



# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

A PILGRIMAGE

## **In The Footsteps of Jesus**

Sanctuary First contributor Rev Linda Pollock will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Monday 6 February 2023 – Thursday 16 February 2023. Members of the Sanctuary First community are invited to join Linda in this trip following in the footsteps of Jesus.

The price for this pilgrimage is 3065 USD/ £2509 - per person in a double room. A single supplement is available in limited numbers for 795 USD/£650.

This price includes 10 nights in guests houses and hotels, all guides, drivers and speakers, all transfers, all tips for hotels, guides and speakers, breakfast, and dinner and six special luncheons, all entrance fees, an electronic listening device, luxury bus equipped with Wi-Fi.

The price does not include airfare, any alcoholic beverages, and lunch on February 7, 10 and 14. Flights will be suggested at a later date. If you would like to join Linda on this trip, please let her know by 31st December 2022.

For more information and registration, please contact Rev. Linda Pollock at:

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# Itinerary

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## Monday Feb 6

Depart for Tel Aviv - late night arrival and transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv/Joppa.

## Tuesday Feb 7

Gentle walk in Old City Joppa ending with morning hillside worship, depart for Caesarea Maritima and site of a Roman aqueduct, followed by a visit to Mt. Carmel and the church for Elijah's cave. Visit Acre for an overview (and possible visit) of the Bahai Gardens and explore the Crusader site at Acre, Overnight in I'billin.

## Wednesday Feb 8

Morning worship at the Mar Elias Church, followed by a meeting with Bishop Elias Chacour. Proceed to Nazareth Village and stay for lunch, visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and end the day with a gentle hike up the Mt. of Precipice for sunset. Overnight in Tiberius.

## Thursday Feb 9

Begin the day at the site of Magdala with worship at the ecumenical chapel. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and St. Peter's fish lunch along the Sea. Visit Tagbha, Capernaum, and the Mt. of Beatitudes. Overnight in Tiberius.

## **Friday Feb 10**

Explore the Greek ruin of Beth-Shean, worship at the Jordan River (Qasr al-Yahud) in the desert, swim at the Dead Sea, lunch, ascend the funicular to Masada, and close the day at the beautiful Wadi Qelt, at sunset. Overnight in Bethlehem.

## **Saturday Feb 11**

Gather at Shepherd's Fields for worship, visit the Church of the Nativity, drive the Bethlehem to Hebron road and stop at the Tent of Nations for lunch. Try glass blowing and shop at a Hebron glass factory. Welcome Palestinian dancers after dinner. Overnight in Bethlehem.

## **Sunday Feb 12**

Sunday worship at the Church of Scotland Jerusalem (or the Baraka Presbyterian Church,) tea and shopping at Baraka Church, lunch with the women of Aida refugee camp, walk along the apartheid walls and perhaps stop for tea. Overnight in Bethlehem.

## **Monday Feb 13**

Visit the church at Jacob's Well with worship. Visit Mt. Gezrim to hear from the Samaritans and explore their small museum. Have lunch at Samaria restaurant, explore Sebastiya, stop on the way back to taste Knafeh at a local sweet shop. Overnight in Jerusalem.

## **Tuesday Feb 14**

Visit Al-Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock, visit the Ecce Homo chapel for worship. Explore the Old City markets with lunch on your own. Leave the Old City for Yad Vashem Holocaust museum. Overnight in Jerusalem.

## **Wednesday Feb 15**

Visit the garden of Gethsemane at the Church of all Nations. Enter the Old City by the Western Wall. Walk parts of the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Have our final worship at the Garden Tomb. Enjoy a special closing dinner at our hotel - Overnight in Jerusalem.

## **Thursday Feb 16**

Early morning departure for flight home

