

**Prices (not inclusive of air travel)**

Full Board £530.00 per person in two-bedded room.  
£150.00 supplement for single room.

**Accommodation** (according to local conditions): Guest Houses and hotels. 3 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Bethlehem.

**Full Board** includes; accommodation, all meals including lunches, transport in deluxe coaches, guides, all entrance fees, portorage at all hotels, tips for guides, drivers and hotel staff.

**Not included:** collections at services, personal expenses, telephone calls, beverages etc., medical and travel insurance.

**Air Travel to Tel Aviv.** This is the responsibility of the participants and ideally we all go on the same flight. At first sight (April 2011) the most convenient early morning flight is BA from Heathrow at £450. If anyone can find a cheap and reliable flight please let me know.

The aim is to arrive *before 3pm* in order to visit Haifa en route to Nazareth. Coming back we must leave Bethlehem *4 hours before departure time*. A late departure may enable a further visit in the morning.

**If you are interested** please complete the details below and send them by post or email to **Simon Hoare, 20 Wellington Street, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 1PH**  
**sghoare@talktalk.net**

**A Booking Form** will be sent out when the dates have been agreed, suitable flights found and all arrangements in Israel finalised.

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## A Pilgrimage to

# The Holy Land

**Organised by the Focolare Movement and Shepherds Tours based in Jerusalem**

## 15th – 22nd March 2012

**Coach travel, professional guides, accommodation in religious institutes, visits and excursions, meetings with Church leaders, local Christians and people of other religions.**

Further information from  
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A Holy Journey “In the footsteps of Jesus”  
My overriding impression is that at the very core of everything, was a beating heart of astonishing simplicity. The Church of the Annunciation was huge and very beautiful, yet the important part of it was a tiny cave house where Mary lived. We came across this again and again, a massive structure surrounding a small and simple truth like a shell protecting its pearl. Even the wall around Bethlehem was like this, physically cutting off the people inside it but unable to affect the truth of their faith in Jesus. This has made me realise that the core of what we believe is actually small and simple too - that Christ was born, lived and died for us. Everything else that flows from this, like the churches, is beautiful and impressive but is nothing without the reason for it's creation. *Steve Jackson after the 2009 pilgrimage.*

**Note** The Pilgrimage is organised by the Focolare Movement but is open to everyone of different churches or faiths and to those of different convictions, who are happy to follow the footsteps of Jesus, visiting the sites in the Holy Land

**The Itinerary** (subject to revision)

**Day 1 Registered** participants (see back page) arrange their own transport to Tel Aviv. Arrival at Tel Aviv airport. If before 3pm; meet the guide. Coach transfer to Haifa, Star of the Sea Sanctuary, Mount Carmel. If after 3pm we proceed straight to Nazareth.

**Day 2 Nazareth, Cana, Mount Tabor.**

Nazareth: Basilica of the Annunciation, Church of St Joseph, Synagogue of the Fountain of the Virgin.  
Cana in Galilee, Mount Tabor: the Sanctuary of the Transfiguration. Return to Nazareth.

**Day 3 Lake Tiberias.**

The Mount of the Beatitudes; Capernaum: excavations of the ancient village with St Peter's house, 4<sup>th</sup> Century synagogue and new Memorial Sanctuary.  
Tabgha: Church of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, Church of the Primacy of Peter. Ferry crossing of the lake. River Jordon.  
Return to Nazareth.

**Day 4 Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea.**

Departure from Nazareth to Jericho through the Jordon Valley. Mount of Quarantena.  
Qumran: visit archaeological area. The Dead Sea. Stop in the Desert of Judea.  
Proceed to Bethlehem.

**Day 5 Bethlehem, Ain Karem.**

Basilica of the Grotto of the Nativity. St Jerome's Grotto. Milke Grotto. Beit Sahour: Field of the Shepherds. Ain Karem: Sanctuary of the Visitation, Church of St John the Baptist.  
Return to Bethlehem.

**Day 6 Jerusalem. The Mount of Olives.**

Place of the Ascension, Church of the Lord's Prayer, view of the city, visit to the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Gethsemane, Church of St Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, sites of Jesus before Pilate and the scourging. The Way of the Cross, Calvary, the place of the Resurrection. Return to Bethlehem.

**Day 7 Jerusalem, Mount Zion.**

The Squares of the Mosques, the Jewish Quarter, the Western (Wailing) Wall.  
Room of the Last Supper. Dormition Abbey. The Church of St Peter where the cock crowed, the steps. Free time in the old city of Jerusalem.  
Return to Bethlehem.

**Day 8 Departure.** Proceed to Tel Aviv airport four hours before flight.