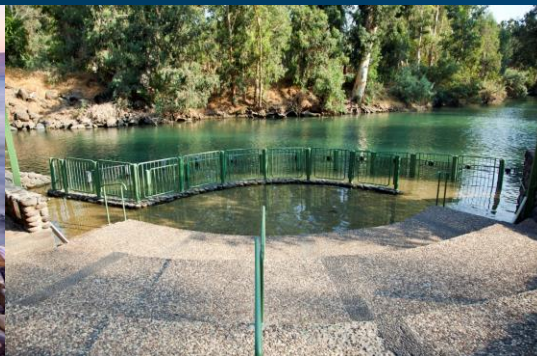




# The Holy Land



October 7 - 19, 2023

Especially designed for:

**St. Michael & All Angels  
Episcopal Church**

Dallas, Texas

**Space is limited. Register Today!**



The Rev. Greg Pickens

Pilgrimage Host



Faith Journeys

1440 S. Priest Dr., Suite 102 Tempe, AZ 85281

877-7FAITHJ • 480-894-8407 • fax: 480-894-5137 • [info@myfaithjourneys.com](mailto:info@myfaithjourneys.com)

# Land of Promise, Land of Hope: A Walk with the Bible in the Holy Land

## **Day 1: Saturday, October 7, 2023**

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Tel Aviv

## **Day 2: Sunday, October 8: Tel Aviv / Joppa / Netanya**

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to an awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Netanya via Joppa for a panoramic orientation to the land and visit the Church of St. Peter. Late afternoon hotel check-in. Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

## **Day 3: Monday, October 9: Netanya / Nazareth**

This morning we will follow in the footsteps of Paul and make our way up the Plain of Sharon to Caesarea. We will visit the aqueduct, the ancient Herodian harbor, the remains of the seaside palace of Pontius Pilate, and the theater. Continue to the altar of Elijah at the Muhraka atop Mount Carmel. Lunch, on own. Cross the Valley of Jezreel to Nazareth. Continue to Church of Mary's Well and end the day with a panoramic view of the area of Jesus' lakeside ministry from the cliff of Mount Arbel. Continue to Tiberias for evening dinner and overnight

## **Day 4: Tuesday, October 10: Sea of Galilee / Capernaum**

Begin the day boarding a wooden boat for Ginnosar – sailing in the footsteps of Jesus! Visit an original fishing boat of Jesus' day recently discovered. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes and continue to Tabgha to visit the Church of Loaves and Fishes as well as the Church of Mensa Christi, where after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples on the lakeshore. Lunch, on own. Continue to Capernaum to see the house of Peter and the synagogue where Jesus preached and cast out demons.

## **Day 5: Wednesday, October 11: Dan / Caesarea Philippi**

Travel north to the Upper Jordan Valley to Dan. We will combine a nature walk with views of the ancient ruins. Continue to the foothills of Mount Hermon Caesarea Philippi, where Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. Climb to the cave and remains of the pagan temples of Roman times. Renewal of baptismal vows at the Jordan River. Lunch, on own. Descend towards the eastern shores of the Sea of Galilee to the remains of the church of Gergesa. Visit the Magdala Center, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and hometown of Mary Magdalene.

## **Day 6: Thursday, October 12: Beth Shean / Jericho / Dead Sea**

Leave the Sea of Galilee to go to Beth Shean, a magnificent Roman town, with colonnaded streets and bathhouses. Pass Mount Gilboa to Jericho, the world's oldest city, to climb the Tel to view the ancient towers and the Mount of Temptation, marking Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness. Continue to the impressive desert fortress of Masada. Ascend by cable car to view the palaces of Herod and the site of the Zealots' last stand against the Romans and end our day at the Dead Sea.

## **Day 7: Friday, October 13: Rift Valley / Jerusalem**

Travel up the Dead Sea coast to visit the nature reserve of Ein Gedi. Ascend the road along Wadi Qilt for a look at the picturesque Greek Orthodox desert monastery of St. George's. We will walk down to the Monastery where we will have the opportunity to visit this magnificent desert monastery. Traverse the Judean Desert to ascend Mt. Scopus and behold majestic Jerusalem

## **Day 8: Saturday, October 14: Jerusalem**

Drive to the Mount of Olives for a breath-taking view of the Old City. Descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road to the Church of Dominus Flevit. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane for reflection and prayer.

We then drive through the Kidron called the Vale of the King; it was once intensely cultivated and the revenues went to the king. Zechariah's Tomb, named after a First Temple priest, the Tomb of the Sons of Hezir, a Second Temple-era priestly family, and Absalom's Tomb. We continue past the Dung Gate and up at Mt. Zion to the church grounds called Peter in Gallicantu. Here, the Assumptionist Fathers propose, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus. Continuing on Mt. Zion we visit the Upper Room and King David's Tomb on the grounds of Mt. Zion.

## **Day 9: Sunday, October 15: Jerusalem**

Crossing the New City of West Jerusalem, we view a 1:50 scale model of the City of Jerusalem of Jesus' Day and Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. Continue to the Herzl Museum. Visit Yad Vashem, the museum and memorial of the Holocaust. We will conclude our day at the pastoral village of En Karem, the traditional birthplace of John the Baptist. Hear from an Israeli spokesman on the current situation in the Holy Land and the prospects for Peace in the future

## **Day 10: Monday, October 16: Jerusalem / Bethlehem**

After breakfast, we drive south to Mamre and then to Hebron to visit Il Ibrahim Mosque (where the biblical patriarchs and matriarchs are buried). The Tomb of the Patriarchs is the world's most ancient Jewish site and the second holiest place for the Jewish people, after the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. We drive back to a hilltop view of Bethlehem. Travel to the Shepherd's Fields to rejoice over the glad tidings of the birth of Jesus. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the 5th-century Church of the Nativity. Possible worship service in the Chapel of the Massacre of the Innocents. Finally, we stop to shop for famous olive wood and mother-of-pearl crafts that have been produced by the Christians of Bethlehem for centuries. Before we return to our hotel, we will have an opportunity to listen to Pastor Dr. Mitri Raheb the president of Dar El Kalimeh University about the Christian presence in the Holy Land

## **Day 11: Tuesday, October 17: Jerusalem**

Visit the Pools of Bethesda and sing in the adjoining Crusader Church of St. Anne. Proceed up the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We conclude our voyage with a worship service at Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. Transfer to the Western (Wailing) Wall, a remnant of the Temple in which Jesus preached and sacred place of prayer for Jews all over the world. Continue to Temple Mount to view the Dome of the Rock. We will stop to worship at the Rabbi's Steps on the Ophel Ridge. Walk through underground tunnels to see the remnants of the Temple Mount of Jesus' day including stones weighing over 400 tons!

## **Day 12: Wednesday, October 18: Depart for home**

Morning at leisure to explore the Old City. Visit Emmaus for a possible worship service attendance at the site of the post-resurrection revelation of Jesus to his disciples. Transfer to the airport for the late night or early morning return flight home

## **Day 13: Thursday, October 19: Return Home**

Return to the USA

**Pilgrimage price with self-arranged airfare (Land-Only): \$3,501**

**Pilgrimage price including airfare from Dallas, TX: \$5,400**

(U.S. government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges up to \$700 included – pricing is based on a minimum 20 pilgrims)