

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What are the sites we will visit?** We plan to visit these places:

Nazareth (Church of the Annunciation), Tiberias (Sea of Galilee), Mount of the Beatitudes, Mount Tabor (Transfiguration), Cana, Haifa (Mount Carmel), Bethlehem (Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Field), Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Western Wall, Way of the Cross/Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre), Ein Karem, Jericho, Baptism site/Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and others. Stay tuned – we will provide a draft itinerary closer to the date.

As well, we will meet local Christians in the community. We will visit projects supported by the Catholic Women's League (Shepherd's Field Hospital near Bethlehem and Infant Welfare Centre in Jerusalem), and some local Christian partners that serve the poor and the marginalized.

2. **Where will we stay?** Our accommodations are still being finalized. We are likely staying in Christian hotels/retreat houses in Tiberias, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.
3. **What airline are we travelling with?** Air Canada on a round-trip flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv.
4. **I am not from Toronto and will have to fly from another city. What do I need to know?** We can likely arrange flights from your closest airport to Toronto and back. We will be meeting as a group in Toronto on June 22. Please contact Melodie at mgabriel@cnewa.org or call 1-866-322-4441 for more details.
5. **What will the temperature be like?** The temperature may be somewhere between 30-40°C on hot days.
6. **What if I have a wheelchair or a walker?** Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate you on our pilgrimage. There will be a tour bus but we are visiting older sites that are not well equipped for people of low mobility. There will be a lot of walking on stairs, hills, uneven sidewalks and trails.
7. **Should I worry about the violence that is reported from the media?** It is generally safe for tourists to travel in Israel and Palestine. Currently, the violence is not in places we are visiting.
8. **Will we have a priest on this pilgrimage?** Yes, we will have a priest with us and he will celebrate daily Mass with us.

9. **Do I need a visa to visit Israel?** No. You need a Canadian passport that is valid 6 months after your visit, so your passport should be valid after January 4, 2020.

For more information, please email canada@cnewa.org or call 1-866-322-4441.