

## Light of the East – 4 Pilgrimage

### *Tentative Itinerary (subject to change)*

- Mon 7/10/2023 Depart Washington (5:15 pm)
- Tue 7/11 Arrive Istanbul (10:00 am)  
Drive through the city and check-in (Armada Hotel on the coast)  
Lunch on own near hotel  
**Free time** after check-in to explore or rest  
Dinner on rooftop of hotel
- Wed 7/12 Visit **Hagia Sophia** for the morning  
Visit **Grand Bazaar**; Lunch on own  
Drive to Taksim and **Holy Spirit RC Cathedral**  
Visit **Hagia Triada** Orthodox Church  
Dinner at hotel
- Thu 7/13 Charter boat tour of **Bosporus**  
Lunch on own  
Visit **Baloukli** Monastery and spring  
Visit **Sergius and Bacchus** Church  
Dinner at hotel
- Fri 7/14 Visit **St George Cathedral**  
Private Audience with **Ecumenical Patriarch**  
Lunch on own  
Visit **St Stephen** Church (Iron Church)  
Visit **Blachernae** Church  
Early dinner at hotel
- Sat 7/15 Travel Istanbul (7:00 am) departure to Tel Aviv (9:05 am)  
Visit **Lydda and Jaffa** Orthodox Churches  
Visit **Caesarea** National Park; Lunch on own  
Drive to **Nazareth**  
Dinner at the hotel
- Sun 7/16 Liturgy at Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Melkite in **Nazareth**  
Visit Old Town Nazareth Synagogue  
Lunch on own in Old Town Nazareth  
Visit Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches in **Cana**  
View Galilee from Mt Precipice  
Dinner at the hotel
- Mon 7/17 Visit **Capernaum** ruins and churches  
Visit Mount of **Beatitudes**  
Visit **Tabgha** Church of Loaves and Fishes

- St. Peter's Fish Lunch**  
 Visit **Magdala** Museum and ruins  
 Boat ride on **Sea of Galilee**  
 Dinner at hotel
- Tue 7/18 Visit **Mt Tabor** Catholic and Orthodox Churches  
 Ascend **Mt Carmel** and Carmelite Monastery  
 Visit **Haifa** and Bahai Gardens  
 Dinner at the hotel
- Wed 7/19 Drive Nazareth to Jericho in the Jordan Valley  
 Lunch on own  
 Visit **Monastery of Zacchaeus**  
 View **Mount of Temptation**  
 Visit **Qasr el Yahud**, site of the Baptism of Christ  
 Visit Qumran, site of Dead Sea Scrolls  
 Visit Monasteries of **Gerassimos** and **St George**  
 Check-in Jerusalem (St George Hotel outside Old City)  
 Dinner in hotel
- Thu 7/20 Visit **Bethlehem**, Shepherd's Field, Church of Nativity  
 Lunch on Manger Square  
 Visit the Nativity Grotto  
 Visit **Virgin Mary Melkite** Church  
 Dinner in hotel
- Fri 7/21 Visit **Mt of Olives**, Church of the Ascension  
 Drop off and walk down to Church of **Mary Magdalene**  
 Visit Garden of **Gethsemane** and Basilica of **Agony in the Garden**  
 Visit Church of **St Stephen**  
 Visit Birthplace of **John the Baptist**  
 Dinner in hotel
- Sat 7/22 Walk to **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** and Tomb of Christ  
 Prayer Service in the Edicule  
 Lunch on own  
 Walk down the **Via Dolorosa** in reverse  
 Visit **prison** that held Jesus  
 Visit birthplace of Mary and house of **Sts Joachim and Anna**  
 Dinner in hotel
- Sun 7/23 Liturgy at Melkite Cathedral of the Annunciation or  
 Church of Alexander Nevsky  
 Lunch on own and free time in old city  
 Early Closing dinner at hotel or restaurant nearby

Mon 7/24            Tel Aviv (8:25 am) to Istanbul to Washington (7:10 pm)

Flights:

July 10: depart IAD at 5:15pm and arrival IST following day at 10:00am

July 15: depart IST at 07:00am arrival TLV at 09:05am

July 24: depart TLV at 08:25am and arrival IAD same day at 7:10pm