

# Peacemaker's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land -- Itinerary

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2024 January	Devotions:	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Overnight
Fri., Jan. 19	Morning devotions will present reflections on the iconography associated with the sites to be visited as depicted in great art of the past. Options for each day include:	Fly from various departure points, meeting at Newark (EWR)		Fly from the USA -- Newark (EWR) departure at 4:35 p.m. (United #84) to Tel Aviv (TLV).	In flight
Sat., Jan. 20		Arrive Tel Aviv at 9:55 a.m. Transfer to Jerusalem Hotel		Visit: Israel Museum      Tour: Garden Tomb	Dinner and orientation afterward (early night) Jerusalem Ambassador Boutique Hotel
Sun., Jan. 21	Resurrection	Attend church: St. George's Cathedral (9:30 a.m.)	Visit: ICAHD, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions	Tour: Western Wall      Free time in Jerusalem (explore the Old City and its bazaars, visit other sites not on the itinerary).	Dinner and prepare for settlement visit (early night) Jerusalem Ambassador Boutique Hotel
Mon., Jan. 22	Raising of Lazarus, Entry into Jerusalem	Visit: Settlements		Tour: Mount of Olives Bethphage to Garden of Gethsemane -- Church of the Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, All Nations	Teaching session after dinner (optional): "The Stones Cry Out: The Story of the Palestinian Christians" (video) Jerusalem Ambassador Boutique Hotel
Tue., Jan. 23	Christ's Passion: Last Supper to Denial of Peter	Tour: Bethany, River Jordan Baptismal Site, Jericho		Tour: Mount Zion -- Dormition Abbey, Room of the Last Supper, St. Peter in Gallicantu	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Presentation by Mennonite Central Committee staff and potentially other denominational representatives in the region Jerusalem Ambassador Boutique Hotel
Wed., Jan. 24	Christ's Passion: Before Pilate to the Entombment	Tour: Temple Mount, Old City & Via Dolorosa -- Pools of Bethesda, Churches of St. Anne, the Flagellation, Condemnation, Ecce Homo, Holy Sepulchre		Visit: Yad Veshem	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Presentation by the Parents Circle - Families Forum Bethlehem Manger Square Hotel
	Early departure to go to Temple Mount			Visit: Sabeel, Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center	
Thu., Jan. 25	Nativity	Tour: Hebron, Tombs of the Patriarchs	Visit: Community Peacemaker Teams	Visit: Deheisha Refugee Camp      Shopping in Bethlehem (optional for those interested in purchasing quality souvenirs from a Palestinian Christian owned shop)	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Palestinian Christian Speaker, TBD, on "The Theology of the Land" Bethlehem Manger Square Hotel
Fri., Jan. 26	Annunciation to Shepherds, Adoration of Shepherds	Tour: Bethlehem -- Church of the Nativity, Shepherds' Field		Visit: Diyar Consortium, International Center of Bethlehem      Visit: Wi'am, Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Richard Blackburn, "The Quest for Palestine-Israel Peace: A Family Systems Analysis of the Conflict" Bethlehem Manger Square Hotel
Sat., Jan. 27	Samaritan Woman at the Well	Travel to Nablus	Tour: Nablus -- Jacob's Well	Tour: Sabastia -- Roman Ruins      Travel to Galilee Check into Hotel	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Richard Blackburn, "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round: Self-Differentiation and Sabotage" Tabgha, Galilee Pilgerhaus
Sun., Jan. 28	Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, Sermon on the Mount, Primacy of Peter	Church service on shores of Sea of Galilee	Tour: Lakeside churches -- Church of the Loaves and Fishes, Beatitudes, Primacy of Peter	Tour: Galilee sites-- Capernaum, Sea of Galilee boat ride, Magdala      Free time in Galilee	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Richard Blackburn, "Detriangled Justice: Differentiation and the Quest for Palestine-Israel Peace" Tabgha, Galilee Pilgerhaus
Mon., Jan. 29	Annunciation, Visitation	Tour: Nazareth -- Basilica of the Annunciation and St. Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation		Tour & Lunch at Nazareth Village      Tour: Cana -- Franciscan Wedding Church	Teaching session after dinner (optional): Richard Blackburn, "Conflict Transformation within the Palestinian-Israeli Context" Tabgha, Galilee Pilgerhaus
Tue., Jan. 30	Transfiguration	Tour: Mount Tabor -- Church of the Transfiguration		Free time in Galilee (personal retreat time or hike a portion of the Jesus Trail) Tabgha, Galilee Pilgerhaus	
Wed., Jan. 31	Journey to Emmaus, Supper at Emmaus	After devotion, pack up the bus and travel to Abu Ghosh	Tour: Benedictine Abbey at Abu Ghosh (site of Emmaus)	Travel to Caesarea Maritima, where we'll have lunch      Tour: Caesarea Maritima -- Roman Ruins (site of Peter's visit to Cornelius)	Dinner in Jaffa Return flight to USA -- Depart Tel Aviv (TLV) at 11:25 p.m. (United #91) for Newark (EWR) In flight
Thu., Feb. 1		Arrive Newark (EWR) at 4:20 a.m.	Various connecting flights for those continuing beyond EWR		