

Day 6

Walking Tour in the old City: Western Wall, Temple Mount, Pool of the Bethesda, St. Anne's Church, Church of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, The via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jewish Quarter, Broad Wall, Roman Cardo, Garden Tomb.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7

Jericho, Qumran, Massada, Floating on the Dead Sea.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 8

Ein kerem, Holocaust Museum, Israel Museum (Model of Jerusalem at the time of the Second Temple, Dead Sea Scrolls); Menorah near the Knesset (Israel's Parliament).

Overnight Jerusalem

Day 9

Departure to Europe.



Cost: CHF 1350 per person based on double occupancy.

This price includes hotel, meals and transportation within Israel. It does not include the cost of air fare to Israel, tips, and insurance.

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Past and Present



Dear Friends,

Emmanuel Church in Geneva is enriching its spiritual offerings this November with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Pray about joining us.

Certainly the journey promises to be pleasurable: modern buses, comfortable hotels, delightful companions, knowledgeable guides and, best of all, richly exotic—yet familiar—sights.

Yet a pilgrimage is vastly more than a tourist holiday. It is a profound spiritual exercise, with the power to change lives.

Part of a pilgrimage's impact is readily understandable. Your Bible becomes a kind of diary. As you hear it in Church, you don't only imagine: you remember. On Easter listening again of John's, Peter's, and Magdalen's discovery of the Empty Tomb only your spiritual maturity keeps you from whispering, "I was there."

The subtler impact is more easily experienced than described. Standing on the actual sites of events from familiar Bible stories, our inner lives 'de-compartmentalize': 'sacred' and 'secular' are no longer so

separate, 'spiritual' and 'material' now overlap. The formerly merely 'religious' is now real. This deep change gets reinforced by occasions of private devotion and corporate worship on the various sites—and our daily community reflections together.

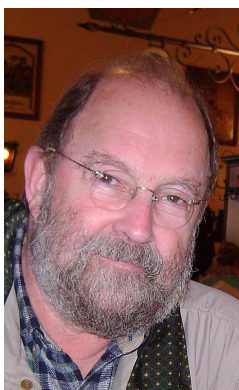
Pilgrims often offer the journey to our Lord as an intercessory project, an occasion to pray for specific people's wellbeing or for some profound wish. (Crumpling a wad of paper containing an intercession into a crack in the Western Wall can be a startlingly moving act.) Shy pilgrims find themselves eager to read biblical passages aloud at the various places, while the garrulous discover and lay claim to the grace of Stillness. It's wonderful—and it lasts.

Our Israeli tour guide, Doron Heiliger, is a former Intelligence Officer, expert in both the minute details of the country and in keeping his charges safe and merry. Doron also offers a nuanced, non-chauvinistic outlook on current political and geopolitical affairs. He knows and understands the Christian Faith better than many Christians and Christian pilgrims find his presentations and conversations spiritually enlightening.

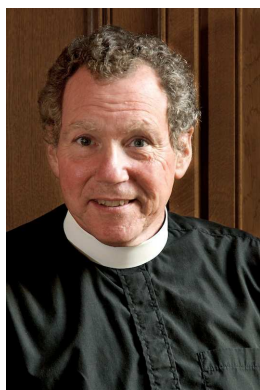
Please pray about making this pilgrimage and consider asking friends and relatives to join you. Those of us who have made a previous pilgrimage to the Holy Land regard it as among the most significant events of our lives.

In Christ,

The Rev. Canon Gray Temple

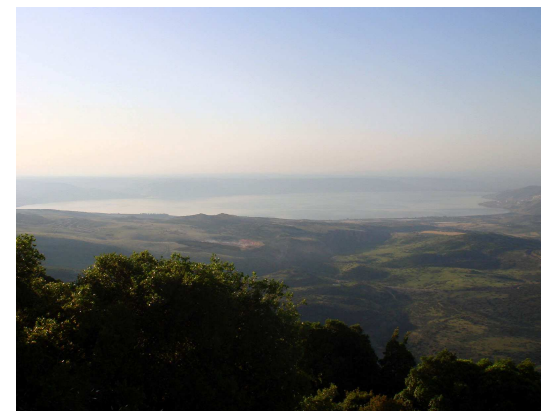


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Itinerary: Israel Trip ***15 – 24 November 2010***

Schedule subject to modification



Day 1

Leave Europe, Arrive in Israel, Transfer to Tiberias.

Overnight in Tiberias

Day 2

Around the Sea of Galilee: Mount of the Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, Galilee boat trip, Capernaum (including church), Thabgha, Church of Peter's Primacy, Ancient boat from the time of Jesus, Jordan River, Gadarh (Mark 5).

Overnight in Tiberias

Day 3

Cana, Nazareth: churches, Mt. Tabor, Megiddo.

Overnight in Tiberias

Day 4

Ekko (Acre), Haifa, Caesarea Maritima, Drive to Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5

Mount of Olives, Church of Pater Noster, Palm Sunday Road, The Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Zion (Upper Room), St. Peter in Gallicantu, Bethlehem: Church of the Nativity, Jerome's Grotto, Shepherds' Field with Chapel.

Overnight in Jerusalem