

A Wonderful Tour & Pilgrimage to the

Holy Land

Led by Father Giles Orton SSC

Organised by David Hudson

Saturday 11th - Monday 20th May 2024



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I warmly invite you to join this pilgrimage, following in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour. I am delighted that David Hudson of Holy Trinity, Ilkeston, an experienced organiser of pilgrimages, has helped put together the programme and will be joining the pilgrimage himself. We are offering a 10-day pilgrimage to allow time to see plenty of the sites and a rest day, and so as not to have to rush and make things too strenuous. The aim is for a holiday as well as for holy days with a small and friendly group. Our services at the holy sites will appeal to traditional Anglicans as well as to Christians of other traditions. You will be most welcome to join us. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information.



Father Giles

David Hudson

*Fr Giles Orton SSC
Parish Priest, St Anne's Derby.*

Single Supplement: We are mindful that the single supplement seems a lot, but it reflects what the hotels charge. If you would be interested in joining us and perhaps sharing a room, so as to avoid this charge, please do get in touch with Fr Giles Orton and we will see if you can be introduced to a suitable person with whom to share.

Day 1 Saturday

Flight from Luton to Tel Aviv and transfer by coach to our hotel in Tiberias; a town situated on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 2 Sunday

After breakfast we make a short journey by coach to visit the River Jordan where we will re-new our baptismal vows. It is appropriate that we commence our pilgrimage/tour in this way, as for most of us our baptism was the beginning of our Christian journey through life. We continue by coach to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration on the top of Mount Tabor. After lunch the journey continues to Nazareth visiting the Church of the Annunciation and Joseph's Workshop. We then move to Cana, the site of the Lord's miracle of the turning of water into wine, here there will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to re-new their marriage vows. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 3 Monday

We start the day with a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, then we continue our journey by coach around the shores of the Sea of Galilee, which provides a focus on the early part of the Lord's ministry. In Capernaum we see the excavated site of the fishermen's houses and

what is believed to be the foundations of the house of Peter and also the foundations of an early Synagogue; very much part of the life of Jesus. Our journey also takes in the Mount of Beatitudes, which commemorates the Sermon on the Mount, and the Church of St Peter's Primacy situated on the edge of the sea. Within the vicinity is the beautiful Church of Tabgha, which commemorates the feeding of the five thousand.

Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 4 Tuesday

Today we leave Tiberias for our journey to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley. We stop for lunch in Jericho (the City of Palms). After lunch we travel 'up' to Jerusalem stopping on the way at Bethany, a town important to Jesus, where we will visit the Tomb of Lazarus and the Basilica dedicated to his name in which there are interesting mosaics of Martha and Mary. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 5 Wednesday

In the morning we travel by coach to the Mount of Olives and visit the Mount of Ascension, and the Churches of the Pater Noster and Dominus Fleuit. A walk down the Palm Sunday Road leads to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Agony (Church of All Nations).

From there we visit the underground Church of the Tomb of Mary. After lunch we journey to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and view Shepherds' Fields.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6 Thursday

We start with a visit to the Church of St Mary Magdalene an Eastern Orthodox Church located on the Mount of Olives. We then visit Dormition Abbey and the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu. Lunch in the Old City. We then move to Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Nativity of John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7 Friday

We have an early start for a full day tour, visiting the hilltop fortress of Masada, where the Jewish Zealots held out against the Romans. Then visiting Qumran, where the shepherd boy found the Dead Sea Scrolls, a tour of the site and lunch at the restaurant there. Afterwards there will an opportunity to relax and have a float in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8 Saturday

A reasonably early start for a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Entering through St Stephen's Gate to visit the Church of St Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. This is followed by the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) commencing at the Ece Homo arch. Our devotions will conclude at Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre where we will visit the Tomb of Christ. Lunch will be in one of the cafes in the Old City. In the afternoon we walk to Mount Moria and the Dome of the Rock via the Western Wall.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9 Sunday

A FREE day when you will have the opportunity to relax or experience the Orthodox and Catholic services at the Holy Sepulchre or the Anglican Cathedral of St. George in the morning. The rest of the day

could be spent exploring Old Jerusalem and/or revisiting some of the places we have been to on previous occasions, and reflect on our experiences of the last 8 days of our journey in the Holy Land.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10 Monday

After breakfast we prepare for our journey to the airport at Tel Aviv for the return flight to Luton.

NB: The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at most of Sacred Sites as well as scriptural and devotional readings.

Itinerary Subject to Change

Price £2290 per person

What the price includes

- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv (Details of flight numbers and times have not yet been finalised)
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin / double bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
- Sightseeing as in itinerary
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, gratuities (tips), service charges and portorage
- Airport taxes
- ATOL Protection Contribution*

Not included in the price

- Items of a personal nature
- Lunches and drinks
- Single supplement £657 per person
- Travel insurance (which covers for COVID-19)

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = US\$1.2268 as published in the Financial Times on the 9th December 2022.

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Travel Advice

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Further Information And Paying The Balance

Further information will be sent to you regarding any action that may be required approximately 12 weeks before departure.

A final invoice will also be sent at this time and the balance for the tour must be paid at least 10 weeks before departure.

Travel Information

Full travel information, including details of meeting points, flight times, accommodation and travel information, will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks before departure. Normally, tickets are not issued but are handed to you at the airport or departure point by our representative who will be there to ensure that you depart without a hitch and to deal with any last minute difficulties.

Travel Insurance

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Gratuities

Our normal procedure is to deal with tips on a group basis and these are included in the price. The tour leader will distribute them to the guide, driver and hotels on your behalf. Individual tipping is not recommended unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Room Check In and Check Out Times

The standard international practice is to let rooms from midday to midday. However times do vary. Check-in times are usually between 2pm and 3pm, check-out times between 11am and 12 noon on the day of departure. Therefore, if you check-in immediately after a night flight this would normally count as one night's accommodation. Similarly if your return flight is at night you will normally be required to vacate your room at 12 noon prior to leaving for the airport. Day rooms are subject to availability/cost and should be arranged locally with the accommodation management.

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