



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pastoral and educational leaders are increasingly discovering the value of bringing people to the Holy Land. Walking along the shores of Galilee, through the ancient streets of Jerusalem and through archaeological parks in Israel makes Biblical history come to life and provides a vivid and tangible reference point for making sense of the life and ministry of visionary men and women of faith.

Travel to Israel fosters ongoing education for a variety of constituencies including students, educators, ministers, clergy, adults, and local/regional leaders. Invariably, these events include moving spiritual experiences as people visit places where important religious history took place. This translates into new participation in local organizations, stronger bonds among participants, and enhanced resources for ministry and education.

As people travel to other lands and gain an appreciation for the perspectives of other peoples and religious traditions, they are transformed and educated about and invested in the work of social justice, mission, and interfaith dialogue. This inspires them to become compassionate citizens of the world and stewards of our world heritage.

Program Objectives

Deepen knowledge about Biblical history

Travel to Israel affords a unique entry into the life and times of the Bible. People begin to see the chronology of events more clearly and better understand the geographical, urban and political context of Biblical stories.

Nurture faith formation and spirituality

As participants walk in the footsteps of visionary men and women and recount the stories of the Bible, their own faith deepens, matures and strengthens. The journey to historical places becomes an interior journey as stories become more tangible and invite participants to encounter God in a new way.

Broaden perspectives

The Holy Land is held sacred by Jews, Christians and Muslims. It is a region where the beliefs and practices of many different peoples and traditions are lived daily. Participants will learn more about other faiths and they will have opportunities to reflect on questions about justice and peace as they ponder historical and contemporary conflict as well as examples of cooperation and dialogue.

Faith Heritage Foundations Series and Custom Programs

Illume offers a suggested 8-day program that includes 3 nights at the Sea of Galilee and 4/5 nights in Jerusalem. Visits include Nazareth, Cana, Sippchoris, Mt. of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Migdal, Nof Ginosar, the Jordan River, and extensive visits in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Dead Sea. Reservations made at unique historical sites for worship/liturg. Prices from \$2150.

Or work with our in-house scholar to customize a program to the Holy Land integrating visits to historical and religious sites with opportunities to meet with local groups working to foster interfaith relationships, peace and justice work, and support of local Christian communities. Extensions possible to Jordan.

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