

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BAYTOWN TX

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

JANUARY 13TH – 26TH 2022

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: THE REV. MEREDITH CRIGLER
LOCAL GUIDE: CANON IYAD & RAMI QUMRI



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THURS, JAN 13, DAY 1:
DEPART U.S.A

FRI, JAN 14, DAY 2:
ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO
JERUSALEM

SAT, JAN 15, DAY 3:
HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM /
EIN KEREM / LECTURE FROM
PALESTINIAN PERSPECTIVE

SUN, JAN 16, DAY 4:
WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK /
OLD CITY / WORSHIP W/ EPISCOPAL
ARABIC CHURCH/ ISRAELI MUSEUM

MON, JAN 17, DAY 5:
SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM /
LECTURE ON ISLAM

TUES, JAN 18, DAY 6:
EARLY AM DESERT EUCHARIST / JERICO
/ MT. OF TEMPTATION / NAZARETH

WED, JAN 19, DAY 7:
SEPPHORIS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI



THURS, JAN 20, DAY 8:
JORDAN RIVER / RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS / BOAT RIDE &
EUCHARIST AT THE SEA OF GALILEE/ CAPERNAUM /
BEATITUDES / TABGHA / MAGDALA

FRI, JAN 21, DAY 9:
BURQIN / NABLUS / TAYBEH / LECTURE FROM ISRAELI
PERSPECTIVE

SAT, JAN 22, DAY 10:
OLD CITY/ CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

SUN, JAN 23, DAY 11:
FREE DAY (REST, WORSHIP, SHOP, REVIST OR TAKE A DAY TRIP
TO: MASADA, QUMRAN, MT. TABOR, CAESAREA MARITIMA, CITY
OF DAVID, HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL & MORE)

MON, JAN 24, DAY 12:
BETH-PHAGE / PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION/ DOMINUS FLEVIT /
GETHSEMANE / GALLICANTU / 'SWIM' IN THE DEAD SEA

TUES, JAN 25, DAY 13:
STATIONS OF THE CROSS / EMMAUS / EUCHARIST
REFLECTIONS / OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

FRI, JAN 26, DAY 14:
ARRIVE IN U.S.A.

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JOIN US:

We hope you join people from Trinity Episcopal Church, Baytown and beyond for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As a pilgrimage, this is more than a tour, and includes worship, Holy Eucharist, prayer, scripture, and reflection under the direction of The Rev. Meredith Crigler and with our local guide Canon Iyad and Rami Qumri. We will be staying in at the Episcopal Cathedral's St. George's Guest House in East Jerusalem and at the Roman Catholic Sisters of Nazareth Monastery Guesthouse. Often, we are intentionally lunching in the restaurants of local Christians and families. We recognize and will hear from many perspectives while on our pilgrimage including Israeli, Muslim, and Palestinian Christian. We welcome all to join us as pilgrims regardless of your age, room-mate, or denominational affiliation.

Please plan to be able to walk comfortably for 20 minutes at a time in terrain that is at times rough and dusty. This is especially true of the stairs of the Old City worn with the prayers of pilgrims.

The ideal size of our group is 35 pilgrims (but may vary from 20-40). We will host a **welcome gathering** (in person and on zoom) at 12:30 PM on **Sunday, November 13th**. Details forthcoming.

LAND TRIP COSTS:

The land trip cost (excluding airfare and insurance) based on double occupancy (in separate beds) is:

\$2,595 per pilgrim*

There are a limited number of single rooms with a **\$560** supplement charge for these rooms.

The land cost price includes the following: Accommodation on F/B basis (includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) | Transportation in comfortable air-conditioned bus** | Guiding Fee** | All entrance fees on your itinerary** | Portage at all hotels | Tips for restaurant and hotel staff | Bus driver tips | Pilgrimage Direction & Gifts to the Guides/Episcopal Churches/Institutions*** | Other pilgrimage materials (worship materials, journal, and more)

Excluded from price: Personal expenses such as phone calls, WIFI, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, laundry, as well as flights and medical/travel insurance.

Please Note: The land trip portion of our trips is based on a package deal, therefore, are not pro-rated. This price includes \$105/pilgrim to help partially offset the cost of **

*** Excluding your free day*

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Register today before spots fill

- Visit <https://forms.gle/jFtpewfsnuqykL3m7> to complete your registration
- Pay a \$500 deposit (check/ transfer/paypal+fees) to Trinity Episcopal Church Baytown (memo Pilgrimage) *Note: Your deposit becomes non-refundable on September 14th.*

A final payment of **\$2,095** for double occupancy and an additional **\$560** for single occupancy will be due to Trinity by **November 30, 2021. (6 weeks prior)**

TRAVEL & MEDICAL INSURANCE

All pilgrims may be required to have proof for being fully vaccinated for COVID and must be prepared to wear masks whenever instructed.

Pilgrims must have and show proof of international medical insurance **and** travel insurance to cover the cost of flight cancellations and trip cancellations for personal reasons. This is extremely important. Please read your policies fine print regarding global pandemics and U.S. State Department travel advisories. (If the trip is cancelled by Qumri Pilgrimages do to safety concerns (rare), there is a full refund of the land trip costs). We are intentionally going with a local Episcopal/Christian guide company and unlike large tour operations, that company cannot assume the risk. A good trip insurance policy should cover not only the flights but also the pilgrim's expenses. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

TRAVEL NOTES (INCLUDING ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE NOTES)

We encourage you to connect w/ Rev. Meredith before booking your flights. Recommendations (and a potential travel agent) will be available come by the summer. With the continuation of COVID, you are encouraged to be mindful of your connections and are encouraged to select flights with fewer and lengthy enough connections.

You will need to leave the United States on **Thursday, January 13th**. Thus, arriving at Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv on **Friday, January 14**. ***Please note – Very Important:** Each pilgrim must be present at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv between 13:00 and 17:00 (1:00 pm & 4:00 pm) on the first day of our pilgrimage. Valuable information is shared in this first hour on the bus due to setting the tone for your visit. Therefore, the pilgrimage begins when you step on the bus at Ben Gurion. If you plan to extend your trip, you are encouraged to extend after the pilgrimage.

Your departure flight from Ben Gurion will need to be scheduled in the evening/night for **Tuesday, January 25**. We recommend booking a late flight between 23:00 – 00:00 (11:00 pm – 12:00 am). There will be only two transportation shuttles beginning no earlier than the mid afternoon for drop-off. These shuttle hours have not yet been arranged.

