

This is a wonderful opportunity to join a...

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Led by the Very Rev James Atwell

Friday 3rd - Sunday 12th May 2019



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This is your invitation to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land which reminds us that the biblical drama includes both sides of the River Jordan. Our itinerary begins in Amman, Jordan and concludes in Jerusalem as we make the journey to Tel Aviv airport to depart from Israel. In between those places, a rich variety of experiences awaits you.



Jordan includes Mt Nebo, from which Moses viewed the Promised Land that he was not to enter, the baptism site of Christ at Bethany-beyond-Jordan, the famous mosaic map at Madaba and an encounter with the Crusader period. The visit then continues across the Jordan to the region of Nazareth, followed by a day enjoying the landscape around the Sea of Galilee which inspired the teaching and parables of Jesus. We next move to Jerusalem and stay in the Christmas Hotel. This will be our 'home' as we get to understand the challenges and faithfulness of Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. That understanding will be given a wider context by a visit to the Neve Shalom Peace Village. We shall also spend a stimulating day in the wilderness of Judaea, encounter Jerusalem as sacred to Jew, Muslim and Christian, with the walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre (Church of the Resurrection) central to our pilgrimage. Near the end of our journey is the 'little town Bethlehem' where the dilemmas that surrounded the birth of Jesus remain only too evident today.

The visit is intended to be a pilgrimage with space for each individual to make a spiritual journey in their own way. There will be an optional daily eucharist, often at one of the sites we visit. If this expedition might be for you, then you are very welcome. Don't leave booking too long, as places are limited. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land, whether as a first timer or as a returnee, will not leave you unchanged.

Dean James Atwell

Day 1 - Friday

We depart from London Heathrow, outward flight to Amman, Jordan. On arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 2 - Saturday

We visit the city of Umm Qeis (Biblical Gadera, one of the cities of the Decapolis). Take in the view of the Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights and Yarmouk River. Eucharist. Proceed through the ancient territory of Gilead to Ajlun, to view the castle built by Saleh a-Din's cousin as a defence against the Crusaders. On to Jerash to view one of the best preserved Roman cities not only throughout the Decapolis, but the whole empire. Visit the temples of Artemis and Zeus, a vast Roman forum, Hadrian's triumphal arch and a mile-long street of columns.

We return via the Wadi Zarga (the biblical ford of Jabok, where Jacob wrestled with God), to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Amman.

Day 3 - Sunday

In Amman we visit the Citadel and the museum, then we drive to Bethany-beyond-Jordan to visit the traditional Baptismal Site of Christ's baptism by John the Baptist. Eucharist. From there we proceed to Mount Nebo, from which Moses glimpsed the Promised Land that he was never to enter. We visit the Basilica with its stunning collection of Byzantine mosaics. We continue to Madaba, 'the city of mosaics', where the visit includes the Greek Orthodox Church of St George to see the 6th Century Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Places, with Jerusalem at its centre.

Dinner and overnight in Amman.

Day 4 - Monday

Today we depart from our hotel in Amman and take leave of Jordan at the Sheikh Hussein border crossing, and travel to the region of Galilee. First we visit Sepphoris (Zippori), a former grand city in the Greek

style that was under construction during the childhood of Jesus. It was described by the Jewish historian Josephus as ‘the ornament of all Galilee’. Our visit includes the mosaic known as ‘the Madonna of the Galilee’. We then proceed to Nazareth, where we visit the Nazareth Village Experience, the Convent of the Sisters of Nazareth for a Eucharist and a visit to the 1st Century Jewish burial site with a rolling-stone tomb beneath the convent. Continue with a visit to the Church of the Annunciation, St Joseph, the Synagogue and the Orthodox Church and Well of Mary.

Dinner and overnight at the Ramot Hotel on the east side of the Sea of Galilee.

Day 5 - Tuesday

We spend the day around the Lakeside. We take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee to the west side to visit Kibbutz Ginosar which houses the fisherman’s boat from the time of Jesus, recovered from the mud near the lakeshore in 1986. Next we visit Magdala (Migdal), home of Mary Magdalene, to see the recently recovered first century



synagogue and other elements of the biblical town as well as a new Christian conference centre with stunning chapel. The day continues with a visit to Tabgha, the Mount of Beatitudes, St Peter’s Primacy and Capernaum. Finally, we celebrate the Eucharist as the sun sets over Galilee from a vantage point of a kibbutz in the Golan Heights; the view takes in a vista of the whole harp-shaped Sea of Galilee.

Dinner and overnight at the Ramot Hotel.

Day 6 - Wednesday

This morning we leave Galilee and journey to Jerusalem and our base at the Christmas Hotel, just outside the Old City near the Damascus Gate. During the afternoon we begin our exploration of Jerusalem with a walk to include the Cardo, the Israelite Tower, Hezekiah’s Wall,

the Burnt House, Herodian Mansions, ending with a visit to the Western Wall Plaza (Wailing Wall). Eucharist.

Dinner and overnight at the Christmas Hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 7 - Thursday

This morning we visit the Neve Shalom Peace Village: “Founded in 1972 by a Dominican monk, this is the only place in Israel where Jewish and Arab families have chosen to live together side-by-side.” There will be an introduction to their work, a walk around the village and opportunity to meet and talk with those involved in the work, concluding with lunch.

We return to the Christmas Hotel. Free afternoon to explore Jerusalem. In the evening a Eucharist and group meeting with the Cathedral Dean. Dinner and overnight at the Christmas Hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 8 - Friday

We spend today in the Judean wilderness. We drive to Qumran on the north-west shore of the Dead Sea where the famous Scrolls were discovered. Visit the ‘monastic’ site that served the members of the Community. The local caves, where some of the scrolls were found, will be pointed out to us. Next we travel to Masada and ascend the prodigious natural fortress by cable car. Visit the Herodian Palaces and hear the story of the last stand against the Romans of the First Jewish Revolt. The evidence of the camps of the Roman legions can still be seen marked out in the desert sand. We depart in time for a dip in the Dead Sea (bring your bathing



costume) before the sun sets and we return to the Christmas Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 - Saturday

Today we shall trace the Via Dolorosa, the traditional route of the path that Jesus took to his crucifixion. Our walk commences at St Stephen's



Gate; there is a Eucharist at the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. We continue along the Good Friday walk to its completion at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which contains both Golgotha and the Tomb of Christ. Afterwards we visit the recently opened archaeological exhibition beneath the adjacent Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. We then travel to Bethlehem in time for lunch at the Arab Rehabilitation Hospital which will be followed by a short talk about their work and challenges, with an opportunity to purchase local crafts. Next are visits to the Church of the Nativity, the Cave of St Jerome and the Shepherds' Fields (Franciscan). The day concludes with a visit to an Olive Wood Emporium.

Dinner and overnight at the Christmas Hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 10 - Sunday

We attend the morning service at St George's Cathedral, followed by lunch at the Christmas Hotel. We then depart for the airport and our flight from Tel Aviv to London, Heathrow.

Itinerary subject to change

Price £1995 per person

What the price includes

- Return flights from London Heathrow to Amman and Tel Aviv to London Heathrow
- Accommodation in good hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- 3 group lunches
- Services of fully qualified English speaking guides throughout
- Entrance fees, service charges and portorage
- Tours and transfers in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
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- Drinks, 6 lunches and items of a personal nature
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