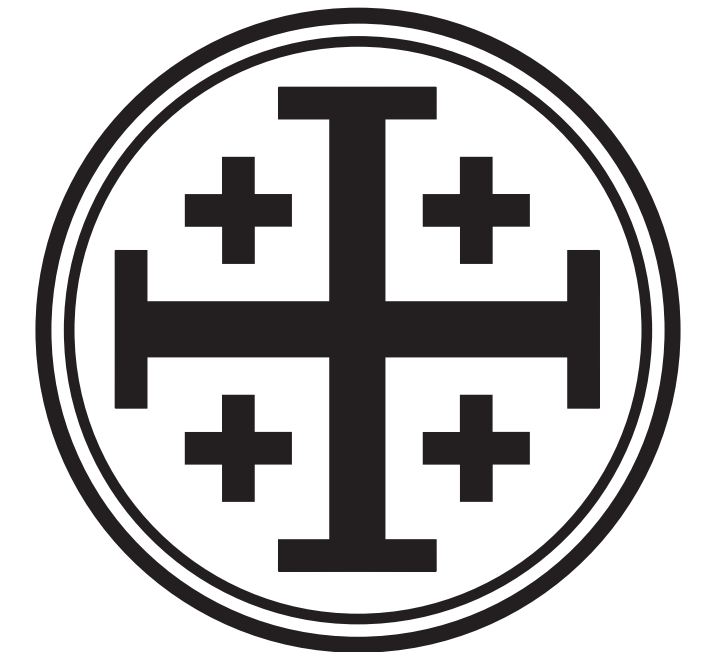
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GENERAL INFORMATION

AIR TRAVEL

Air travel can usually be booked up to one year in advance. There is no group flight; you should make your own travel arrangements once you have confirmed a reserved spot.

You will need to leave the US, on the evening of Tuesday, May 16 in order to arrive at Ben Gurion airport (TLV) in Tel Aviv between 1 and 5 pm on Wednesday, May 17.

The trip ends on Saturday, May 27. You should schedule your departure flight from TLV for later that night (from 11 pm onwards).

PASSPORT

Your Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival date in Israel, or you will not be allowed to enter Israel. Visas are not required for US citizens to enter Israel.

COSTS

Land trip (exclusive of airfare) will be \$2,745, based on double occupancy. Single room supplement charge is \$560 (limited availability).

Land trip costs include:

- All accommodation costs—rooms have private bath and Wi-Fi
- All meals, exclusive of beverages
- Transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned bus
- Guiding Fee
- All entrance fees on your itinerary
- Israeli and Palestinian speakers
- Portage at all hotels
- Tips for restaurant and guest house staff and bus driver
- Personal expenses such as phone calls, alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks, laundry, and medical insurance are not covered

REGISTRATION

The optimal group size is between 20 and 35 travelers. Interest is expected to be high, and places will be held based on deposits received.

- If interest exceeds the spots available, as in 2019, a wait list will be created.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A **non-refundable** deposit of \$500 per person is due upon making your reservation. Reservations must be made and a deposit sent in no later than November 18, 2022. Places cannot be held without a deposit, so please send your deposit as soon as you are able to commit.
- A final payment of \$2,245 for double occupancy (plus an additional \$560 for single occupancy) will be due by January 13, 2023.
- **To reserve your spot, email HolyLand2023@stbarts.org. You will receive information about submitting the deposit.**
- Qumri Pilgrimages reserves the right to cancel the trip due to safety or security concerns; in that case there will be a full trip refund.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

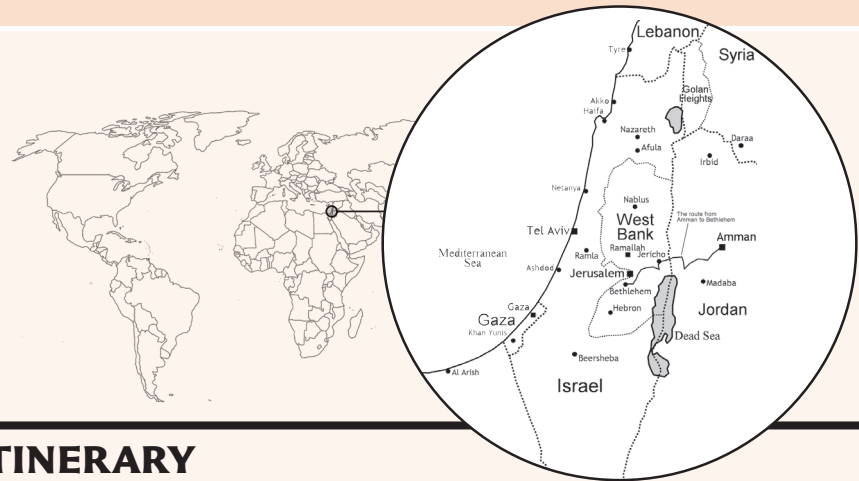
Most days have a full itinerary. You should be moderately fit and active; able to walk comfortably for at least 20 minutes at a time. In a few places the terrain is steep, rough, and dusty. Usually there are places to wait for the group if you need to take a break, but expect a good deal of walking each day.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

In May, the average temperature in Jerusalem is a high of 77 F and low of 55 F. Some areas will be warmer, such as the Dead Sea. Dress is casual and business casual, and layers work best to accommodate temperature changes and greater modesty when indicated. Comfortable walking shoes are essential.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Participants must have international medical insurance, and are encouraged to have travel insurance to cover the cost of cancellations for personal reasons.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 • TUESDAY, MAY 16

Depart from the USA enroute to the Holy Land.

DAY 2 • WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv between 1 and 5 pm

Met by Guide Canon Iyad Qumri.
Travel to Saint George's Guest House, Jerusalem (about 60 minutes drive from airport).
Late afternoon: time to unpack, nap, explore.
6 pm: Meet at the Guest House for introductions, dinner.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 3 • THURSDAY, MAY 18

Horizons of Jerusalem, Herodium

The day starts with a drive to Mount Scopus to enjoy the panoramic view of the Judean desert, the Mount of Olives, and the city of Jerusalem. From there we will go to Herodium, the palace-fortress built by King Herod. Situated 758 meters above sea level, it overlooks the Judean Hills, the mountains of Moab and the Judean desert.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 4 • FRIDAY, MAY 19

Old City Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre

We start our tour of the Old City of Jerusalem by walking through the Cardo, an ancient market street that is an eclectic mixture of archeology, history, and shopping. Then we'll visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, also known as the Church of the Resurrection, located in the Christian Quarter of the Old City. From there we'll walk to the Armenian Quarter, where we may observe the Armenian Vespers.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 5 • SATURDAY, MAY 20

Jericho, Nazareth

We visit Wadi Qelt, a riverbed stretching from north of Jerusalem to the Jordan Valley. From there we head to Jericho, to hike up the Mount of Temptation (said to be the hill in the Judean desert where Jesus was tempted by the devil —Matthew 4:8) and to view Tel Jericho. Lunch in Jericho, followed by a drive through the Jordan River valley north to Nazareth. In Nazareth, we'll visit Mary's Well, the site of the only spring-fed fountain in the city, said to be where Mary would have gone to draw water. We'll then visit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and view the beautiful icons. We walk nearby to the Latin Church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary.

Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth Guest House.

DAY 6 • SUNDAY, MAY 21

Eucharist at Christ Church, Sepphoris

The Eucharist at Christ Church in Nazareth will be celebrated in both Arabic and English. After lunch we visit Sepphoris and explore the excavations of this Roman and Byzantine city, the capital of Galilee at the time of Jesus.

Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth Guest House.

DAY 7 • MONDAY, MAY 22

Jordan River, Capernaum, Beatitudes, Tabgha

From Nazareth, we head to the Sea of Galilee - Lake Kinnereth. We will stop at the Jordan River for renewal of baptismal vows. There will be a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, and then a visit to Capernaum, a fishing village said to be the hometown of many of the Apostles and where Jesus spent much of his adult life. In Capernaum, we will visit the ruins of one of the oldest synagogues in the world as well as St. Peter's house. From there we will visit the beautiful Mount of Beatitudes, overlooking the Sea of Galilee - considered by many to be the site of the Sermon on the Mount. After lunch, we head to Tabgha, said to be the location of the Jesus' feeding of the 5,000.

Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth Guest House.

DAY 8 • TUESDAY, MAY 23

Burquin, Nablus, Taybeh

We will depart Nazareth for Burquin, a village through which Jesus traveled as he went from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Passing through Burquin, Jesus heard cries for help from 10 lepers who were quarantined there in a cave and healed them. At the next stop, Nablus, we will visit the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Photini, a first-century Palestinian Christian woman, also known as the Samaritan "woman at the well". We will visit and drink from Jacob's well. We will lunch in Taybeh, the only entirely Christian town in the West Bank. There we will see the ruins of the church of St. George, built by Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena and visit the brewery.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 9 • WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Shepherd's Field, Bethlehem

We depart Jerusalem to visit first-century caves in Beit Sahour (Shepherd's Field) near Bethlehem. After lunch there, we'll be in Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity. Located in Manger Square, it was built by Constantine and is the oldest church in Christendom.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 10 • THURSDAY, MAY 25

Western Wall, Dome of the Rock and other Muslim Quarter Sites, Israel Museum

We visit the Western Wall and the Muslim Quarter sites of the Dome of the Rock, the Al-Aqsa Mosque, St. Anne's Church, and the pool of Bethesda. The Dome of the Rock, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, holds enormous significance for all three Abrahamic religions. The Al-Aqsa Mosque is one of the major mosques in Jerusalem and a central focus of the Muslim community in Jerusalem. After lunch we take in the Israel Museum (Israel's national museum). Highlights of the museum include the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and a large, acre-sized model of the Old City of Jerusalem as it would have been in the 1st century.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 11 • FRIDAY, MAY 26

Bethphage, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Dead Sea

We'll start the day at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, thought to be the starting point of Jesus' entry procession into Jerusalem. We will stop to visit two nearby churches —that of the Pater Noster as well as Dominus Flevit ('the Lord wept' in Latin), where Jesus wept on approach to Jerusalem. From there we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. After lunch we have the option to swim (really, float) in the Dead Sea.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

DAY 12 • SATURDAY, MAY 27

Way of the Cross, Emmaus, Departure

We will walk in Jesus' footsteps, following the path that Jesus took to his crucifixion. We'll stop for silent reflections at the site of the Empty Tomb. Later in the morning, we'll go Emmaus where we will celebrate Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church there. After lunch, there will be a free afternoon in Jerusalem. After dinner, we will travel to Ben Gurion airport. Flights should depart after 11 pm.

Note: *Itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the guide.*