



McCabe
PILGRIMAGES



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

11-21 May 2020
With the Revd Mo Surrey

11 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee departing
from Manchester or Luton





have been many times before; there are always new sights and sounds to reflect upon. Reading the gospels will never be the same again and by visiting the Holy Land we are standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters there too. To have the chance to meet the 'living stones', the local Palestinian and Israeli Christians who are the ongoing, living church in the region, is humbling.

Our pilgrimage will include the sites where the most important events in Our Lord's life and ministry took place: in Jerusalem and the surrounding area and further north in Galilee. We hope that if you have never been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land before you will choose to join us and, if you have been before, we welcome you back. Our journey is a life changing as well as faith changing experience.

We invite you to journey with us and to share in this great opportunity to see those places we read of in the Scriptures.

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It is always very moving to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, there is so much to see and experience and learn together. St Jerome said: 'Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in books and the one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you.' We invite you to come and know this for yourselves whether you are new to the Holy Land or

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this pilgrimage is £2,045 sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities.

In Jerusalem we stay at the Golden Walls Hotel next to the Old City walls and within walking distance of the Holy Sepulchre. In Tiberias, we stay at the four star Ron Beach Hotel in a wonderful situation right on the lakeside.

The tour is on a full-board basis with buffet breakfast, lunch and table d'hôte evening meal included daily.

Touring is by air-conditioned coach and we are accompanied by a local guide who shares leadership responsibilities and looks after the formalities of hotel check-ins, etc.

All entrance fees are included as well as tips which are disbursed locally to those that help us on our journey.

Flights are direct to Tel Aviv either from Manchester or London Luton. **Please indicate on the booking form**

whether you require Manchester or Luton flights. All airport and security charges are included. A free visa is issued on arrival in Israel (please see back page).

A free visa is issued on arrival in Israel. Not included: the travel insurance premium is £59 to age 75 and £89 if older (no medical screening is required). Travel insurance is essential but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.

The optional excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea costs £70.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £525 but please read our note 'Travelling Alone' on the back page.

Any special requests should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is payable now with the balance payable eight weeks prior to departure.

Your final travel documents will be posted to you approximately two weeks before departure.



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place on this tour please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 plus the insurance premium of £59 / £89, to the tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday 11 May | TO THE HOLY LAND

Fly from Manchester or Luton:

easyJet flight EZY1827 departs Manchester at 12:55 and arrives in Tel Aviv at 19:30.

easyJet flight EZY2085 departs Luton at 12:30 and arrives in Tel Aviv at 19:30.

Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. Five night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel.

Tuesday | MT OF OLIVES & EIN KAREM

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. We visit Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel, and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. On to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu. Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House. We visit the Israel Museum to see the model of Ancient Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls and the village of Ein Karem for the Church of John the Baptist. We celebrate Communion back in Jerusalem on the hotel roof terrace.

Wednesday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Herodion, Herod's hilltop palace-fortress and burial place, before continuing to the Fields of the Shepherds. Lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre (BASR) with a talk about their work. In the afternoon we enter Manger Square and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Time for some shopping at the Bethlehem olive wood co-operative before heading back to Jerusalem.

Thursday | VIA DOLOROSA

We enter the Old City and visit St Mark's Syriac Church. We then ascend Temple Mount to view the El Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock before spending time at the Western Wall, where we see Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies. We walk to the Pools of Bethesda. Lunch at Ecce Homo convent

above the Lithostrotos. Walk along the Via Dolorosa through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We end the afternoon with Holy Communion at the Garden Tomb.

Friday | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

A free day in Jerusalem or join a full-day **OPTIONAL** excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea. We drive into the Judean wilderness to Herod's desert fortress of Masada, which we ascend by cable car. We have an opportunity to float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea before lunch in the Lot Hotel. On our way back to Jerusalem we call at Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery. Our final call is at Wadi Qelt for wonderful views of St George's Monastery. **Cost £70 including lunch. We will book you on the excursion unless you indicate otherwise on the booking form.**

Saturday | JERICHO TO TIBERIAS

We drive to Bethany and the church and tomb of Lazarus. We also include a visit to Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. Lunch outside at the Green Valley garden restaurant. Continue through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias, stopping en route to visit the Jordan River baptismal site on the River Jordan. **Five night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee.**

Sunday | NORTHERN GALILEE

We celebrate Communion in the hotel garden beside the lake and drive north to the biblical sites of Dan and Banias (Caesarea Philippi). Time for a walk through the reserve and for meditation and reflection. A leisurely lunch at the Lebanese Restaurant. We return to Tiberias via the Golan Heights (view the Damascus Road) with time to relax.

Monday | SEPPHORIS & NAZARETH

We visit the remains of ancient Sepphoris with its remarkable mosaics; an important city in Jesus' time. We then head to Nazareth

Village, a reconstruction of 1st Century Galilean life. A biblical-style lunch here and then visit the Synagogue Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation. Return to Tiberias stopping en route to visit Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

Tuesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: we drive to the Convent of Beatitudes and visit the church and garden commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection, and celebrate Communion on the shores of the lake at Tabgha. Continue to the ruins of Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. Lunch nearby at St Peter's lakeside restaurant. Sail across the Sea of Galilee from Nof Ginnosar, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax/swim.

Wednesday | FREE DAY

A free day beside the Sea of Galilee. **Lunch is not included today.**

Thursday 22 May | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and drive Mount Tabor which we ascend by mini-bus. We continue to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea Maritima, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and the aqueduct. After lunch at the Port Café, we continue to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our homeward flights.

easyJet flight EZY1828 to Manchester departs at 21:00 and arrives at 00:35.

easyJet flight EZY2086 to Luton departs at 20:25 and arrives at 23:50.

Please note the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions. Flight times can also be subject to alteration.

There will be quite a bit of walking on this pilgrimage. Please talk to the tour leader or call the McCabe office for advice if you are at all concerned.



OUR PILGRIMAGE

The McCabe Educational Trust

For many, meeting the 'Living Stones' of The Land becomes a real highlight of their pilgrimage. The McCabe Educational Trust is an independent registered charity with the aim of helping inspiring people we meet on pilgrimage. On your pilgrimage you will meet some of these people. As 'the haves' encounter the 'have nots' the Trust has become a practical tool for one to help the other.

McCabe Pilgrimages invite all travellers to become partners in this work. A £15 voluntary donation to the Trust's work is added to every pilgrim's invoice and all money raised in this way is given in full to the projects the Trust supports. This scheme is voluntary and confidential with nobody put under any pressure to participate.



TRAVELLING ALONE

Many of our passengers travel alone and object to expensive single room supplements. McCabe Pilgrimages will accept individual bookings on a 'guaranteed share' basis. We charge the basic price and accommodate you with a person of the same sex also requesting shared accommodation. If we do not find someone to share with you, you will be accommodated in a single room at only 50% of the usual single room supplement. For single travellers who do require single accommodation this should be requested when booking and, if available, the normal supplement will be payable.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after the time of this pilgrimage. If you need a new passport apply early as there can be considerable backlogs at the passport offices. A visa is issued free of charge on entering Israel and there are currently no further requirements for entering the Palestinian territories. If you are holding a non-British passport, or require further advice, please consult the McCabe office. No inoculations are required but we advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

A unique feature of the McCabe recommended policy is that you will not need to call a medical help line to discuss health issues. Most pre-existing health conditions are covered as long as your doctor agrees that you are fit to travel.

Travel insurance is arranged by **Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd** for **McCabe Travel Ltd** who are an Appointed Representative of Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our status can be checked on the FCA Register by visiting www.fca.org.uk or by contacting the FCA on 0845 606 9966. This Insurance is underwritten by ERV. ERV is authorised by the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BAFIN – www.bafin.de) and the Prudential Regulation Authority and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority.

It has been specifically designed so that it covers all McCabe holidays; protecting you in full if you have to cancel and providing you with the very best and most effective protection if you are unfortunate enough to require medical attention whilst away.

Standard exclusions apply and are listed on the summary document. Please check that you are not affected by the Main Health Exclusions. You will not be covered for any ongoing tests or treatment of an undiagnosed condition, or for any terminal illness, or if you claim as a result of a condition arising within the past twelve months.

Note that you will pay an excess of £1,000 on any claim that results directly from a pre-existing medical condition. In our experience a very few claims result from pre-existing medical conditions. With this policy you are covered with no declaration of health required.

A full policy wording will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking, or ask us and we will send you a copy now. Full details are also on our website. If you would like more information or are unsure of any details, please call Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd for further advice on 01903 235042. This insurance is only available to persons who are permanently resident in the UK.

AITO Quality Statement

McCabe Pilgrimages is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain's leading independent tour operators and encourages high standards of quality and service. McCabe abides by the Association's Code of Conduct and adheres to the AITO Quality Charter which can be viewed on www.aito.co.uk. Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.

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