



# The Palestine of Jesus with St. George's College

## July 3-13, 2018

The Palestine of Jesus course combines biblical and historical studies with pilgrimage to selected sites connected with Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection. During your stay you will be a guest of 'living stones', the local Palestinian Christian community, with whom you will draw nearer to Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Price: \$2400 for land portion

Airfare: Between \$1200 and \$2500 (depending on when you book)

You should expect your faith to be transformed and renewed as you make your pilgrim journey through the Holy Land. We will learn together, pray together, and worship together as we go.

During the course our academic staff and chaplain will enable you:

- To explore the Holy Land as Christian pilgrims
- To study the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth To explore the historical contexts and cultures of the land where Jesus' carried out his ministry
- To integrate contextual biblical study with theological and spiritual reflection
- To encounter the roots and traditions of the Christian faith
- To begin to understand some of the contemporary issues in Israel and Palestine
- To relate our experiences to our lives and ministries in our home contexts.

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### Content of the Course:

While the details of every programme vary depending on local circumstances and date, we would typically visit the following places during the course:

- The place of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
- Herod the Great's mountain fortress in the desert (Masada).
- Jesus' childhood home and the site of the Annunciation in Nazareth.
- The site of Christ's baptism (where there is an opportunity to renew baptismal vows).
- The desert where Jesus was tempted after his baptism.
- The Sea of Galilee, including Jesus "own town" (Matt. 9.1), Capernaum.
- Caesarea Philippi, where Peter answered Christ's question, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8.29).
- The source of the Jordan River.
- Ancient Shechem/Sychar, where Jesus encounters the woman of Samaria at the well (John 4.7-15).
- Bethphage, where Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph (Mark 11.1-10).
- The Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14.32-49).
- The remains of the Jerusalem Temple complex from Jesus' day (i.e. the Wailing Wall).
- The Dome of the Rock.
- The Way of the Cross, the site of the crucifixion and Jesus' tomb.
- Caesarea Maritima, from where Pontius Pilate ruled Judaea, Cornelius converted to Christianity, and Paul was held prisoner before being sent to Rome.
- You will see the Dead Sea Scrolls and visit the site of their discovery.
- You will also have a chance to float in the Dead Sea and to worship with the local Anglican community.

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## What do course fees include?

Course Fees include the following:

- Room and board (three meals per day) from dinner on the night before course begins through breakfast the day after the course ends.
- All transportation for field trips and admission fees to sites and museums.
- Other costs directly related to course activities.

Course Fees do not include the following:

- Travel expenses to and from the College (or the pre-arranged meeting location if course begins and ends in another country)
- Gratuity- \$ 100.00 gratuity is requested
- Any beverages ordered at meals served outside the College
- Extra-curricular tours or events
- Telephone use
- Laundry service- the fee is a laundry basket: \$5.00 for wash and \$5.00 for dry
- Extra nights before or after the course begins (available on limited basis, contact College for more information)
- Single rooms are available for an extra charge on a limited basis.

How much do I need to pay for a single room supplement?

- If there are rooms available for you to have a single suite, the extra cost \$ 25.00 per night; this fee is added to the base fee. The extra single room fee can be paid when you arrive at the college. Please email the registrar to check for availability. Thank you.

How can I feel safe on the journey and during my stay at the college?

- Our college has a staff position called the Liaison and Logistics Officer. This person manages all areas of security while on the course and traveling to places outside the Cathedral Close.
- While you are staying at the college, the premise is managed 24 hours a day by a security person who controls the front gate and monitors who enters the college building.

What day do I have to arrive at St. George's College and what day do I leave?

- Participants are expected to be at the College by 18:00 (6:00pm) the night before the course begins.
- Departure is on the day after the course ends and breakfast is included on that morning.

Is there time for extra-curricular activities?

- All courses are full-time. There is limited time offered during the course program for extra-curricular activities

Do I need extra luggage for the nights spent away from the college?

- Each program typically spends a few nights in the Galilee. We suggest that you bring a small gym bag for your belongings on this overnight. Your regular suitcase and other personal items are kept safe in your St. George's College room while you are traveling elsewhere.

What are the physical requirements?

- All courses are physically demanding; we suggest that pilgrims be able to walk two to three miles at a comfortable pace.
- Most courses require extensive walking over rough terrain, a large number of steps, steep hills, and uneven pavement. We suggest you bring a walking stick with you in case you need extra support.
- Supportive walking shoes are suggested for all of our programs.  
Courses may have extended bus journeys and some courses have off-road travel by jeep.
- This is a dry region; water is available for purchase via the college office and on the bus.  
Water is available for purchase from the college front desk and also from the bus driver.
- The College does not have age limits, however participants over the age of 70 are required to submit a doctor's certificate of fitness to the College.