



# *Holy Land Visit*

St. John Fellowship

Including:

- Galilee
- Nazareth
- Bethlehem
- Jerusalem

with a visit to the Dead Sea  
and St. John's Eye Hospital.

2020

**9 DAYS: 13 - 21 MAY 2020**

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## *The Dates*

**9 DAYS**

Wednesday 13th to Thursday 21st

**MAY 2020**

Following many requests, the St. John Fellowship is running another visit to the Holy Land in May 2020, in conjunction with Maranatha Tours. Those who have been on previous trips have all found it a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience. This brochure will give you an idea of what is on offer. If you have any queries at any stage, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

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## *The Itinerary*

**DAY 1**

Wednesday 13th May

**Flight Departure/Arrival**

Meet at London Heathrow airport and check-in for the EL AL flight direct to Ben Gurion airport in Israel.

Meals and in-flight services offered en-route.

On arrival, by private coach north to the Sea of Galilee and the hotel for light refreshments and room allocation.

Overnight by GALILEE





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## DAY 2

Thursday 14th May

### Around the Sea of Galilee

The best part of the day by boat and coach.

#### **Sailing Galilee**

A private sail from Tiberias to the northern shores in a wooden boat of the kind that the disciples may have used.

#### **The Beatitudes**

Ascend the mount associated with the teaching of Christ.

#### **Tabgha**

To the shores and visit the lakeside Franciscan church of the Primacy of St. Peter - an ideal setting for Galilee Gospel narratives.

#### **Capernaum**

The nearby Galilean centre of Jesus' ministry. See the remains of the Synagogue and St. Peter's house.

#### **The Peace View**

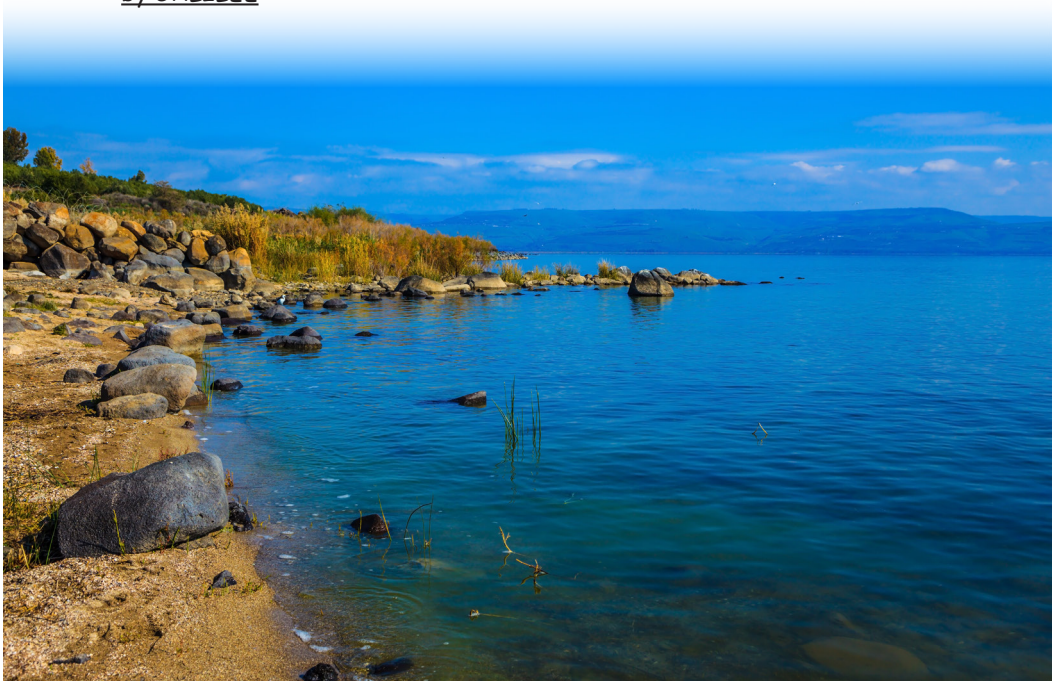
To a summit on the Golan Heights overlooking the Sea of Galilee for an impressive view where the full contours of the lake can be seen.

#### **The Jordan River**

Stop to see where it flows south from Galilee some 75 miles to the Dead Sea.

#### Dinner & Overnight

by GALILEE







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## DAY 3

Friday 15th May

### On the Via Maris

The day by coach with stops on the way.

#### **Caesarea Maritima**

West to the Mediterranean coast to explore Herod's huge capital and sea port - visited by St. Peter, where St. Paul was imprisoned and where Cornelius the first gentile convert lived. Stop at the Roman Aqueduct, enter St. Paul's' Gate, and spend time in the large Amphitheatre by the shore.

#### **Acre**

A Pauline port and Crusader city. Visit the underground city from Crusader days; stroll through the fish markets to the harbour; walk the city walls by the sea.

#### **Nazareth**

Cross the great Jezreel valley to Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation.

#### **Cana**

A short stop in the village where Jesus attended the wedding feast.

#### **Battle of Hattin**

Returning to Galilee, follow the winding path to the summit of the mount where the Crusaders fought Saladin on the 4th July 1187.

Dinner & Overnight  
by GALILEE





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## DAY 4

Saturday 16th May

### Dead Sea & Masada

Depart Galilee south to Jerusalem by coach.

#### **Belvoir Castle**

The impressive mountain top location of the Hospitaller castle.

#### **Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan**

To the banks of the river by Jericho where John baptised.

#### **Herod's Masada**

South by the shores of the Dead Sea to ascend Herod's mountain-top fortress by cable car where Jewish zealots withstood the Roman army after the fall of Jerusalem.

#### **The Dead Sea**

Some time for those who wish to experience "floating" in the unique waters.

#### **The Wilderness**

Up to Jerusalem and stop in Wadi Kelt to see the 'Jerusalem to Jericho road' on which the Good Samaritan story was based.

#### Dinner & Overnight in JERUSALEM



DEAD SEA BY JERICO





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DAY 5  
Sunday 17th May  
**Jerusalem Regions**

## THE MORNING

### **Jerusalem War Cemetery**

Stop to remember the 3,300 Commonwealth servicemen who died during the First World War in operations in Egypt or Palestine and who have no known grave.

### **Morning Worship**

Option to attend the morning worship service at St. George's Cathedral (11.00-12.30).

## THE AFTERNOON

### **Mount of Olives**

To the summit for a unique view of the Old City and to hear something of Jerusalem's great history.

### **Palm Sunday Path**

A stroll down Olivet hillside, stopping at Dominus Flevit Chapel which commemorates Jesus weeping over Jerusalem.

### **Gethsemane**

Time at the Church of All Nations and in the gardens.

### Dinner & Overnight in JERUSALEM



MOUNT OF OLIVES



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## DAY 6

Monday 18th May

### **Bethlehem & Regions**

Regional touring by coach.

#### **Shepherds' Fields**

By coach to the pastoral slopes by Bethlehem. An area where the shepherds witnessed the birth of Christ.

#### **Bethlehem**

Into the town for a visit to the Church of the Nativity, built over the original cave dwellings from biblical days. Time in Manger Square to browse.

#### **Jerusalem Model**

At the Israeli museum, view a helpful model of Herodium Jerusalem - built on a scale of 1-50.

#### **Ein Karem**

On the outskirts of Jerusalem, the hillside village where John the Baptist was born. Visit one of the fine churches commemorating his life.

#### **Aqua Bella**

Within a beautiful landscape setting, see the remains of a Crusader fortress/hospital.

#### **Emmaus**

Visit the Crusader Church commemorating Jesus walking with the disciples after his resurrection.

Attend evening Vespers (6.00-6.45pm)

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**DAY 7**

Tuesday 19th May

Part by coach and part on foot.

**Jerusalem Old City**

## **The Garden Tomb**

See a 1st century rolling-stone tomb and 'Gordon's Calvary' nearby.

## **Bethesda Pools**

Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's gate and see the pools where the cripple was healed and St. Anne's Crusader church with its unique acoustics.

## **Via Dolorosa/Holy Sepulchre**

Follow the traditional 'Way of the Cross' through the narrow streets to Calvary at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

## **Mount Zion**

Call at the traditional location of the 'Upper Room' and St. Peter's Church where Christ was tried under Jewish law.

## **Leisure Options**

Some free time in the Old City for some shopping or to visit places of personal interest (re-convene by coach at around 17.00).

For those who wish to return to the hotel, the coach will transport back.

## Dinner & Overnight in JERUSALEM



HOLY SEPULCHRE CHURCH





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**DAY 8**  
Wednesday 20th May  
**Jerusalem**

## **The Old City**

Enter the Jaffa Gate for a short walk to the "Muristan", previous location of the St. John Hospital.

## **St. John Eye Hospital**

Time to meet the staff for updates and reports of their important work (11.30-14.30).

## **Leisure**

The rest of the day is free to go-as-you-please.

Dinner & Overnight  
in JERUSALEM

## **DAY 9**

Thursday 21st May

## **Return Flight**

After breakfast, travel to Ben Gurion airport for the morning return flight to London Heathrow.



OLD CITY BAZAARS



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## Mission Statement



## St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, treating patients regardless of ethnicity, religion or ability to pay.

Our flagship Hospital in Jerusalem, facilities in Anabta, Hebron and Gaza and our Mobile Outreach Programme which travels across the West Bank bringing eye care to isolated communities, ensure we have the greatest possible reach and impact in the region.





**Tiberias**  
**Sea of Galilee**

