

## **Pilgrimage for peace and for solidarity with the Living Stones of the Holy Land**

**8th October-17 October**

*Chaplain: Father Martin Griffin, MSFS*

*Tour leader: Deacon Duncan Macpherson*



Following the example of Cardinal Cormac who was a pilgrim in the Holy Land with other church leaders last December, this pilgrimage includes not only visits to the main shrines and pilgrimage sites but also pays attention to meeting and worshipping with the ‘living stones,’ the Christian people of the holy land, as well as people of the other faiths, especially those concerned with issues of justice and peace.

**Cost of pilgrimage: £795**

The cost of the pilgrimage will include scheduled flights to Tel Aviv on Olympic Airways via Athens from Heathrow airport, half-board accommodation in good quality hotels and pilgrim hospices in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jericho, coach travel to and from hotels and to most of the main shrines associated with the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, together with a one night stopover and coach tour on the return journey in Athens, where Paul once preached.

## Planned Itinerary

### Day 1 Monday 8th October

Olympic airways flight OA270 to Tel Aviv via Athens, leaving Heathrow Airport at 1635, arriving Athens 2210 and connecting to OA301, leaving Athens for Tel Aviv at 0220.

### Day 2 Tuesday 9th October

Arrive Tel Aviv Jerusalem 3.15 am and proceed to Saint George's Pilgrim Hospice in Jerusalem, within the Cathedral Cloister precincts of Saint George's Anglican Cathedral, not far outside the old city of Jerusalem. There will be an opportunity for Mass in the church of the Holy Sepulchre, breakfast, optional walking tour during morning, free afternoon, then dinner and overnight at Saint George's.



### Day 2 Wednesday 10th October

Coach tour around Jerusalem, panoramic view of old city of Jerusalem, Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, Bethany (al Azariah), then to the Western Wall, Mount Sion for site of the Last Supper and then to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist (Mass will be celebrated at one of the holy places visited) and then evening speaker, dinner and overnight at Saint George's Pilgrim Hospice

### Day 3 Thursday 11th October

Mass followed by free day in Jerusalem (or optional tour to be arranged) then speaker, dinner and overnight in Saint George's.

### Day 4 Friday 12th October

Early rise for coach to Bethlehem, Mass in Church of the Nativity and tour of Bethlehem area visiting university (run by de la Salle brothers) and Latin seminary, then dinner and overnight in Paradise Hotel, Bethlehem

### Day 5 Saturday 13th October

We will rise early for coach to the sea of Galilee via the monastery of Latroun (one of the possible sites of Emmaus where the risen Jesus met two of his disciples) and Caesarea Maritima where Peter baptised Cornelius and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before being taken to Rome, then to Nazareth for dinner and overnight at the Saint Margaret's hospice, a hospitable and characterful old building overlooking the town of Nazareth.



View of the Sea of Galilee

Day 6 Sunday 14th October

Today we attend Mass with a Catholic congregation in the Galilee. We then visit one or more of other sites associated with the ministry of Jesus before dinner and overnight at the Saint Margaret's hospice

Day 7 Monday 15 October

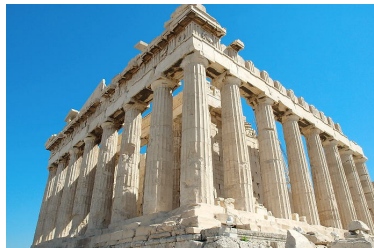
We will rise early to visit one or more of other sites associated with the ministry of Jesus including Mount Tabor (the site of the Transfiguration) and then to the four star Jericho Resort village hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 Tuesday 16 October

Today we visit the Christian Palestinian village of Taybeh, biblical Ephraim, where Jesus went after the raising of Lazarus, then to Dead Sea beach and return to Jericho resort village hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 Wednesday 17

Today we rise very early for return flight from Tel Aviv (OA301) leaving 6.00 and arriving Athens 0910. A coach will take us on a guided tour of Athens with opportunity to buy lunch and to ascend the Acropolis where Saint Paul once preached. We then book in to City Plaza Hotel with roof garden restaurant and panoramic view of Athens. The afternoon is free, followed by Mass and dinner in evening.



Day 10 Thursday 18

After breakfast we proceed to airport by coach to board the 13.30 flight to London Heathrow, arriving 15.30.



**Saint George's Pilgrim Hospice in East  
Jerusalem**



**Church of Annunciation, Nazareth**

## **THE COST OF THE PILGRIMAGE**

Total cost will be £795 subject to any alterations in airport taxes or changes in the rate of the dollar to the pound.

### **Flights and Athens Stopover**

The cost of the flights, coach to and from Athens Airport, coach tour of the City and dinner and overnight at the City Plaza Hotel in Athens will be £493, payable to Maranatha Tours Trafalgar House, Horton, Berks SL3 9NU who are also offering a travel insurance policy for those not already covered.

### **Ground arrangements in the Holy Land**

The cost of the ground arrangements in Jerusalem will be:

\$553 (currently £282)

Less £50 deposit (currently \$98)

£252 total (currently \$495)

This sum is payable on arrival to Universal Tours, a Christian owned travel agency in Jerusalem. This will provide for all tours and entrances to sites as described in itinerary, half board shared accommodation in hotels. Single supplements at the three hotels are US \$ 220.00 (currently £113) chargeable for those not wishing to share hotel rooms. Tips (\$ 5 daily) and lunches not included. (If enough people join the pilgrimage group rates may enable some lunches to be provided free of charge)

Those participating in the pilgrimage will receive one year's free membership of 'Living Stones,' a registered British charity helping to build bridges between Christians in the Holy Land and Christians in Britain.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE and E-MAIL:**

**NATIONALITY:**

**Church denomination and parish:**

**Have you been to the Holy Land before?**

**Do you have any special dietary requirements?**

**Do you have any special medical condition of which we should be aware?**

**Are you willing to share a room?**

**Do you have travel insurance?**

**(Those not having cover will be sent an application form for travel insurance).**

**Please enclose a cheque for £50 deposit payable to 'The Parish of Saint Francis de Sales.' This will only be returned in the event of cancellation. Cancellation on security grounds will only take place in the light of Foreign Office advice. Please send the cheque together with this form to Deacon Duncan at the address below.**

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