



# **PILGRIMAGE IN THE HOLY LAND**

*The Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua NH*

**12-Days: April 20 - May 1, 2026**



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A Journey to The Holy Land***

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Local Guides Canon Iyad Qumri & Rami Qumri

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We invite you to consider a pilgrimage in the complex and beautiful “Land of the Holy One.” We will see the Biblical stories from the Hebrew Scriptures and Gospels come to life, this will include such sites as:

- Bethlehem and the Shepherds’ Field, described in Jesus’ birth narrative.
  - Nazareth where he grew into adulthood.
  - The Sea of Galilee where he taught, the location of the miracle of loaves and fishes.
  - The site where he was denied by Peter and faced trial.
  - The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, an architectural complex where tradition tells us Jesus died, was anointed, and rose.
  - The Western Wall sacred to Jews and the Dome of the Rock sacred to Muslims.
- To see and touch such sites is an extraordinary and unforgettable experience.

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***QUMRI PILGRIMAGES*** will guide us. Canon Iyad Qumri is associated with St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, and an honorary canon of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He is a Palestinian Christian who has led pilgrimages for 20 years with Methodists and Catholics, as well as many Episcopal dioceses and parishes. He offers a Biblically based journey with a balanced view with respect to the political realities of these areas.

For more information about Qumri Pilgrimages, see

<https://www.iyadqumripilgrimages.com/>



# *What is a Pilgrimage?*

**'Pilgrimage' is a term which can be used to portray an inner spiritual journey through prayer, meditation or mystical experience.**

Traveling as a pilgrim is different for everyone. It is not so much a vacation as a time set aside to open oneself to learning and transformation. If you have never been to the Middle East, our hope is that this journey might open you to experience your faith in new ways and return inspired to engage in whatever ministry you find yourself. If you have been before, perhaps this can be a time of reconnecting. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus is a profound spiritual opportunity. From a contemporary perspective, visiting these lands is a wonderful way to get to know those who live there and something about the ministries in which they engage.

It is a journey for those who would become "soul friends" for a time, sharing moments of discovery and prayer as we walk the paths of ancient Palestine.

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- **MONDAY, APRIL 20, DAY 1: DEPART USA**
  - On our way to the Holy Land
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM**
  - Arrive in Tel Aviv, met by our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri. We are then transferred to Jerusalem. Introductions
  - Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, DAY 3: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM**

- We depart for the Western Wall.
  - Visit the Dome of The Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
  - Visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* are housed.
  - We will also visit a scale model of the Old City of Jerusalem, describing the city as it would have been during Jesus' time
- In the afternoon we will drive to Mt. Scopus where we will look at the different dramatic settings of the Scripture. Then we will look at many different sites in 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 has a breathtaking view, overlooking the Judean Desert: the mountains of Moab to the east, and the Judean Hills to the west.
- Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House
- **Guest Speaker: Lecture on Islam**



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, DAY 4: OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE  
RESSURECTION**

**Group Photo.** Briefing for the Holy Sepulcher. We then walk the Cardo to the Constantinian Entrance of the Holy Sepulcher. Lunch, continue our visit to the Holy Sepulcher.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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

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## **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, DAY 5: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM**

- We depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Field, visit a 1st century cave dwelling, Lunch is in Beit Sahour (Shepherds' Field), 'And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night'. 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.
- Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House



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## **SATURDAY, APRIL 25, DAY 6: JERICHO / NAZARETH**

- Visit 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. Drive through the Rift Valley to Nazareth. Lunch. 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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## **SUNDAY, APRIL 26, DAY 7: CHRIST CHURCH / SEPPHORIS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI**

- Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church in Nazareth, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic. Meet with Fr. Nael Abu Rahmoun.
- Depart for Zippori, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman/Byzantine city. The capital of Galilee at the time of Jesus.
- Depart for Caesarea Philippi (Banias) 'And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? "
- Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

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

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## **MONDAY, APRIL 27, DAY 8: SEA OF GALILEE / 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. We then visit Capernaum where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to:
- Mount of Beatitudes, Lunch, visit to:
  - Tabgha (Heptapegon),
  - The Loaves and Fishes Church
  - The Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy.
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth



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## **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, DAY 9: 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 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. We will also visit the brewery.
- Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House
- **Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues — An Israeli Perspective**



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## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, DAY 10: ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL / ISRAEL MUSEUM**

- Visit Saint George's Cathedral.
- Lunch
- Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* are housed. We will also visit a scale model of the Old City of Jerusalem, describing the city as it would have been during Jesus' time.
- Walk the Cardo to the visit the Church of the Resurrection.
- Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

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## **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, DAY 11: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / DEAD SEA**

- 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 St. Peter in Gallicantu. This church was built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Peter denied Jesus 3 times.
- Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (Rocky Beach).
- Dinner at the Qumris.
- Overnight at Saint George’s Guest House



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## **FRIDAY, MAY 1, DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS / EMMAUS**

- Stations of the Cross, **Silent reflections at the Empty Tomb**, after breakfast we will depart for Emmaus Nicopolis. We celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church. Lunch. **FREE AFTERNOON.**
- Transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for our return flight home



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## QUESTIONS/RESERVATION DETAILS

Questions:

- Mary O'Reilly, [moreilly@cgsnashua.org](mailto:moreilly@cgsnashua.org) (603) 424-2432

To make a reservation contact:

- John Budzyna at 603-882-5352 or via email [administrator@cgsnashua.org](mailto:administrator@cgsnashua.org)

## GROUP SIZE

- We would like the group size to be 25 with 2 clergy. Priority will be given to CGS parishioners. A wait list will be created if needed.

## Extremely Important:

- **Your Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival date. If it is not, you will not be allowed into Israel. This is true for several countries, in addition to Israel.**

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## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES:**

**Arrival:** at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** by leaving **the United States on Monday, April 20, 2026**. Qumri Pilgrimages welcomes you to the Land of the Holy One! The goal is for you to receive the full experience of your travels to the Holy Land.

For this reason, **all pilgrims must be present at Ben Gurion Airport between 13:00 and 17:00 (1:00 pm and 5:00 pm)** – Valuable information is shared in this first hour on the bus to set the tone for our visit. Therefore, the pilgrimage begins when we step on the bus at Ben Gurion.

**Departure:** please schedule to leave very late evening of **Friday, May 1, 2026**. Please book a **late flight between 23:00 – 00:00 (11:00 pm – 12:00 am)**.

There will be only two transportation shuttles for pick-up and drop-off. Shuttle hours are assigned depending on flight arrangements as a group.

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## **ACCOMODATIONS:**

- ***April 21 - 25, 2026 - Saint George's Guest House***

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Telephone: +972-2-6282627

- ***April 25 - 28, 2026 - Sisters of Nazareth***

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- ***April 28 – May 1, 2026 - Saint George's Guest House***

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## **LAND TOUR: What is covered?:**

- Accommodation includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Transportation in comfortable air-conditioned bus
- Guiding Fee
- All entrance fees on your itinerary
- All guest speakers
- Portage at all hotels
- Tips for restaurant and hotel staff and bus driver

## **What is not included:**

- Airfare, travel insurance, personal expenses such as phone calls, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, laundry, and medical insurance.
- **There will also be a gratuity collected at the end of the pilgrimage for our extraordinary guides.**

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## **COST (Cost subject to change)**

- Estimated **\$3,500** per person based on double occupancy. We expect a rider will be added to the NH Diocesan insurance policy for liability insurance for an estimate of \$110 per person which is included in this price.
- There are a limited number of single rooms available and a **\$540** supplement charge for these rooms. This total would be \$4,040.
- Air travel and travel insurance are not included and must be purchased separately. Flights are approximately ~\$2,000 per person and will be paid separately.
- **An initial deposit of \$150.00 due no later than March 3, 2025 to hold a spot.**
  - A second deposit of \$800 per person and a signed reservation form is due at the time of booking and preferably no later than August 1, 2025.
  - A third payment is due Nov. 3, 2025. Double occupancy approximately: \$1,325. Single occupancy: \$1,865.
  - The final payment of approximately \$1,225 is due by January 15, 2026.
- **Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd and clearly marked in the note section for the pilgrimage.**
- If for any reason it is not possible to pay by check please contact John Budzyna directly at 603-882-5352. We are still researching the possibility of allowing folks pay by credit card.



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## **Cancellation and refund policy:**

- A deposit has been paid to hold pilgrimage dates. This is non-refundable after 10 months (June 1, 2025) prior to the departure date of the pilgrimage.
- Up to 3 months before pilgrimage arrival we will only get a partial refund, approximately \$750 per person which is non-refundable once it is paid.
- After 30 days prior to departure, there is no refund.
- If Qumri cancels the trip due to safety concerns, there is a full refund.

## **Travel and Medical Insurance:**

- Pilgrims must have international medical insurance.
- Pilgrims are expected to have travel insurance to cover the cost of flight cancellations and trip cancellations for personal reasons. This is extremely important. After paying their deposits for lodging and food, they cannot be reimbursed for cancellations, nor can they reimburse people who cancel.

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**Power Point, Handout and Reservation Form available on our website  
(As we get closer, copies of the Handout and Reservation Form will also be available  
in the Office and Auditorium)**

**Itinerary subject to change**

