



The Holy Land



April 2 – 12, 2024

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In the Footsteps of Jesus

Day 1: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 - Departure

Meet in Toronto Airport for an overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner will be served onboard. (Those flying to Tel Aviv from outside Canada may make their own or alternative arrangements through Faith Journeys.)

Day 2: Wednesday, April 3 – Tel Aviv, Sepphoris, Nazareth

Land in Tel Aviv, and meet our guide and driver. After a break for lunch, head north into Galilee, beginning our pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jesus' early life and ministry. We will visit the ruins of Sepphoris, where legend says the Virgin Mary was born. Jesus may have also worked here as a youth, alongside his father Joseph, during a major construction boom at the time. Head on to our pilgrim hotel in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, our home for the next three nights.

Day 3: Thursday, April 4 – Nazareth, Cana, Tabor

Begin the day in Nazareth, where the Gospel itself began. We will visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and Jesus' childhood synagogue, and share in a celebration of the Eucharist at Christ Church, the local Anglican parish. After lunch, continue on to Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle, and then ascend Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. From the church at its peak we will survey the dramatic Jezreel Valley.

Day 4: Friday, April 5 –

Yardenit, Tabgha, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum

Today we focus on the beginning of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing. Visit Yardenit on the Jordan River, the traditional site of his baptism, where we can renew our own baptismal vows. Continue on to the shores of the Sea of Galilee, enjoying a boat ride and visiting sites associated with the call of the apostles, the Beatitudes, and the feeding of the five thousand. We will also spend time in the ruins of Capernaum, the base for Jesus' ministry in the region.

Day 5: Saturday, April 6 – Jericho, Jerusalem

Head south along the dramatic Wadi Quelt Valley, stopping to visit the cliffside Monastery of St. George, which marks a spot where Elijah was fed by ravens, and Joachim, the Blessed Virgin's father, prayed for a child. Enjoy lunch in Jericho, where the walls once came tumbling down, and visit a desert monastery marking the site of Jesus' temptation. Continue to Jerusalem, beginning our time in the Holy City at the Israel Museum, which traces its story across the centuries. We spend this, the first of four nights, inside the Old City's walls.

Day 6: Sunday, April 7 – Jerusalem, Bethlehem

Begin this Lord's Day with worship at St. George's Cathedral, the seat of the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem. Relax for lunch at the evocative Tent Restaurant in Beit Sahour, before continuing to the "little town" of Bethlehem. Pause in the Shepherds' Field and then follow their path to the Church of the Nativity, where a silver star marks the place of our Savior's birth.

Day 7: Monday, April 8 –

Jerusalem, Hebron, Ein Karem, Bethany

Travel to Hebron, one of the West Bank's oldest cities, which traces its roots to the cave Abraham bought to bury his wife, Sarah. Visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs, inside a wall built by King Herod — one tomb a synagogue, another a mosque in this deeply divided city. Continue to Ein Karem, a village associated with John the Baptist. One church encloses the cave where he was born, while another marks the spot where his mother Elizabeth greeted the Virgin Mary, calling her "blessed among women." Stop at nearby Bethany, to visit the tomb where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Continue to the Mount of Olives, praying at the place of Christ's Ascension, and then follow the route he took on Palm Sunday into Jerusalem. Along the way, we come to churches associated with his weeping over Jerusalem and his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

Day 8: Tuesday, April 9 - Jerusalem

Spend this day within the Old City of Jerusalem, beginning with an early morning visit to the Temple Mount and the Wailing Wall. Traverse several sites on Mount Zion, including churches associated with the death of the Virgin Mary and Peter's betrayal of Jesus, as well as the Cenacle, a church which marks the spot of his Last Supper and the miracle of Pentecost. After lunch, pilgrims may choose to visit Jerusalem's Holocaust Museum or to come on a walking tour of several of the Old City's striking Oriental Orthodox churches and cathedrals.

Day 9: Wednesday, April 10 – Jerusalem, Dead Sea

Our final day in Jerusalem focuses on Our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, the great acts by which he redeemed the world. First, visit the pool of Bethsaida, where Jesus healed a paralyzed man. The Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrows, begins at the nearby Church of St. Anne. We will walk this path, stopping along the way to pray the Stations of the Cross. End at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, one of Christianity's holiest places, the site of Christ's death and resurrection. Pilgrims can spend the afternoon exploring the city on their own. In the evening we travel to our final hotel, along the Dead Sea

Day 10: Thursday, April 11 –

Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea

Rise early to catch the sunrise over Masada, an ancient desert fortress built by Herod the Great and site of a famous siege in the Jewish Revolt of 74 A.D. Explore Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and stop at nearby Ein Gedi, a lush oasis where David once hid, with beautiful hiking trails and a chance to spot local wildlife. We return to our beachside hotel for a relaxing afternoon, and a float in the Dead Sea. We will give thanks for all we have seen and learned in a communal Eucharist.

Day 11: Friday, April 12 – Return Home

After an early breakfast, depart for Tel Aviv for our flight back to Toronto. From here, we return home, ready to share with others all we have discovered from our time in this land where God became flesh to save us all.

Pilgrimage price with self-arranged airfare (Land-Only): CAD \$4,019

Based on the USD-CAD exchange rate as of May 9, 2023

Pilgrimage price including airfare from Toronto, ON, Canada: CAD \$7,056

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