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Diocese of Norwich Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 24th February – 2nd March 2020

Day one Monday 24th February 2020

We will depart from Luton airport on our flight to Tel Aviv, arriving early evening. After clearing immigration and customs we will meet our guide and bus and be taken to our hotel in Galilee for evening meal and overnight.

Day two Tuesday 25th February 2020

We will begin our first day of pilgrimage on the shore of Lake Galilee where Jesus shared breakfast with his disciples after his Resurrection. Here we visit St Peter's Primacy and the Church of Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, and we will celebrate the Eucharist by the lakeside. We will then visit the Mount of Beatitudes after which we will enjoy a boat ride across the lake and stop for lunch at a local Arab restaurant. After lunch we visit to the town of Capernaum, central to the ministry of Jesus in this area; and then drive north to Caesarea Philippi. Here on the site of a beautiful waterfall at the start of the River Jordan we see the place where Peter acknowledged Jesus as "Lord". After a very full day we return to our hotel for our evening meal and our overnight accommodation

Day three Wednesday 26th February 2020

After breakfast we go to Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle. Then we travel on to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, built over the traditional site of the house of Mary. We tour Nazareth, visiting the site of Joseph's workshop and the synagogue where Jesus preached. We will call at Mary's well, now in a beautiful orthodox church, and then break for lunch. After lunch we will travel to Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the transfiguration. We take a taxi ride to the top of the mountain where we visit the church, enjoy the spectacular views and celebrate the Eucharist on the mountain top. We return to our hotel for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

Day four Thursday 27th February 2020

After breakfast we will drive along the Jordan Valley towards Jericho, on route we will call at the Baptismal Site where tradition has it that Jesus was baptised by John. Here we can reach the water's edge and renew our own baptismal vows. We continue to the city of Jericho where we visit the church of the Good Shepherd and the mountain where Jesus spent his fast of 40 days and nights. After our tour we will stop for lunch and shopping. After lunch we will leave for the Dead Sea where the brave can enjoy a swim and the faint-hearted can enjoy an ice cream! Then we will travel to our hotel in Bethlehem for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

Day five Friday 28th February 2020

After breakfast we visit the Church of the Nativity where we have a guided tour of this, the oldest church in the world. Then we will go to Bethlehem University to visit the campus, meet the students and staff and see how the Church is contributing to the hopes for education and peace in the region. After lunch we will go to the Shepherd's fields where we will celebrate a Eucharist. In this area there will be the opportunity to visit a local co-operative souvenir shop where nearly 70 families make and sell their work. We then visit the Dheisheh Refugee Camp to get an insight into the refugee camp and issues associated with it. We return to our hotel for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

Day six Saturday 29th February 2020

After breakfast the coach will take us for a full day tour of Jerusalem. We will visit the Mount of Olives, re-tracing the steps of Jesus on the first Palm Sunday we will walk down to the church of Dominus Flevit (the Lord wept) where we can enjoy the panoramic view over the Old City. Then we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations where we will have some time to pray and reflect in the garden. We will then visit the church of St Peter built over the site of Caiaphas' House, continue to Mount Zion, seeing the Upper Room and the site of the Dormition of Our Lady. After lunch we will visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. We then return to our hotel and in the evening we will enjoy a meal in a local Bedouin restaurant.

Day seven Sunday 1st March 2020

After breakfast, we will make our way into Jerusalem and celebrate Sunday Eucharist with the community at St George's. After a picnic lunch we will follow the way of the cross starting at St Anne's Church and making our way through the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will tour the church and then walk through the souk calling at the Western Wall. The coach will take us back to Bethlehem for our evening meal and to pack.

Day eight Monday 2nd March 2020

After breakfast we leave the hotel and visit the town of Ain Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the site of the Visitation. We then drive to Abu Gosh, the site of Emmaus. Here we will visit the Olivetan Benedictine monastery and beautiful 12th century Crusader church and the convent on top of the hill. After lunch we drive to the airport where we will catch the afternoon flight to Luton arriving early evening.

Price: £1390 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £250. Price includes return airfare including hold baggage, accommodation in 3* hotels on a half-board basis, all transport whilst in the Holy Land, services of a professional guide all entrance fees and gratuities. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for the less able traveller. Price does not include lunches, drinks or items of a personal nature.