

Holy Land

PILGRIMAGE

10 DAYS APRIL 2018

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London/ Galilee

The Dates

10 Days

Tuesday 17th to Thursday 26th

APRIL 2018

The Itinerary

Day 1 / Tue 17th April

OUTWARD FLIGHT

Meet at London Heathrow Airport and check-in for the afternoon flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Meals and full in-flight services will be offered en-route.

On arrival travel by private coach north to Galilee and to the hotel for room allocation and light refreshments.

Dinner & Overnight
by GALILEE.

Sea of Galilee



Lakeside Ministries

Day 2/ Wed 18th April

Sailing Galilee -

embark for a private sail along the northern shores in a reconstructed fishing boat of the kind that the disciples would have used – with a Service of Holy Communion on board.

Capernaum -

continue to the town that was the basis of Jesus' Galilean ministry.

Tabgha/Mensa Christi -

from here, a short drive to visit the Church of the Loaves and the Fish, commemorating the Feeding of the Five Thousand, and then to St. Peter's Primacy Church (Mensa Christi) right on the edge of the lake where Christ made breakfast for the disciples.

Mount of Beatitudes -

drive up to the Mount of Beatitudes with its fine panorama of the Sea and where Jesus taught.

Magdala -

stop at the remains of this fishing village and the home of Mary Magdalene.

Valley of the Doves -

a stroll into the valley on the old Roman road from Capernaum to Nazareth that Jesus and his disciples would most probably have used.

The 'Jesus Boat' -

by the hotel, visit the museum that displays an excavated fishing boat from Gospel days.

Dinner & Overnight

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*Tabgha
Lakeside*



Lower Galilee Region

Day 3/ Thu 19th April

Mount Tabor -

ascend the summit by private taxi and visit the Franciscan Church commemorating the Transfiguration of Christ. Enjoy the splendid view of Mounts Gilboa and Gilead from the viewing balcony outside the church.

Mount of Precipitation -

cross the great Jezreel Valley to the summit of the mountain where tradition has it that the elders of the Nazareth synagogue attempted to throw Jesus off the cliff.

Nazareth -

visit the home town of the Holy Family and stop at Mary's Well, then a short walk to the Church of the Annunciation (built over the location of the village in Jesus' day).

The Nazareth Village -

using the results of archaeological and academic research, it reproduces village life as it would have been in the time of Jesus – a helpful media presentation is included.

Cana -

time permitting - stop in the village to see the 'Wedding Church'.

Dinner & Overnight

by GALILEE.

Annunciation Church, Nazareth



**Nazareth
Village**

Upper Galilee Region

Day 4/ Fri 20th April

Safed -

up into the hills of Galilee to discover what could have been 'a city set on a hill' referred to by Jesus, with its vibrant artists' quarters and 16th century synagogues.

Dan, the Biblical Capital -

to this nearby nature reserve on the borders of Phoenicia – belonged to the tribe of Dan, where Abraham rescued Lot and later where Jeroboam erected Golden Calves.

Caesarea Philippi -

at the source of the River Jordan (Banias) and in the time of Jesus a major city where Peter made his confession, 'You are the Christ'.

Damascus Road -

crossing the Golan Heights, time to stop and look over the town of Qunetra in the region of the old Roman road to Damascus.

Return to Galilee by the Yarmuk Valley.

Dinner & Overnight

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Golan Heights



Caesarea Philippi

Galilee to Jerusalem

Day 5/ Sat 21st April

Beit Shean -

a huge, impressive site with both Old and New Testament significance. From the city walls the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and his sons. Present excavations reveal the Roman provincial city from Jesus' day, reflecting the grandeur of Imperial Rome.

Bethany beyond the Jordan -

to the banks of the river Jordan where Jesus baptised.

Jericho -

stop in this city which Jesus often passed through to see the excavated 'fallen walls' of the old city, with Elisha's fountain nearby.

The Wilderness -

from here begin the drive up to Jerusalem, travelling through Wadi Kelt in the Judean Wilderness on the old Roman Jerusalem-to-Jericho road that Jesus often travelled.

See St. George's Monastery perched into the rocks.

Jerusalem -

Stop for a first view of the Old City, then to the hotel for room allocation and dinner.

Dinner & Overnight
in JERUSALEM.

The Jordan River



Judean Wilderness

Jerusalem Old City

Day 6/ Sun 22nd April

St. George's Cathedral -

option to attend the 9.30 Palestinian Eucharist (with translation), with an opportunity to meet some of the local Christians.

Western Wall -

then on to the Western Wall ('Wailing Wall') to witness Jewish traditions and prayers.

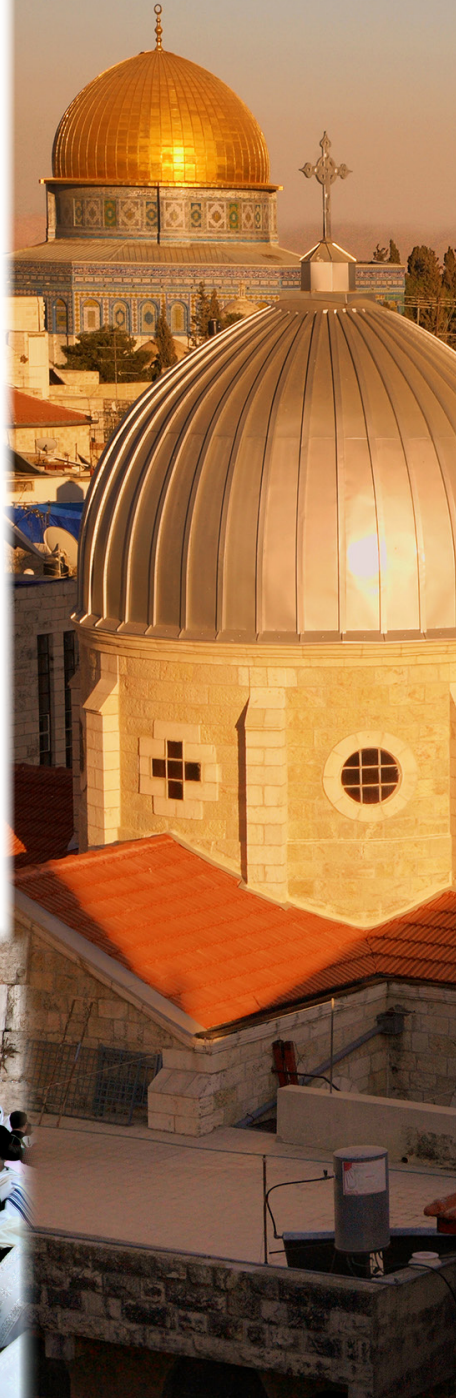
Temple Mount Excavations -

at the nearby Ophel Excavations take time to see the ancient Pilgrim Steps, old Temple Gates and Mikveh Baths, an area that Jesus would have known well.

David's City -

A visit to see the excavations of the early biblical days of Jerusalem. For those who wish, the chance to walk through Hezekiah's Tunnels (one wet and one dry), built to guarantee a water supply to a reservoir within the city walls. The tunnels converge at the huge Pool of Siloam.

Dinner & Overnight
in JERUSALEM.



Western Wall



Bethlehem Region

Day 7/ Mon 23rd April

Bethlehem -

begin with a visit to the Church of the Nativity and built over original cave-dwellings from Gospel days. Then to the Shepherds' Fields outside Bethlehem, associated with Ruth and Boaz, Samuel and David, and, of course, the birth of Christ.

Handicraft Co-operative -

spend some time here for shopping!

**Bethlehem Arab Society
for Rehabilitation -**

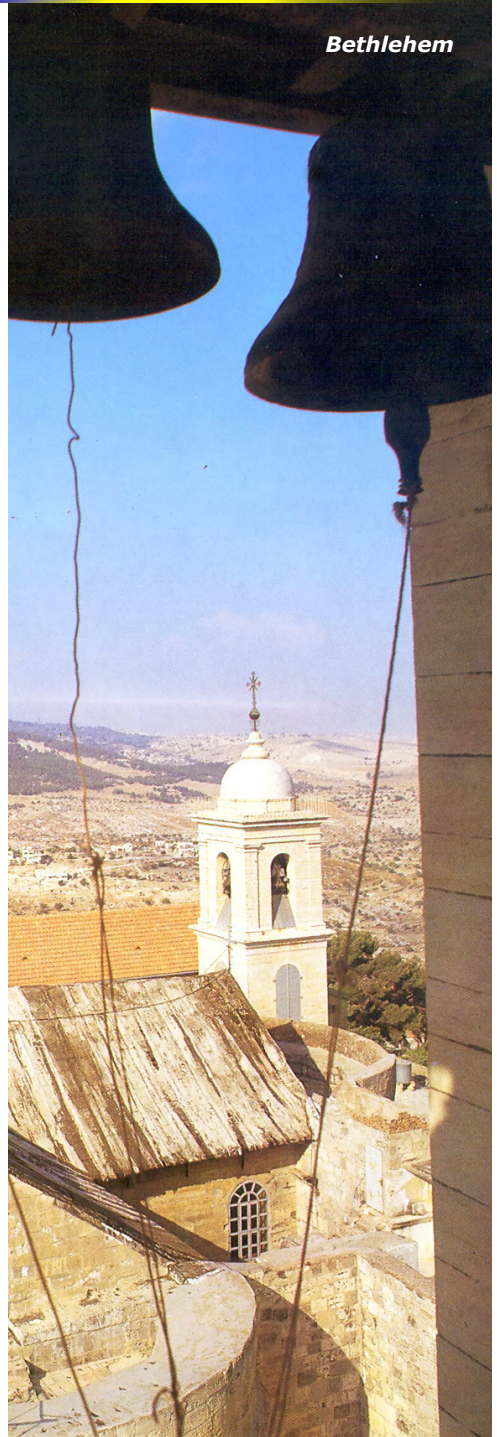
drive here for lunch, with an opportunity to hear and see something of the work of the Centre.

Herodium -

a few miles south-east from Jerusalem, this was a summer palace built by Herod the Great, which also served as a fortress. In recent years archaeological excavations have revealed what is believed to be Herod's tomb and mausoleum.

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Bethlehem



Bethlehem
Shepherds

The Footsteps Of Jesus

Day 8/ Tue 24th April

Bethphage -

visit the little church in Bethphage village – the start of the ‘Palm Sunday’ route. Also see an example of a first century tomb.

Mount of Olives -

from an observation point there is a breathtaking panorama of the Old City – hear something of its great history.

Dominus Flevit -

stroll down the hillside to call at Chapel of the Tear-Drop, commemorating Jesus weeping over the city.

Gethsemane -

on a little further to arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations. There will be a service of Holy Communion here in the private gardens.

Mt. Zion -

drive here to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu with its interesting underground caverns and old Hasmonean steps leading down to Gethsemane.

Pools of Bethesda -

enter the Old City through St. Stephen’s Gate and visit the pools where the lame man was healed by Jesus. Also visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne with its wonderful acoustic.

Judgement Hall -

continue through the narrow streets to see the location of Pilate’s Residence and the ‘Lithostrotos’ (Pavement/Judgement Hall). See the old Ecce Homo Arch, built in Jerusalem stone, that locates the original entrance.

Via Dolorosa -

from here walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

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in JERUSALEM.

Olivet/Gethsemane



Dead Sea/ Emmaus

Day 9/ Wed 25th April
DEAD SEA REGION

Masada -

drive down from Jerusalem and along the shores of the Dead Sea to ascend 400 metres by cable-car to the summit of Masada mountain. Here Jewish Zealots withstood the Roman army after the Fall of Jerusalem.

Dead Sea -

to the shores of the Dead Sea at Ein Gedi with time to relax and 'float' in its unique medicinal waters.

Qumran -

Continue for a lunch break and site visit at the caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a shepherd boy in 1947.

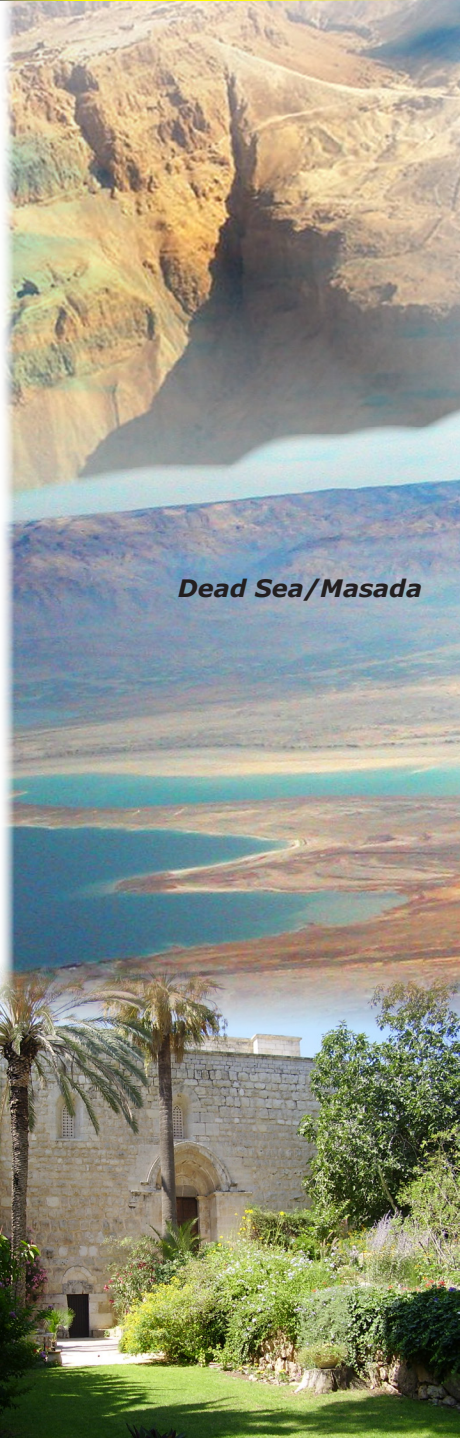
Emmaus -

close the day and the pilgrimage in the village of Abu Ghosh at the Crusader church commemorating Jesus walking with the disciples after his resurrection.

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DAY 10/

Thu 26th April
HOMEWARD BOUND
to Ben Gurion Airport
for the morning return
flight to London Heathrow.



Dead Sea/Masada

Emmaus

PRACTICALITIES

PLANNED FLIGHTS

OUTWARD

Heathrow to Tel Aviv

Flight LY316

Depart 15.25 (Heathrow)

Arrival 22.15 (Tel Aviv)



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INWARD

Tel Aviv to Heathrow

Flight LY315

Departure 10.15 (Tel Aviv)

Arrival 13.35 (Heathrow)



THE HOTELS



GALILEE

NOF GINOSAR HOLIDAY VILLAGE

By the lakeside beach with large landscaped grounds and private pool.



JERUSALEM

THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL

A quiet spot outside the city walls, oriental style with grounds and terrace.



Subject to final numbers, hotels may change but if so, they will be of the same quality

Sea of Galilee

Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ...

(Matt 4:18-19)



Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee looking east to the Golan Heights.