

A Journey of Pilgrimage and Discovery

May 1 - 12, 2023 • 12 Days • 28 Meals

A hosted journey with the Anglican Church of Canada
in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



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View of the Dome of the Rock from the Mount of Olives

The Canadian Companions of Jerusalem, in partnership with the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, are hosting an 11-day program of pilgrimage and immersion in the biblical lands for young adults, accompanied by the Primate. Join us during the Easter season of 2023.

Join with young adults (ages 20-26) from the Anglican Church of Canada during Eastertide 2023 for a multi-narrative pilgrimage to the land of our sacred history. You will:

- Connect with young adults in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and learn about contemporary mission and ministry by the 'living stones' through educational visits to church-hosted projects.
- Experience the sacred story of Christian faith through visits to places of spiritual significance, blending scripture, archaeology and devotional practices of silence, prayer and Eucharistic life.
- Reflect on the geopolitical context of Christianity in the Holy Land and the region
- Identify opportunities to collaborate and continue partnership with the diocese of Jerusalem, for when you return to Canada.
- Engage in a life changing experience that nourishes your faith and calls you to action in the world.



Sea of Galilee - credit Paul Herbert

Tour Highlights

- 3 nights in Nazareth, Jesus's hometown, with a visit to Cana, where he performed his first miracle
- 1 night by the Sea of Galilee, to explore the traditional site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
- 6 nights in Jerusalem, the Holy City, sacred to three Abrahamic faiths
- Explore Jerusalem with visits to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and to the Temple Mount, holy to Islam, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and more
- Visit Beit Sahour and Bethlehem, passing through the Wall and exploring the Church of the Nativity
- Follow the Jordan River from the Sea of Galilee to Jericho and renew our baptismal commitment in the Jordan River

Inclusive Features

- Return airfare to Tel Aviv on Air Canada from Canadian cities listed
- Accommodations as indicated or similar
- 28 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 10 breakfasts, L - 8 lunches, D - 10 dinners)
- Services of our Canadian tour escorts, professional driver in destination, plus expert local tour guides
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services

Vaccinations and Travel: Global covid related travel restrictions and protocols will continue to evolve over time. The Government of Canada has mandated that all air and rail passengers are required to be fully vaccinated. Exceptions to this mandate are extremely rare. Specific travel restrictions and protocols will be advised prior to departure and upon request.

Your Journey Hosts

- Ms. Sheilagh McGlynn, Animator of Youth Ministries, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur, former resident of Jerusalem, St George's College, Advisory Council of the Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



Colourful spices in a Jerusalem bazaar

MAY 1, Monday **Depart Canada**
Tour members gather in Toronto for our overnight Air Canada flight to the Tel Aviv.

MAY 2, Tuesday **Tel Aviv, Israel / Nazareth**
We arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport where we are met by our guide and board an air-conditioned coach. We travel north to the pastoral region of the Galilee via the ancient coastal city of Caesarea Maritima. From the heights of Mount Carmel, we overlook the Jezreel Valley and the hills which shelter Nazareth. We will spend the next three nights at a pilgrim guest house in Nazareth.
Sisters of Nazareth Guest House (3 nights) LD

MAY 3, Wednesday **Nazareth**
The day begins with a welcome and orientation briefing. We then walk through Nazareth visiting its ancient churches and subterranean discoveries. After lunch we ascend a high mountain to consider the formation of Jesus' ministry. *"They returned to their home town of Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom and God's blessings were upon him."* Luke 2:39
BLD

MAY 4, Thursday **Sea of Galilee**
The day is spent on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee at Capernaum, Tabgha and on the sea. Lunch is at the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the lake, followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Attention is given to some of the women of the Bible as we visit the town of Mary Magdalene. *"Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him .. and he told them many things."* Matthew 13:1-3 In the evening we meet up with local young adults from Christ Church, Nazareth. BLD

MAY 5, Friday **Hula Valley / Upper Galilee**
We leave Nazareth and travel north to the headwaters of the Jordan River below the heights of Mount Hermon. At Tel Dan we explore the nature reserve and then the place of Peter's pronouncement at Caesarea Philippi. *"Then Jesus asked, Who do you say I am? and Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Matthew 16:15 Continuing east, we ascend the lower slopes of Mount Hermon past the fortress of Nimrud for lunch at a Druze Village. We return south to spend our night on the Sea of Galilee. **Magdala Tiberias** (1 night) BLD

MAY 6, Saturday **Jericho / Jerusalem**
We travel south down the Jordan River Valley and stop at the Jordan River, near the place where Jesus was baptized by John, to renew our own baptismal commitment. *"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness."* Mark 1:2-3 Lunch is provided at the ancient oasis of Jericho with a visit to the excavations of the oldest city in the world. In the afternoon we stop in the Judean wilderness to visit to the Monastery of St George, Wadi Qelt. *"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil and he fasted forty days and forty nights."* Matthew 4:1-2
St. George's Cathedral Guest House (6 nights) BLD

MAY 7, Sunday **Bethlehem**
Sunday worship is with the Anglican congregation at the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr. After fellowship with local young adults, we travel to Bethlehem. In Bethlehem, we pass through the "Wall of Separation" to



Ruins of medieval fortress Nimrod in northern Golan Heights in Israel



Mosaic façade of the Gethsemane Church, Jerusalem



Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, Israel



Bedouin heritage in Israel can be traced back to traders on the ancient Spice Route

pray in the Basilica of the Nativity. *“The shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’” Luke 2:15* BLD

MAY 8, Monday **Mount of Olives**

Today we explore Jerusalem’s Old City, mostly by foot. We begin on the Mount of Olives, overlooking the city, with a visit to a children’s ministry run by the Anglican Church. Then we walk down the Mount of Olives, visit Gethsemane, enter the Kidron Valley and ascend into the Old City to begin at the Western Wall. *“Walk about Zion, go round about her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, that you may tell generations yet to come.” Psalm.48:12,13* BLD

MAY 9, Tuesday **Jerusalem**

We rise early to walk the “Way of the Cross” to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. *“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed.” John 20:1* After lunch we head back to meet with other Christians in the Holy Land to learn about the contextual challenges of their lives. BLD

MAY 10, Wednesday **West Bank**

The day begins with a visit to the Haram esh Sharif (the “Noble Sanctuary”) the 3rd holiest place to Muslims where we learn about Islam. We then drive north into the West Bank to visit another ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The day ends with a devotional walk around the gates of the Old City. BD

MAY 11, Thursday **Jerusalem**

Our final day we gather to discuss what we have experienced and how one will speak of what we “have seen and heard.” We then drive outside the city along the route to ancient Emmaus for a special act of worship and thanksgiving. The afternoon ends with some free time before a festive farewell dinner inside the Jaffa Gate. BD

MAY 12, Friday **Jerusalem / Canada**

All too soon our journey to the Lands of the Bible draws to a close as we catch our flight(s) back home. B



Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars per person... \$5,095

For information on how to participate in this young adults pilgrimage please visit the Young Adult Pilgrimage page on Canadian Companions of Jerusalem website:
www.anglican.ca/pilgrimage2023

Fundraising details can be found online through the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Tour cost listed above includes estimated (subject to confirmation) roundtrip airfare Toronto / Tel Aviv. Air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change. Refer to inclusive features for details. Domestic round trip flights from gateways across Canada to Toronto will be subsidized by The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada so that each participant will pay the same trip costs regardless of where they begin their journey.

Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room at hotels. Prices are based on a minimum 15 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective April 2022 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum 15 group members.

Prices DO NOT INCLUDE the cost of insurance which is required by the General Synod. Premiums vary with the cost, length of the trip, and the traveller’s age. Travellers that reside outside of Ontario please contact our staff for procedures. This insurance is effective from the date of purchase and carries limitations on pre-existing medical conditions. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Refer to the enrollment form for general information and conditions.

Final payment will be due January 25, 2023
Deposit is \$500 per person

To apply to join this pilgrimage please visit the Young Adult Pilgrimage page on Canadian Companions of Jerusalem website (www.anglican.ca/pilgrimage2023) to start the application process.



CT Rating 2/5 – Moderately Easy: This is a busy itinerary involving long travel days, extensive visits to historic sites and considerable walking, with many stairs and some rough walking surfaces. Members must be physically active and healthy, able to maintain the busy schedule to fully enjoy the journey. This is an outline of the program but members should appreciate that the itinerary is subject to change based on local conditions and special interests of the group.



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