

REGISTRATION FORM
DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY
EPISCOPAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – 2012

Departs USA, July 23rd

Returns USA, August 5th

Room Type: ___ Twin/Double Rooming with _____
 ___ Single (subject to availability)

PLEASE PRINT

Name exactly as it appears on your passport and please print or type

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone Home _____ Work _____

Passport Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Important! Attach a photocopy of your passport to this registration form.

Be sure that your passport is good for 6 months beyond the day of arrival in Israel.

Person to contact in case of emergency: name, address, e-mail and phone:

All checks and airline arrangements are handled by

Pinnacle Travel Services LLC,
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El Segundo, California 90245
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Schedule of Payment

Deposit of \$400 is due January 15, 2012—the Deposit covers the pilgrimage and the group airfare and it is non-refundable. Send to Chris Winchell, at Pinnacle Travel Services (see above).

Pilgrimage final payment is due April 23, 2012.

Group air price will be announced by December 1st.

If you are **not taking the group rate and are making your own flight plans**, please notify Chris Winchell to let him know your plans before you book your flight so that ground transportation in Tel Aviv airport can be arranged for you.

The cost of ground transportation from the incoming airport is provided in the package, for those being transported with the group.

You are strongly advised to take out travel insurance (see Pinnacle Travel Services) which includes medical insurance.

GETTING READY FOR PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Your Guide for the Pilgrimage is Iyad Qumri

- 1) **Travel Documents: It is absolutely necessary that you have a current passport in hand six months beyond the time of arrival to Israel**
 Visas to Israel are not required for persons from Australia, Canada, United States and Western Europe.
- 2) **Transportation from Tel Aviv (Ben Gurion) Airport to Jerusalem**
 It is good to have a group flight, but there are always people who want to travel on their miles and that is OK, just as long as they arrive in Tel Aviv around the same time as the group flight arrives, Otherwise:
 - a. Option 1: Notify Iyad a week before arrival and a driver will meet you as you exit the luggage and customs area of the airport. He will be holding a sign with your name on it and bring you to Saint George's; the cost is \$100.
 - b. Option 2: You can hire a private regular Taxi at the airport; the cost is around \$60.
 - c. Option 3: Use the shared Taxi called a Sherut [sher-ROOT]; the cost is around \$13 per person. The Sherut is like Super Shuttle. It takes eight passengers. Each one is dropped off at their address of choice. Your destination: St. George's Cathedral and Guest House, 20 Nablus Rd in East Jerusalem, near the YMCA and American Consulate.
- 3) **Transportation during the pilgrimage** We will travel on a modern, comfortable, deluxe tour bus. There is no bathroom on board, but rest stops are always available.
- 4) **Pilgrimage Accommodations**
 Holy Land Hotel in East Jerusalem. <http://www.holylandhotel.com>. The hotel is very close to Herod's Gate, Salah Eldin Street, the main shopping area. It is a ten minutes walk to St. George's and a five minute walk to the Rockefeller Museum.
Sisters of Nazareth: The rooms have been fully updated, have climate control, and are noted for their very clean upkeep. Breakfast is a French, continental style.
- 5) **Meals** All meals are included. Breakfast is to be at St. George's Guest House or at the Sisters of Nazareth. Lunches are in restaurants along the way. Dinners are at St. George's Guest House and at Sisters of Nazareth. There are several nights when you can plan to enjoy the local restaurants on your own. When you do this, St. George's must be notified the day before. The cost of the missed meal cannot be reimbursed. If you have dietary restrictions, indicate that on your leader's registration form.
- 6) **Walking** The best scenario is to be able to walk comfortably for 20 minutes at a time. Bear in mind that the terrain is sometimes rough and dusty. In some places there are places to sit and rest while waiting for the group.
- 7) **Free Time** There will be planned "free time" within our itinerary, including one full day towards the end of the trip. Iyad will provide a variety of activities for you to choose for the free day including particular shopping areas. Or, you may choose just to relax and enjoy the beautiful gardens at St. George's.
- 8) **Weather**
SUMMER (Jun/Jul/Aug/early Sep): Temperatures in the high 80⁰'s, 90⁰'s. Tel Aviv and Tiberias will be hot and humid (like New York or Miami). Jerusalem is dryer and cooler particularly at night. Masada and Eilat are extremely hot (110⁰+!)...but dry. There won't be a drop of rain.

9) **Clothes**

Women, dress conservatively for the Holy Sites. Skirts, slacks or capris (that cover the knees) are good. No tank tops, shorts or sleeveless blouses, please. Short-sleeves are fine. Bermuda shorts are fine for the walking tour in the Galilee. You will want to be able to dress up slightly for church on Sunday and for a few special nights. You will also need a sweater or light jacket for potentially cool evenings.

Men, long pants, jeans or khakis, are necessary most days. Bermuda shorts are fine for the walking tour in the Galilee. You might want some long-sleeved shirts for church and a few special nights.

Everybody, check the seasonal weather patterns, see above, and dress accordingly. In the summer, spring and fall **you will need a hat and sun glasses**. Sneakers and/or walking shoes that can handle cobblestones are necessary. Otherwise, shoes are entirely up to you. Again, check the seasonal weather patterns.

- 10) **Jewelry** A watch is helpful but a lot of jewelry is unnecessary. Many people enjoy finding a silver or gold cross or some special earrings while on the pilgrimage.
- 11) **Laundry** Many pilgrims hand wash a few items in their bathrooms; they will dry overnight. There is also a laundry service at St. George's for an extra charge.
- 12) **Purchasing personal items** There is a pharmacy 5 minutes from St. Georges for those items you have forgotten.
- 13) **Photography and Cameras** Care should be taken not to photograph any military or police personnel or installations. Visitors should also be discreet about taking photographs in Jewish Orthodox areas and of Jewish Orthodox people. Most sacred sites will indicate whether photography is permitted. Bring extra memory cards and batteries from your home country as these items are very expensive in Israel and Palestine.
- 14) **Books** You will not want to bring many books. However, pack a journal and perhaps a map, a guide book to read at night, a Bible or prayer book if it is small. Excellent books are for sale at St. George's College and the nearby Educational Bookshop.
- 15) **Electric Appliances** The electrical current in Israel is 220AC. You will need a transformer AND an adapter if you are bringing a hair drier, or whatever. Sockets in Israel can be either 2 or 3 pin.
- 16) **Wake-up calls** Wake-up calls are possible but a small travel alarm is useful.
- 17) **Internet** There is wireless internet at St. George's and a nearby internet cafe. The internet access in Nazareth is limited.
- 18) **Money** It is wise to bring at least 10 \$1.00 bills. You can change your money into shekels at the airport and there is a money changer within 5 minutes of the Guest House. There are two ATM machines on the streets adjacent to the Guest House. Remember you will receive shekels not dollars from the ATM. For the latest currency exchange refer to the internet.
- 19) **Hospitality and tips** It is customary that when visiting to bring a gift. School supplies are always welcome. **Do not bring old, used items.** A list of books and school supplies is on www.afedj.org/episcopal pilgrimage/practicalmatters. Also, a tip for the guide is suggested @ 100 per person.
- 20) **Water** There is water available for \$1.00 on the tour bus. The water is safe to drink from the tap at both guest houses.