You are invited to join
Bishop Gayle Harris for
A Pilgrimage Journey in The Holy Land



May 9 – 20, 2027

This pilgrimage is an opportunity to walk, visit and pray in the footsteps of the Biblical Prophets and of Our Lord Jesus. This is not just a tour, for we will be pilgrims. The sites we visit will bring fresh insights, deeper understanding and spiritual renewal as we experience with our senses and in our souls the Land of the Holy One.

Together we will go to the places of Jesus' birth, life ministry, death and resurrection. Our experienced guide Iyad Qumri, a lifelong Episcopalian, will lead us in exploring ancient places, vibrant markets and modern museums in a land that is suspended between east and west, past and present.



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Jerusalem

Old City of Jerusalem
City of David
Mount of Olives & Garden of Gethsemane
Western (Wailing) Wall
Dome of the Rock
The Via Delarosa/Way of the Cross
Church of the Holy Sepulcher
Emmaus

Bethlehem

Shepherds' Field
Church of the Holy Nativity
Herodium

Jordan River Valley

Mount of the Beatitudes
Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
Capernaum

Jericho and the Dead Sea

Mount of Temptation

Nazareth

Church of the Annunciation
Christ Episcopal Church
Ancient Capital Sepphoris

Burquin and Nablu

Place Jesus healed 10 Lepers
Church of St. Photini
(The well where Jesus met the Samaritan Woman)

AND MORE….

ACCOMODATIONS

Both have ensuite baths, free Wi-Fi and elevators

Jerusalem

St. George's Cathedral Pilgrim House

Located in the gated grounds of the Episcopal Cathedral and Diocese of Jerusalem Offices, Pilgrim House is convenient, comfortable and serves delicious food. It opened in 1923 and The Old City is about a 2-3 block walk from the Cathedral. You can enjoy the Bishop's Peace Garden to relax, reflect and have refreshments.



Nazareth

Sisters of Nazareth Convent & Guest House

The Roman Catholic Sisters offer a warm welcome to their home to people from around the world. The rooms are simple and comfortable. The Guest House is gated, and adjacent on one side is the Basilica of the Anunciation (where Mary was told she was to give birth to the Mesiah), and on the other side is Christ Episcopal Church. There is a terrace to enjoy the sun, the stars and moonlight.



TRAVELING IN THE HOLY LAND

Once we land in Tel Aviv, our guides will meet us at Ben Gurion Airport and will escort us to our luxury bus that will be our main transportation during the pilgrimage. Our driver is quite experienced and personable; we can relax as we take in the sights and countryside.

Occasionally our daily itinerary may change a bit if circumstances require that. Our guides and driver keep aware by cell phone and email if situations arise. We will avoid areas of conflict. Please know that the ongoing conflict in Gaza is tragic, yet we will be more than 50 miles away, the distance between Baltimore-Washington, D.C.

OUR GUIDES

Canon Iyad Qumri is the principal owner of Qumri Pilgrimages and is known throughout the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion for his expertise, vast knowledge of the Holy Land, care for pilgrims' safety, sense of humor, warmth and joyful demeaner. A native of Jerusalem and lifelong Episcopalian, he is a member of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem and Honorary Canon of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He is a licensed tour guide by the State of Israel, and is fluent in English, Arabic and Hebrew. Iyad respectfully interacts with people of different faiths, languages, races and cultures. His sons, Sammi and Rami, have joined Iyad in this ministry and are licensed also. Pilgrims are treated as their family members.





ESTIMATED COST

The cost may fluctuate down if oil prices are reduced and by the number of pilgrims for group airline rate. At this time the estimated cost is $6,000 per person

Included in the cost:

- Round-Trip Coach Airfare from Dulles-Tel Aviv*
- Airport Transfer and all ground transportation
- Guides and Bus Drive Fees
- Double Room accommodation+
- Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Entrance fees into museums/historic sites

*=Upgrade from coach has additional cost

+=Single room is additional $560

An $800 deposit is due by January 25, 2027

Final payment is due April 20, 2027

Checks are to be made out to the Diocese of Virginia and in memo line 2027 Holy Land Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE PREPARATION

Both to prepare for the Pilgrimage and to create fellowship with one another, Pilgrims agree to attend 2 meetings: one on Zoom in February 2027 and one in person a few week before we depart. These sessions will cover definition of pilgrimage, expectations and hopes, our itinerary, suggested readings, encountering other cultures, packing and other practical information for you and for your family.

The Holy Land is not handicapped accessible as the U.S. Some of the walkways are a bit uneven. Pilgrims will need at times to leisurely walk 4-6 blocks and handle 1 to 2 flights of stairs. Food is wonderful and fresh. Those with dietary issues/preferences such as vegetarian and gluten-free food will be able to enjoy wholesome meals.



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