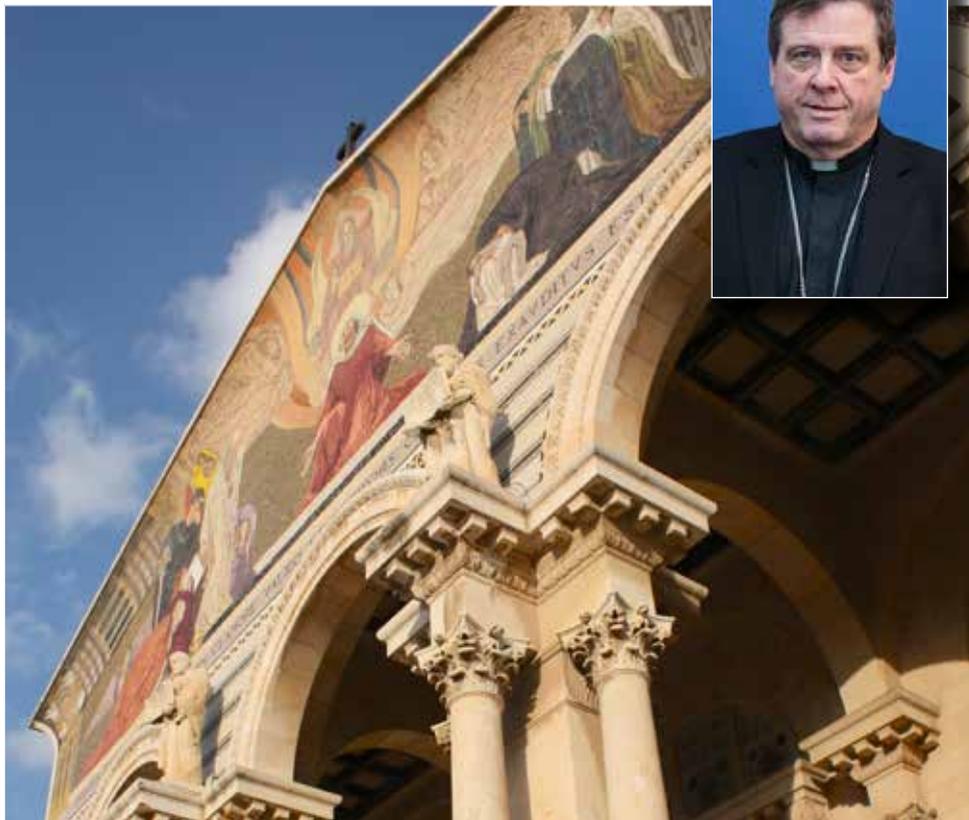


A Pilgrimage to the
HOLY LAND

Led by Bishop Tony Robinson

Monday 21st - Monday 28th November 2022



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is one of the special moments in most Christians' lives. I hope you will come with me on this pilgrimage and walk in the steps of Jesus. The gospels take on a completely new meaning when we can picture for ourselves the places where they took place 2000 years ago. The Holy Land is sadly a place where there is ongoing disputes over land and government. It will be an opportunity for us to learn more about the present situation from people on the ground who experience these issues daily.

We will also be able to help and support our Palestinian brothers and sisters. I look forward to sharing this unique experience with you.

*The Rt. Rev'd. Tony Robinson
Area Bishop of Wakefield*

Monday - Day One

We meet at Manchester Airport for our non-stop flight to Tel Aviv. On arrival we will be met by our guide and driven north to our hotel in Nazareth.

Tuesday - Day Two

Nazareth – Basilica of the Annunciation, Old Synagogue Church
Cana
Mount Tabor – Celebrate Mass
Back to Hotel

Wednesday - Day Three

Drive up to the summit of the Mount of Beatitudes where we will celebrate Mass in the open air overlooking the places where Jesus lived and worked.
We then return to the lake's shores to visit Tabgha and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes.
We then proceed to the Church of the Primacy of St Peter before breaking for lunch.
In the afternoon we drive to the ancient fishing village of Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' Galilean Ministry, to view the house of Peter and a partially rebuilt 4th century synagogue built over the site where Jesus may have often preached.
After time for prayer and reflection we leave Capernaum by boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee to the town of Tiberias from where we make our way to our hotel.

Thursday - Day Four

Farewell to the Galilee and begin our journey south along the Jordan valley. We follow the River Jordan to the oasis city of Jericho, "the Biblical City of Palm Trees" where we stop briefly to view the Mount of Temptation and the Monastery of Qarantal which clings precariously to the face of the mountain, before continuing to the traditional site where John baptised Jesus, which has just reopened after being closed for decades and where we will have an opportunity to renew our own Baptism vows. After a break for lunch we continue a short distance to the shores of the Dead Sea to visit the historic site of Qumran (where the Dead Sea scrolls were found) and the remains of an Essene Monastery where the scrolls probably originated. We will then have an opportunity to experience the unique sensation of floating in the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Late afternoon we leave the Dead Sea area and proceed up through the hills of the Judean wilderness towards Jerusalem. We will stop briefly on the summit of Mount Scopus for a breathtaking view of the old city of Jerusalem and its beautiful surrounding medieval walls before proceeding down to the Old City and check-in to our hotel within its walls.
Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.

Friday - Day Five

We spend the morning in and around Bethlehem. We visit the places associated with the birth of

Jesus and get a sense of the lives of modern-day Christians in Bethlehem. Visit the Shepherds' Fields, and the Church of the Nativity. We will also have a tour of one of the three major refugee camps in the city and see the signs of hope. After a break for lunch we leave Bethlehem and return to Jerusalem and then to the summit of the Mount of Olives for another amazing view of the old walled city. We recall the Palm Sunday route and visit places associated with particular events in the gospels as we slowly make our way downhill. We start at Bethphage, the traditional starting point of the procession of palms and in the course of our journey will visit the Church of the Pater Noster, where we recall Jesus' teaching of the Lord's Prayer to his disciples and the Church of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the fate of the city. Finally, we reach the Garden of Gethsemane and the dark and brooding Church of All Nations where we recall Jesus' agonised prayers prior to his arrest and the failure of his closest friends to keep awake and watch with him. Return to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Saturday - Day Six

After an early breakfast we drive to Mount Zion to explore the holy sites. It was here that the earliest Christian community lived in the days following the resurrection. Here we will find a site commemorating both the Upper Room used for the Last Supper as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and a striking abbey in honour of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. The principal focus of the morning, however, will be a visit to the church of St Peter in Gallicantu, built at the top of an ancient set of steps which leads up from the City of David to what is believed to have been the residence of the High Priest. Many believe that Jesus himself was led up these steps to his trial by the authorities. We will celebrate Mass here.

After a break for lunch we walk the Way of the Cross through the narrow streets of the Old City of Jerusalem, culminating in the extraordinary Church of the Holy Sepulchre, believed to be built over the site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection. The rest of the afternoon will be free to revisit favourite sites or to wander through the fascinating alleys of the Old City. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.

Sunday - Day Seven

This morning we make our way to Mount Zion to celebrate Mass at the Abbey of the Dormition. Late morning we drive over to West Jerusalem to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum and park. After a break for lunch we return to our hotel. The rest of the day will be free to explore the Old City and revisit sites of particular interest. After dinner we are invited to a talk about the Christians of Gaza and their plight. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.

Monday - Day Eight

Depending on time of flights.

We drive to the village of Ein Karem, venerated as the birthplace of John the Baptist and we will end the day by visiting a church associated with Mary's meeting with her cousin Elizabeth. We will bring our pilgrimage to a close with worship here, before breaking for lunch. In the afternoon we drive down to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport to join our return flight to Manchester.

Itinerary subject to change

Price £1460

What the price includes

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- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
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Not included in the price

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