



Day 10 Sunday, 3 May

SUNDAY SERVICES - QUMRAN & DEAD SEA

This morning we join the local community for the Eucharist at St. George's Anglican Cathedral. Late morning we leave Jerusalem for a full day excursion to the Dead Sea. We drive down to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth's surface to visit Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered in 1947 and where archaeologists have unearthed an Essene monastery from where the scrolls may have originated. There will be an opportunity to bathe in the unique mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea, before we drive back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 11 Monday, 4 May

EMMAUS - OUR JOURNEY HOME

Late morning we leave Jerusalem and visit Abu Gosh, the possible site of Emmaus to celebrate a final Eucharist. We return to Jerusalem to spend some free time there. We leave our hotel after an early dinner and drive to Tel Aviv Airport for our 11:25pm return flight to Los Angeles.

Day 12 Tuesday 5 May

HOME

We arrive back in Los Angeles in the late morning.

Please note this complex touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments

THE HOLY LAND

A 12-day Pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine for All Saints' Episcopal Church & Friends

Led by

The Rev. Dr. John W. Conrad

24 April - 5 May 2009

INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - \$4395

All Lightline tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.

• **Scheduled flights on Delta Airlines.**

<i>Los Angeles - Tel Aviv</i>	<i>DL 152</i>	<i>1245PM / 5:25PM</i>
<i>Tel Aviv - Atlanta</i>	<i>DL 153</i>	<i>11:25PM / 5:35AM</i>
<i>Atlanta - Los Angeles</i>	<i>DL 110</i>	<i>8:34AM / 10:19AM</i>

Please note all the above times are local and are subject to change.

- **All airport departure & passenger taxes (US & Israel).**
- **Accommodation with private bath/shower at the following Christian hotels:-**
 - Jerusalem - Knights Palace (A unique Christian hotel within the walls of the Old City).*
 - Galilee - Tabgha Pilgrim House (Situated on the northern shores of the lake),*
- **Full board throughout (breakfast, lunch & dinner daily).**
 - **All entrance fees and local government taxes.**
- **State licensed English speaking guides throughout the tour**
- **All touring in modern air-conditioned tourist coaches.**

THE ONLY ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Single Room supplement (very limited) \$439, Travel Insurance, Gratuities \$150, and any items of a personal nature.

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Dear Friends,

Early in the 4th Century, C.E., the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine traveled from Western Europe to the Holy Land. She must have been a strong and resilient woman to make such a long journey in those times. Legend has it that she was in search of the concrete realities that underpinned this new Christian faith. If Christ was indeed crucified, and raised from the dead, then this must have happened not in books and stories, but in a certain place. Helena went to find the place, to see and pray where it all happened. She did it and it changed her life, that of her son, and the entire world.

Since that time millions of Christians have followed where Helena led. You are invited to join us on this pilgrimage to that same place. Not only will you see the places where it all began, but you will see the "facts on the ground" - what it means to be a Christian in Israel and Palestine today. So do come join us. Bring your faith in your head and in your heart, but put your feet on the ground of the Holy Land.

Fr John

**Day 1 Friday, 24 April
TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND**

We gather at Los Angeles Airport to join an overnight Delta Airlines flight direct to Tel Aviv.

**Day 2 Saturday, 25 April
JOURNEY TO THE SEA OF GALILEE**

On arrival we will be met by our guide and driven north along the Mediterranean to Galilee and our lakeside hotel. Dinner and overnight stay by Galilee.

**Day 3 Sunday, 26 April
JESUS' GALILEAN MINISTRY**

We begin our pilgrimage with the celebration of the Eucharist at the Primacy of St. Peter. We then continue to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and on up to the summit of the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee and the places where Jesus lived and worked. From here we proceed back to the town of Tiberias and sail across the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar to see the First Century fishing boat. After a break for lunch we drive to the ancient fishing village of Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry where we can see the remains of a 4th century synagogue and the foundations of an earlier synagogue that date back to the time of Jesus, as quite possibly the site He often preached. Finally we visit Kursi, before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



**Day 4, Monday, 27 April
MOUNT TABOR, CAÑA & NAZARETH**

After breakfast we drive across to the foot of Mount Tabor and proceed by specially ordered taxis to visit the church on the summit, revered as the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus before Peter James and John. After a celebration of the Eucharist in this holy place we drive across the plains of Jezreel (Armageddon) and proceed up to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up to visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Old Synagogue-Church and the traditional site of Mary's Well. In the afternoon after a break for lunch at St Margaret's Anglican hostel we leave Nazareth to visit Cana of Galilee, the site of Jesus' first sign, the changing of Water into Wine at the wedding feast, before finally driving back to our lakeside hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 5 Tuesday, 28 April
JERICHO, BETHANY & MT OF OLIVES**

Leaving our hotel we drive south around the lake and continue along the Jordan Valley to the oasis city of Jericho, the city of palms. Here we will have an opportunity of viewing the Mount of Temptation and the traditional Sycamore Tree. Late morning we drive south along the Jordan Valley and drive up through the hills of the Judean Wilderness to visit Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus and where we will break for a late lunch. In the afternoon



we continue to the summit of the Mount of Olives and we will have the opportunity for seeing the stark reality of the vast wall being built around the West Bank. We will stop briefly at the summit for a breathtaking view of the Old City and its beautiful surrounding medieval walls. Our first visit here will be to the church at Bethphage on the eastern slope of Mount of Olives, which is the traditional start of the Palm Sunday procession. We return to the summit to walk down Olivet visiting the Pater Noster Convent, the Church of Dominus Flevit, which commemorates the site where Jesus wept, the Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane, before finally continuing to the Old City and our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 6 Wednesday, 29 April
BETHLEHEM**

After breakfast we leave our hotel for the short drive to Bethlehem situated on the outskirts Jerusalem. We proceed through the huge Separation Wall into Bethlehem where we will spend the day. We will visit the Shepherds' Fields at Beit Sahour and the Church of the Nativity and Grotto, venerated as the birthplace of Jesus, which is the oldest functioning church in Christendom. We will also visit the Holy Family Maternity Hospital and the International Center of Bethlehem, the pioneering project led by the Revd Mitri Raheb where we will have lunch. Late afternoon we will return to Jerusalem and our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 7 Thursday, 30 April
YAD VASHEM & THE ICAHD**

We will drive over to west Jerusalem and drive by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament to spend the morning visiting Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum and Park. After a break for lunch we visit ICAHD, a non-violent, direct-action group established to oppose and resist Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territories. Among the activities are to stop the brutalities of the Occupation, stop the expansion of settlements in the West Bank, by-pass road construction, policies of "closure" and "separation," the wholesale uprooting of fruit and olive trees and more. Late afternoon we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 8 Friday, 1 May
SABEEL & MOUNT ZION**

This morning we drive over to Sabeel, an ecumenical Palestinian Christian grassroots liberation movement, where we hope to meet with The Revd Dr Naim Ateek, and then break for lunch. In the afternoon we drive up to Mount Zion to see the traditional site of the Room of the Last Supper, the Abbey of the Dormition, and St. Peter in Gallicantu, the church of the denial. There we will view the recently excavated Roman pathway and steps that lead up from the Old City. We will bring the day to an end with the celebration of the Eucharist at St Peter in Gallicantu, before making our way back to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.



**Day 9 Saturday, 2 May
THE VIA DOLOROSA & ISRAEL MUSEUM**

We begin the day at the Crusader Church of St. Anne overlooking the Pools of Bethesda, then we continue to the Convent of the Sisters of Zion built on the foundations of the Antonia Fortress, the Roman Garrison of Jerusalem. After a celebration of the Eucharist we visit the recently-excavated first century stone pavement (Gabbatha in the gospels) to follow the Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary enshrined within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After a break for lunch we drive back across to West Jerusalem to visit the Museum of the Shrine of the Book, which houses some of the Dead Sea scrolls and the model of Jerusalem based around AD66. Return to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

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