



# Cathedral PILGRIMAGE

7–16 December 2019

JOIN US for a special 10-day pilgrimage to the land of the Holy One in December 2019.

*come ... see ... encounter ... pray ...*

The pilgrimage will be led by the Very Reverend Dr Gregory Jenks, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Grafton.

Before coming to Grafton Cathedral in 2017, Dr Jenks was Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem and he has many years of experience leading groups of pilgrims to the Holy Land. He is a co-director of the Bethsaida Excavations Project in the Galilee and an Adjunct Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Charles Sturt University. He is familiar with many of the historical and religious highlights of this remarkable place and a highly-regarded teacher.

The US\$2,500 cost for this exciting program excludes air travel and insurance, but includes all other in-country costs: accommodation (twin share), all meals, land transfers, guide fees and entrance charges. Single room supplement: US\$590.

There is also the option of participating in the [2019 Sabeel International Gathering](#) in Bethlehem and Jerusalem during the previous week: 2–7 December. The cost for the Sabeel program is US\$1,150 (US\$400 single supplement).

**To register**, please complete the registration form available on the Cathedral website or from the Cathedral office and return it at your earliest convenience:

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Places are being limited to around 20 participants to ensure a more personal experience for everyone.

**Additional information for participants** can also be downloaded from the Cathedral website or requested from the Cathedral office:

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## Payment schedule

A deposit of \$500 is required at the time of booking. A further payment is required by 30 June with full payment by 31 August 2019. Full refunds are available until 31 August 2019, after which \$250 from the deposit paid at the time of booking will be retained to cover costs already incurred with all other funds being fully refunded. Please note that all prices are quoted in **US dollars**, but the deposit can be made in Australian dollars for convenience and the final balance payable adjusted when making the last payment.

## Draft Itinerary

*5 nights in Nazareth, 5 nights in Jerusalem*

The itinerary is subject to change due to local circumstances at the discretion of the program leader, but the following details indicate the kind of schedule that we have in mind:

Sat — Dec 7: Arrive in country and transfer to Nazareth. Check into the Sisters of Nazareth Convent, our base for the next few days. Participants are welcome to arrive earlier to allow more time to adjust following their flights. We are able to assist with hotel bookings prior to the commencement of the program or after it concludes

SUN — Dec 8: 10.00am worship at Christ Church, Nazareth. Lunch in Nazareth. Visit Mt Tabor early afternoon then overview of Nazareth from Mt Precipice. Orientation walking tour of Nazareth Old City. Evening free.

Mon — Dec 9: Early morning lecture before visiting the Roman Catholic Basilica of the Annunciation, the Synagogue Church, El Babour Mill and the Greek Orthodox Church of St Gabriel. Lunch in

the square at Mary's Well. Afternoon free to explore the city. Evening meeting with members of Nazareth Sabeel.

Tue — Dec 10: Visit holy sites by the Sea of Galilee: Magdala, Mt Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum and Bethsaida. Eucharist at Bethsaida. Lunch. Return to Nazareth. Late afternoon and evening free.

Wed — Dec 11: Morning visit to Banias (Caesarea Philippi). Lunch at Banias. Afternoon visit to Sepphoris, the capital of the Galilee in the time of Jesus. Evening free.

Thr — Dec 12: Early morning visit to the excavations below the Sisters of Nazareth Convent. Travel south along Jordan Valley Highway. Visit Qasra al-Yehud, the site of Jesus' baptism. Lunch at Qumran. Tour of Qumran ruins and visit to the Dead Sea shoreline. Late afternoon arrival in Jerusalem. Check into hotel, our base for the next few days. Optional orientation walking tour. Evening free.

Fri — Dec 13: Transfer by bus to Masada, the iconic desert fortress built by Herod and the site of the final resistance by Jewish rebels after the fall of Jerusalem. Lunch at Masada. Overview of Wadi Qelt on the return trip to Jerusalem. Late afternoon Shabbat prayers at the Western Wall. Evening free.

Sat — Dec 14: Visit the Shepherds Fields and Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Lunch in Bethlehem. Afternoon free. Evening free.

SUN — Dec 15: 9.30am worship at St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem. Afternoon visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Evening lecture to prepare for the next day.

Mon — Dec 16: Morning visit to the City of David excavations and the Temple Mount historical precinct. Lunch in the Old City. Afternoon visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Final dinner together. Departure for Ben Gurion Airport at Tel Aviv as per personal travel schedules.