

Retreat
Postponed
from 2024

SLOW JERUSALEM

A reflective week

Led by

The Rt Revd John Pritchard

5th - 12th May, 2025



A view of the Old City of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives

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I hope you might be interested in coming with me on a reflective week in this holiest of cities, 'Jerusalem the golden.' A week following Jesus in the place where his ministry reached its tragic and glorious climax should be deeply refreshing and reinvigorating for our faith.



Jerusalem is a busy and colourful place so it doesn't lend itself easily to a conventional retreat, so what I'm offering is what I call a 'reflective week' with time to linger in the places and ponder the events that lie at the heart of Christianity. It will be a gently guided week with plenty of space for our own discoveries. We'll stay within the walls of Old Jerusalem and take a carefully designed journey through the week, spending significant time, without rushing, in each of the special places of Jesus' last days there. We'll start in Bethlehem and go on to the Pools of Bethesda, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Upper Room, Caiaphas' house, the moving Via Dolorosa, the extraordinary Holy Sepulchre and the powerful Emmaus. We'll also go to the Western Wall, join local Palestinian Christians at the cathedral on Sunday, and go on a memorable night walk. There are many optional destinations for you to visit – I'll point out lots of them, and you'll find your own.

In the afternoons there'll be time for those options, return visits, reflection, reading, journalling and rest, or simply wandering down the streets and markets of this extraordinary, colourful city, stopping for coffee or fresh orange on the way, and pondering the last week of Jesus's life. There will also be space and time to consider the complex background to the conflicts that assail this holy city that's called by some 'the centre of the world.'

I hope you'll be tempted to come to Jerusalem for this unique experience, framed by worship and biblical reflection, as we explore the defining events of the Christian story. I'd love your company.

+John Pritchard

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THE GLORIA HOTEL - OUR RETREAT HOTEL

Gloria Hotel is Lightline's home in Jerusalem and is an excellent property of a high three star standard and is situated within the old city walls. The hotel offers comfortable accommodation in the historic heart of the Christian quarter of the old city. Located just inside the beautiful Jaffa Gate, overlooking the citadel and is just a few minutes' walk from all the major Christian and historical sites.

The hotel has recently undergone a major renovation and refurbishment and combines modern comforts with a chance to experience the atmosphere and history that the holy city has to offer. With 100 air-conditioned rooms all with modern en-suite bathrooms, satellite television and direct dial telephones and makes it the perfect place to be when exploring Jerusalem. An ideal place to stay where a person can find comfort and relaxation in an atmosphere which is calm and friendly.

With its large dining room, cozy bar and meeting rooms, the Gloria Hotel offers all the comfort that the modern traveler needs.

The Gloria hotel has been family run for almost 70 years offering pilgrims impeccable personal service and attention with a wealth of experience in the field of hospitality, the staff are friendly and efficient extending professional courtesy and warm service where it is needed.





This is the usual shape of the day:

8.00: *Breakfast*

9.00: *Morning Prayer with a Bible introduction to the theme of the day*

10.00: *Leave for visit to the day's particular site*

12.30: *Lunch*

Afternoon: Free for return visits, reflection, reading, prayer, journaling, wandering or rest

17.30: *Prayer and reflection on the day with further input on the day's theme*

19.00: *Dinner*

20.30: *Compline*





- By going in late April we get the best kind of weather. It will be delightfully warm but without the extreme heat of July and August.
- By going with Lightline and local agent Via Emmaus Tours we make sure that we benefit the Christian Palestinian economy as much as possible, mindful as we have to be that it's precisely the Palestinian Christians who are most trapped in the sad political turmoils of this sacred territory.
- By coming on this "Slow Jerusalem" you can be assured of an experience that will enrich your faith for the rest of your life.

We only have 25 places available so don't delay if you would like to come.
It will be my pleasure to accompany you on a retreat like no other.

+ John





TRAVELLING ON YOUR OWN

A large proportion of our passengers travel alone and object to expensive "single room" supplements. Please indicate this on your booking form (share twin-bedded room) and we will accommodate you with a person of the same sex also travelling alone and would also like to share a room. If we are unable to accommodate you in a shared twin, we will place you in single room at a cost of £3115. If you require single accommodation you should request this when booking and the appropriate price will apply.

PASSPORTS, VISAS & HEALTH

A full valid 10 year passport is necessary for all our tours. Check **NOW** that it is valid for the duration of your tour and validity runs for a further 6 months after your return to the UK. British passport holders will be issued a visa free of charge on arrival in the Holy Land. Holders of other passports please contact Lightline Pilgrimages on 01992 576065 for advice. At present no inoculations are required, however we advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

As this retreat involves a bit of walking and some of the terrain is not suited to people that require walking aides, or to people who depend on wheelchairs for mobility. By signing up for this pilgrimage, you are agreeing that you have noted this advice, and that you are fit enough to undertake the trip.

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INCLUSIVE COSTS

Twin Room per person - £2765 Shared Twin Room per person - £2765
Single Room per person - £3465

All Lightline tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.

- ✓ **Scheduled flights on British Airways from London Heathrow Airport**
London Heathrow / Tel Aviv BA 165 08:30/15:35
Tel Aviv / London Heathrow BA 164 16:50/20:30
Please note the above times are local and are subject to change
- ✓ **All airport departure & passenger taxes (UK & Israel).**
- ✓ **Accommodation at the Gloria Hotel.**
(Situated within the Christian Quarter of the Old City by Jaffa Gate)
All rooms are en-suite with air-conditioning
- ✓ **Full board basis (breakfast, lunch & dinner).**
- ✓ **All entrance fees and local government taxes.**
- ✓ **All touring in modern air-conditioned tourist coaches.**
- ✓ **Personal guiding audio-system headset.**

The only items not included in the tour cost are:

Travel insurance, Gratuities (£80) and any items of a personal nature (laundry & drinks etc).



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PASSENGER DETAILS. Please insert Lead Passenger details in the BLUE BOX SECTION.

Title Mr/Mrs	Given Names as Appears in passport	Surname	Nationality	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY	Passport Number	Expiry Date DD/MM/YYYY

LEAD PASSENGER DETAILS (All correspondence is sent to the lead passenger)

Address: _____
 _____ Post Code: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Please tick this box to confirm that you have read and agree to the booking conditions on behalf of all the passengers that are named above and at the time of booking no circumstances are known which are likely to lead to cancellation or the curtailment of the pilgrimage by any passenger. I understand all correspondence will be sent to my address.

Please tick this box if you would like to receive the occasional Newsletter by email.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACCOMMODATION (Please tick appropriate box)

- Twin Bed Room
- Shared Twin Room
- Single Room

REMARKS / SPECIAL DIET / ETC

We will ensure that our hotels and restaurants are advised, but special diets of any kind (including vegetarian, vegan, coeliac etc) can seldom be catered for adequately and we cannot guarantee we will be able to meet your requests.

TOUR PAYMENT

Deposit per person @ £250 = £

Total Enclosed = £

Please send the completed booking form together with your cheque to:

LIGHTLINE PILGRIMAGES LTD
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Your contract will be with Lightline Pilgrimages Limited. This contract comes into existence when we dispatch our confirmation invoice to the person who makes your booking.

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