



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

You are invited to join other pilgrims from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Together, we will visit the places of his birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection. Our experienced personal guides, Iyad Qumri and Mark Stanger, will lead us in exploring ancient places, vibrant markets, and modern museums in a land that is suspended between East and West, past and present.

Not Your Cookie-Cutter Commercial Tour

Canon Iyad Qumri has 20 years of experience in developing personalized tours that provide a sense of history and connection with the world Jesus inhabited. He will share with you his deep understanding of the historical, cultural, social, and political riches of the Holy Land. Pilgrims have traveled from around the world to experience his historical teachings and understanding of current events. Iyad

specializes in pilgrimages that incorporate the liturgy and traditions of the Episcopal Church into the daily itinerary. As a lifelong Jerusalem resident, Iyad will not only bring to life the iconic structures and places, but take you to unique sites, restaurants, and shops. Come join Iyad as he leads us in exploring a world that exists at the crossroads of the world's three great Abrahamic faiths: Christianity, Islam and Judaism.



**14-day tour,
Sep. 22 - Oct. 5, 2016**

Sep. 23-29 St. George's Pilgrim Guest House
Sep. 29 - Oct. 2 Sisters of Nazareth
Oct. 2-5 St. George's Pilgrim Guest House

Under the Direction of
Rev. Heather Mueller
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri

Is it safe to travel to the holy land?

Yes, Yes, Yes

"Traveling with Iyad Qumri Pilgrimages was so much more meaningful than I could ever have expected. He attended to our every need, made sure we were safely transported to each site, and gave me a deeper understanding of the history, culture, art, architecture, and current events that shape the region today and through the ages."

John Q. Bishop



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Specially-designed private worship and Eucharist services in locations where key biblical events are commemorated: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, the Dead Sea, and Jerusalem.

- Meet the "living stones" of the ever-diminishing communities of local Christians, including an in-depth overview of the vital ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

- Meet One-of-a-kind tours and visit to unique locations in Nazareth, the Jordan River (where else?)

- Opportunity to visit and worship with local Palestinian Christian congregations.

Visits to St. Luke's Hospital and the Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children that receive support from the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Your adventure begins with a warm greeting from your guide at Ben Gurion International Airport. From there, a luxury coach will be waiting to take you on a short 40 minute trip to Jerusalem. Your Jerusalem home will be St. George's Pilgrim Guest House, located within the secure grounds that include St. George's Cathedral, St. George's School, and St. George's College. Your

air-conditioned accommodations have free WiFi, flat-screen satellite television, and private bath with showers. In addition, the Guest House includes a beautiful enclosed garden and patio, excellent food, and is steps away from shops, cafes, ATMs, and the historic Old City.

Evenings in Jerusalem will include discussions lead by local experts from the Jewish, Muslim and Palestinian Christian faiths.

Other visits include Bethlehem, Shepherds' Fields, Herodion where Herod's tomb was recently discovered, and ancient and modern Jericho where you will visit the Cliffside monastery of the Mount of Temptation.



A special treat is a three-night stay in Galilee at the Sisters of Nazareth Guest House which is close to markets, churches, and cafes. There you will enjoy a rooftop terrace overlooking the beautiful city of Nazareth. On Sunday we will worship in Arabic and English with a vibrant Palestinian congregation at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shefa-Amr.



CANON IYAD QUMRI is a local Arab Palestinian Christian guide, licensed by the Israeli Ministry of Tourism. Iyad has a wealth of historical, biblical, and contemporary cultural knowledge and enthusiasm (and unique humor) to share.

JOIN US FOR THIS MEMORABLE ADVENTURE IN FAITH AND LEARNING

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Sample Itinerary

DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A

On our way to the Holy Land

DAY 2: ARRIVE BEN

GURION AIRPORT / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

DAY 3: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / ISRAEL MUSEUM

DAY 4: OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE RESSURECTION

Group Photo.

DAY 5: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM

DAY 6: JERICHO / NAZARETH

DAY 7: SHEFA-AMR / SEPPHORIS

DAY 8: SEA OF GALILEE / JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM & BEATITUDES

DAY 9: BURQIN / NABLUS / TAYBEH

DAY 10: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK

DAY 11: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / DEAD SEA

DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS & EMMAUS

THE REV. CANON MARK STANGER assists in the group's spiritual care and leadership.

