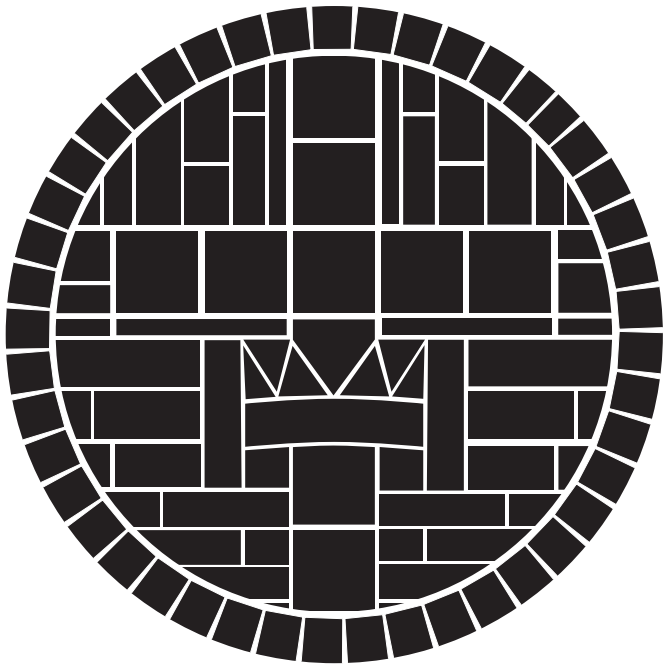


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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 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 Thursday May 9 in order to arrive at Ben Gurion airport (TLV) in Tel Aviv between 2 and 5 pm on Friday May 10.

The trip ends on Monday 20; 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 is \$2475, 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 hotel staff
- Farewell Dinner at Canon Iyad Qumri's house

Personal expenses such as phone calls, alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks, laundry, and medical insurance are not covered

### REGISTRATION

Optimal group size is between 20 and 40 travelers. Interest is expected to be high, and places will be held based on deposits received.

If interest exceeds the spots available, 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 1, 2018. Places cannot be held without a deposit, so please send your deposit as soon as you are able to commit.
- A final payment of \$1975 for double occupancy (plus an additional \$560 for single occupancy) will be due by January 15, 2019.
- **To reserve your spot, email [HolyLand2019@stbarts.org](mailto:HolyLand2019@stbarts.org). You will receive information about where to send 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

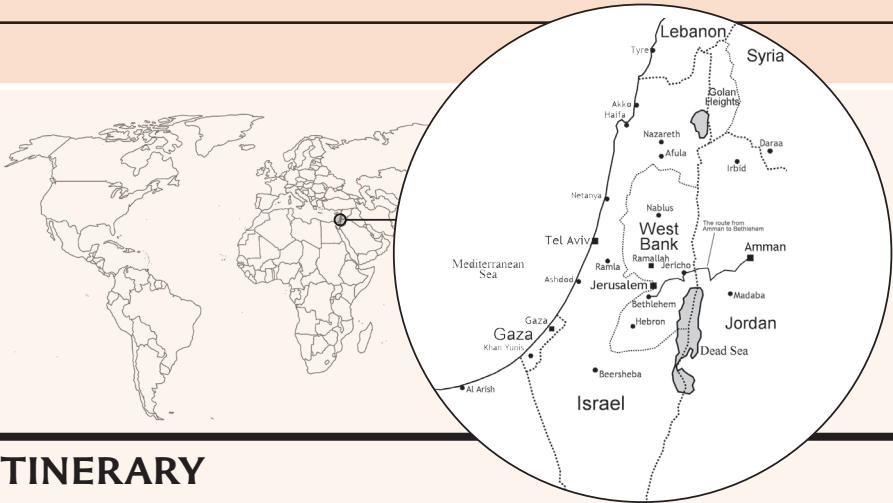
You should be able to walk comfortably for at least 20 minutes at a time. In places the terrain is steep, rough and dusty. Usually there are places to wait for the group if you need to take a break, but expect a good deal of walking each day.

## 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 • THURSDAY, MAY 9

Depart from the USA en route to the Holy Land.

### DAY 2 • FRIDAY, MAY 10

**Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv  
between 2 and 5 pm**

Met by Guide Canon Iyad Qumri.

Travel to Saint George's Guest House, Jerusalem (Approximately 60 minute 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 • SATURDAY, MAY 11

**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 build 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 • SUNDAY, MAY 12:

**Eucharist at St. George's Cathedral, Israel Museum**

The Eucharist at St. Georges' Cathedral will be celebrated in both Arabic and English. We will have lunch and then visit 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 5 • MONDAY MAY 13

**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 icon(s). 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 • TUESDAY, MAY 14**

### **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 5000.

Dinner and overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth Guest House.

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## **DAY 7 • WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

### **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 from 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 Palestinian Authority. There we will see the ruins of the church of St. George, built by Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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## **DAY 8 • THURSDAY, MAY 16**

### **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. We then visit Sunbula, a non-profit fair trade organization which supports women's craft co-operatives and social services for the disabled.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

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## **DAY 9 • FRIDAY, MAY 17**

### **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 will observe the Armenian Vespers.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

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## **DAY 10 • SATURDAY MAY 18**

### **Bethphage, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane**

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.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

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## **DAY 11 • SUNDAY MAY 19**

### **Western Wall, Dome of the Rock and other Muslim Quarter Sites**

After Eucharist, 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.

Lunch will be at the Qumri residence in Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House.

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## **DAY 12 • MONDAY MAY 20**

### **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 to 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 between 11 pm – 1 am.

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### **Note:**

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



Photos taken during our  
2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **Saint George's Guest House**

May 10-12 (3 nights)

May 15-19 (5 nights)

Nablus Road 20

P.O.Box 19018

Jerusalem 91190

Email: [sghostel@bezeqint.net](mailto:sghostel@bezeqint.net)

++972 2-6282627

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++972 2-6282253 (fax)

### **Sisters of Nazareth**

May 13-14 (2 nights)

Casa Nova Street

P.O. Box 50274

Nazareth

Tel: 972-4-6553400

Go to Sisters of Nazareth on *Trip Advisor* for more information.

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