

St George's College Jerusalem



**Retreat and Pilgrimage
31 August – 4 September 2025**

St George's College, Jerusalem

The Anglican Centre for Pilgrimage, Education, Hospitality, and Reconciliation

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Important Information

1. You should have your passport and visa (the small white and blue piece of paper you received at the airport) with you at all times during the course. Keep a photo of both on your phone as well.
2. There is no curfew, but please be wise and prudent. 24-hour security will let you onto the property and into the College building at all times.
3. WiFi service is available throughout the College.
Network: sgc / **Password:** stgeorge62
4. No food or drink (except water) in the lecture room.
5. Please enjoy the rooftop patio. No loud noise after 9pm.
6. Please take water on all trips.
7. Seat belts should be worn at all times on the bus.
8. Money and Valuables: There are pickpockets in the city. Don't keep excess cash or credit cards on you.
9. Please wear modest dress to all holy sites.

Women: Knees, shoulders, and elbows should be covered.

Men: No shorts; wear long trousers. Shirts covering shoulders.

Ultra-Modest Dress for the Haram esh-Sharif

Women: Long skirt reaching down to the ankles (skirts can be provided at the site). Blouse or shirt with sleeves extending to the wrist. Hair must be fully covered.

Men: Long trousers; shirt covering shoulders.

Sunday, August 31

- 14:00 Arrival / Check into rooms
- 16:00 Leave by van for the Mt of Olives
 - Overview from Mt of Olives
 - Place of the Ascension
 - Evening Prayer (Mt of Olives)
 - Walk down the Mt of Olives to Gethsemane
 - Note: Churches will be closed. Sunset at 19:00.
- 18:45 Depart for College by foot
- 19:30 Dinner with orientation (Guesthouse)

Monday, September 1

- 07:00 Breakfast (Guesthouse)
- 08:00 Morning (Opening) Eucharist
- 09:00 Retreat Programme (Lecture Room)
 - Retreat Message / Bonding Exercises
- 10:45 Leave by van for Bethlehem
 - Brief stop at Mt Sion
 - Church of the Dormition
 - Pentecost / Last Supper
 - Lunch (Bethlehem)
 - Separation Barrier
 - Church of the Nativity
 - Brief Free time in Bethlehem
- 17:00 Depart for Jerusalem
- 18:00 Evening Prayer
- 18:30 Dinner (Guesthouse)
- 19:30 Evening Programme (tbc)

Tuesday, September 2

- 06:45 Breakfast (Guesthouse)
- 07:15 Depart by van for the Galilee
- 10:00 Capernaum
- 11:00 Depart for Bethsaida
Discussion of the area without walking to site
- 11:40 Depart for the Church of the Multiplication
- 12:00 Visit Church of the Multiplication
- 12:15 Midday prayers (Benedictine Monastery)
- 12:30 Lunch (Benedictine Monastery of Tabgha)
Silent lunch
Followed by coffee and conversation with monks
- 14:15 Walk to Mensa Christi / Visit site (14:30)
- 15:00 Depart for Mt of Beatitudes / Visit site (15:15)
- 16:00 Depart for Jerusalem (via east side of lake)
Via Jordan River Valley / Judean Wilderness
- 18:45 Return to the College
- 19:15 Dinner (Guesthouse)

Wednesday, September 3

- 07:00 Breakfast (Guesthouse)
- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 08:00 Depart by foot for the Haram esh-Sharif
- 08:30 Tour of the Haram esh-Sharif
- 11:00 Pool of Bethesda / Service of Healing
- 12:30 Lunch (Ecce Homo Guesthouse)
Debrief the Haram esh-Sharif
Holy Sepulchre briefing
- 14:00 Via Dolorosa
- 14:45 Holy Sepulchre (until 15:45)
Free time in the Old City
Visit Western Wall (on your own)
Return on your own by foot to the College
- 18:00 Evening Prayer (Cathedral)
- 18:30 Dinner (Guesthouse)
- 19:30 Evening Programme (tbc)

Thursday, September 4

- 07:00 Breakfast (Guesthouse)
- 08:00 Morning (Closing) Eucharist (Cathedral)
- 09:00 Bishop Sean's final reflections (Lecture Room)
Lunch on your own
Departure



I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers'.

Psalm 122

You have come to the Holy City, and now return home in peace. Travel safely, and may . . .

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;*

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6