

JERUSALEM



The Mount of Olives gives an unrivalled vista of the Old City. Jesus knew it well, travelling over it on his walk from the Temple to Bethany.



Mount Zion – highest point in ancient Jerusalem. Pilgrims enjoy visits to the Upper Room (site of the Last Supper and coming of the Holy Spirit), Dormition Abbey (believed to be the site where the Virgin Mary “fell asleep,” and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (the appearance of Jesus before the high priest Caiaphas, the dungeon where Our Lord was imprisoned, and where Peter denied Jesus three times).



Before heading into the old city, pilgrims visit the Shepherds' fields where shepherds “kept watch over their flock” and where an angel announced the birth of Jesus.

The Mount of Olives is a location of several major sites for pilgrims.



Top (L-R): Church of the Ascension – where Jesus is believed to have ascended to Heaven; Church of Pater Noster – Recalls Christ's teaching of the Lord's Prayer; Chapel of Dominus Flevit – Commemorates when Jesus wept over the future of Jerusalem
Bottom (L-R): Garden of Gethsemane – where Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified; Church of St. Mary Magdalene; Church of All Nations – Built over the rock which Jesus is believed to have prayed in agony the night before he was crucified.

BETHLEHEM

BIRTHPLACE OF JESUS CHRIST



A star marks the place of Jesus' birth - The cave where the birth took place and where the manger stood can now be visited underneath the huge Basilica of the Nativity. This is the oldest complete church in the Christian world.



The Church of St. Catherine is the parish church for Bethlehem's Catholics.



In a cave beneath the Church of the Nativity, lies St. Jerome's cave, where he spent 30 years translating Scriptures from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. Close by is a cave identified as the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, said to be the burial place of infants killed by King Herod in his attempt to eliminate the newborn “King of the Jews”.

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