

St George's College Jerusalem

Sharing Perspectives: Jews, Christians and Muslims Three Faiths in Conversation

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Itinerary Variations:

This is a draft programme and changes to the schedule may well take place prior to the course starting. Every effort will be made to keep the experience as close as possible to the original design.

Sunday March 10: Arrivals

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Psalm 122

18:00 Opening Reception in the College Lobby
19:00 Dinner in the Guest House Dining Room

Monday March 11

7:00 Breakfast at the Guest House
8:15 Course photo: College front door

- Introduction to College Staff & College facilities
pay course fees
- 8:45 Introduction to the Course
Geographical context overview (College Lecture Room)
- 10:00 Faith-based, theological, geographical, historical tour of Jaffa with presentation by Rabbi David Rosen
Lunch at Port City
Exploration continues around Jaffa
Group Discussion: Our Journey Together
- 16:00 Return to Jerusalem: Night time panoramic view
- 19:00 Dinner at the Guest House

Tuesday March 12

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 An Introduction to Jerusalem: a City Holy to Three Religions: Haram a Sherif, Western Wall and Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Lunch at the Guest House
- 14:00 Group Discussion: Prayer & worship in our tradition
- 15:30 The Muslim Quarter and Mosque of Umar for prayers
- 18:00 Dinner at the Guest House
- 19:15 Presentation/Discussion on Interfaith Relations in the Land with Qadi Iyad Zakhalka, Rabbi Ron Kronish and The Very Revd. Hosam Naoum

Wednesday March 13

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 The Desert Tradition: Travel to Judean Desert

- An encounter with silence
- Discussion: Revelation in all three monotheisms
- Lunch in Bedouin tent
- Briefings with Israeli Foreign Ministry, PLO, Women of Jerusalem
- 18:00 Refreshments and reflection
- 19:00 Dinner at the Guest House

Thursday March 14

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Bethlehem – Church of the Nativity, Mosque, Dheisheh Palestinian Refugee Camp
- Fair Trade arts and crafts
- Lunch in Bethlehem
- Hebron (and Gush Ezion Bloc – settlement)
- 18:00 Refreshments and reflection
- 19:00 Dinner at the Guest House
- 20:00 Bereaved Family Forum

Friday March 15

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Walk with Muslim participants to Haram
- The Mount of Olives, Place of the Ascension, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Tomb of Mary, the Christian Quarter, Via Dolorosa
- Coffee break at Austrian Hostel
- David's Tomb Complex (if time allows)
- Lunch
- St. George's School – Conversations with local high School
- Students re Life in Jerusalem

Shabbat Service and Dinner – Jewish Hospitality

Saturday March 16

- 7:00 Breakfast
Walk to Shabbat Service
Lunch
Free time
(or Bethany –
The Tomb of Lazarus, Crusader Chapel Ruins)
Evening prayer at Rasel Amoud Mosque/
Close of Shabbat prayers
- 18:00 Refreshments and reflection
- 19:00 Dinner at the Guest House
- 20:00 The Nature and Role of Prophets

Sunday March 17

- 6:00 Optional early morning visit to the Holy Sepulchre
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Bi-lingual (Arabic and English) Service at St.
George's
Group Discussion: 'Abraham's Tent'
(Roots, Similarities, Differences: Texts of the 3
Faiths)
Lunch at the Guest House
Holocaust Memorial Museum: Yad Vashem
- 18:00 Refreshments and group reflection -
The nature and role of prophets
- 19:00 Dinner at the Guest House
Preservation of ancient sites in the current climate

Monday March 18

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Nazareth – Basilica of the Annunciation,
White Mosque: faith tensions discussion
Lunch at Mount of Beatitudes Guest House
Church of the Beatitudes, Capernaum,
Boat ride on Sea of Galilee
- 19:00 Reception at the Deanery, Final Dinner/Banquet

Tuesday March 19

- 7:30 Breakfast
Departures