



A Journey to the Holy Land

*The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia &
The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland A
Journey to The Holy Land*

Led By Bishop Gayle Harris & Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri & Rami Qumri
12-Days: April 6-17, 2026

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Apr 7-11 Saint George's Guest House
Apr 11-14 Sisters of Nazareth
Apr 14-17 Saint George's Guest House

MONDAY, APRIL 6, DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A
On our way to the Holy Land

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, DAY 2: ARRIVE BEN GURION AIRPORT / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

On arrival at Tel Aviv, you will be met by your guide, Canon Iyad Qumri, transfer to our accommodation in Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, DAY 3: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM

Introductions. Walk down to Damascus Gate to get the feel for the distance and our surroundings. MT. Scopus, view the Judean desert, Mt. of Olives, view the city of David. Lunch. Depart for 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

Guest Speaker: Lecture on Islam

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, DAY 4: OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE RESSURECTION

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

Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – A Palestinian Perspective

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, DAY 5: 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, DAY 6: JERICHO / NAZARETH

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, Lunch, in Jericho before we begin our trip up the Rift Valley to Nazareth. In Nazareth 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.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, DAY 7: CHRIST CHURCH / SEPPHORIS

Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church in Nazareth, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic. Meeting Fr. Nael Abu Rahmoun. Lunch, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman / Byzantine city, the capital of Galilee at the time of Jesus.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

A treat you will not want to miss!!!!

MONDAY, APRIL 13, DAY 8: SEA OF GALILEE / JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM & BEATITUDES

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop at the Jordan River for the renewal of Baptismal vows. We then visit Capernaum where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, Lunch is

by the Sea of Galilee, followed by a visit to Tabgha (Heptapegon), The Loaves and Fishes Church and the Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
Dinner and overnight at Sisters of Nazareth

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, DAY 9: 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, Lunch in Taybeh, visit the Brewery and the ruins of the 4th century church.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues- An Israeli Perspective

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, DAY 10: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / 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. 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. **FREE AFTERNOON**

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, DAY 11: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE

Depart for Beth-phage and Mt. of Olives Walk down the Palm Sunday Road ending at the Garden of Gethsemane. Lunch, Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, this church was built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Peter denied Jesus three times).

Dinner at the Qumris

Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS & EMMAUS

Early this morning we walk and pray the Way of the Cross. Later we depart for Emmaus Nicopolis. We celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church.

Afternoon at leisure

Transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for our return flight to the USA

For More Information

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Information Meetings:

October 14 from 7–8 pm

November 24 from 7–8 pm

Zoom Meeting Registration:

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