



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill A Journey To The Holy Land

Alexandria, VA 

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Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri  
**12-Days: August 20-31, 2018**

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**AUGUST 21-27**     **Saint George's Guest House**  
**AUGUST 27-29**     **Sisters of Nazareth**  
**AUGUST 29-31**     **Saint George's Guest House**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20, DAY 1: DEPART USA**  
On our way to the Holy Land

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM**  
We arrive in Tel Aviv met by our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri. We are transferred to Jerusalem.  
Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House  
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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, DAY 3: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM (EID AL ADHA)**  
Introductions, In the morning we will drive to Mt. Scopus where we will look at the different dramatic settings of the Scripture. Then we will look at the many different Jerusalem, visit Herodium some 12 km. south of Jerusalem, on a hill shaped like a truncated cone that rises 758 m. above sea level, stood Herodium, the palace-fortress built by King Herod. It had a breathtaking view, overlooking the Judean Desert and the mountains of Moab to the east, and the Judean Hills to the west.  
**Briefing: Church of the Ressionation**  
Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, DAY 4: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / PRINCESS BASMA / HOLY SEPULCHER**  
We depart for the Western Wall near Elharam Esh Sharif (The Dome of The Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque). St. Anne's Church and the pools of Bethesda, Lunch, Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children on the Mount of Olives, the Center is home to the victims of many paralyses, strokes, debilitating injuries and other physical and emotional needs, currently numbering 450 students. Walk the Cardo to the Constantinian Entrance to the Church of the Resurrection to the Holy Sepulcher  
**Guest Speaker: Lecture on Islam**  
Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, DAY 5: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE**

Walk the Palm Sunday Procession. We will stop at Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the city. It is known as *Dominus Flevit* [ Latin for "The Lord wept"]. Afterward, we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, DAY 6: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM**

We depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Field, visit a 1<sup>st</sup> century cave dwelling, (Shepherds' Field), 'And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night', Lunch, Church of the Nativity located in Manger Square. It is the Oldest Church in Christendom, constructed by Constantine in AD 326 and the traditional site of the Nativity

**Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – A Palestinian Perspective**

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, DAY 7: RAMALLAH / WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH / JIFNA**

Sunday Eucharist at Saint Andrew's Church in Ramallah, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic, the language of our Arabic Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land and the whole Middle East, Lunch at Mazzar restaurant in the village of Jifna

**Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues — An Israeli Perspective**

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, DAY 8: JERICHO / SEPPHORIS / NAZARETH**

Wadi Qelt, early morning to get the feel for the desert, depart for Jericho to hike up Mt. of Temptation and view Tell Jericho, 20-minute meditation on Mt of Temptation, Lunch in Nazareth. Depart for Zippori, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman/Byzantine city. In Nazareth we will visit Mary's Well, the site of the only spring-fed fountain in the city, and most likely the place where Mary would have gone to draw water. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation where we will have an opportunity to have an introduction to the Icon, we then follow on foot the path to the Latin Church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary, telling her she would conceive Jesus, the Emmanuel

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, DAY 9: JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM / BEATITUDES / TABGHA**

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop at the Jordan River for the renewal of Baptismal vows, Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, we then visit Capernaum where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, Lunch, visit to Tabgha (Heptapegon), The Loaves and Fishes Church and the Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy, Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

**A treat you will not want to miss!!!!**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, DAY 10: BURQIN / NABLUS / TAYBEH**

Depart for Burqin. Jesus had passed through Burqin on his way to Jerusalem from Nazareth, and as he was passing by the village he heard cries for help from ten lepers who were isolated in quarantine in a cave, Nablus to visit (St. Photini the Greek Orthodox Monastery), St. Photini lived in first century Palestine, she was the Samaritan woman who Christ visited at the well asking her for water, the church built over Jacob's well where will tour the church and drink from the Well, Lunch in Taybeh, visit Taybeh, the only 100% Christian town in the Palestinian Authority, in the fourth century the Emperor Constantine and his mother St. Helena built the church of St. George in the village, the ruins of the Church are still found on a hill in the town. Taybeh is also the home of the only Palestinian brewery in the Middle East.

Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, DAY 11: WAY OF THE CROSS / EMMAUS**

Stations of the Cross, **Silent reflections at the Empty Tomb**, Later in the morning we will depart for Emmaus Nicopolis. We celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church

**FREE AFTERNOON**

Dinner in Jericho at the Qumris

Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, DAY 12: FREE DAY**

A free day to shop, revisit favorite sites in Jerusalem or to visit Masada, a fortified palace of Herod the Great which saw heavy fighting between Jewish rebels and Roman soldiers in 73 A.D. You may also wish to visit Yad Vashem site of the Holocaust Memorial, David's Citadel and David's Tower

Transfer to the Tel Aviv airport