



McCabe
PILGRIMAGES



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

20 - 29 November 2018
With Father Stephen Stavrou

10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee



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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 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.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this tour is **£1,895** sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. We stay in two family owned and managed hotels. In Jerusalem, the three star Golden Walls Hotel overlooks the Old City walls and is 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 will be accompanied by a local guide who will share leadership responsibilities and look after the formalities of hotel check-ins, etc. All entrance fees and gratuities are included.

Flights are with EL AL between London Heathrow Airport and Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are

included. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel.

We have included most expenses in the tour cost but some items are listed separately: the travel insurance premium is £59 to age 74 and £89 if older. No medical screening is required. Travel insurance is essential but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £475. Please see our note 'Travelling Alone' overleaf.

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 (if required) to your tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Tuesday 20 November | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. EL AL flight LY316 departs at 14:20 arriving at 21:10. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. **Six night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Wednesday | 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. We end the morning at the church of St Peter in Gallicantu. Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and drive to West Jerusalem and the village of Ein Karem where we visit the Church of John the Baptist. Continue to the Israel Museum to see the model of Ancient Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Thursday | JEWISH QUARTER & MT ZION

We enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall (where we also see the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies) stopping for a wonderful view of the Temple Mount (the El Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock). We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St Anne. Lunch at Ecce Homo convent above the Lithostrotos. We follow the Via Dolorosa through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Friday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem, starting in Beit Sahour and the Fields of the Shepherds. Lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre where we also hear 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 before heading back to Jerusalem.

Saturday | OLD CITY

We walk through the Old City to the Christian quarter where we visit the Syriac Church of St Mark, a traditional site of the Upper Room. We walk on through the Armenian quarter to Mount Zion where we visit the Dormition Abbey. We have lunch at Bulghourji Restaurant in the Armenian quarter and the afternoon is free for further exploration.

Sunday | WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

Some may wish to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the early morning to witness the variety of liturgy. We then have the opportunity to join with the local congregation at St George's Cathedral. Lunch at St George's Guest House. Afternoon visit to Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust.

Monday | JORDAN VALLEY TO TIBERIAS

We leave Jerusalem and drive first to Bethany where we briefly visit the church and the tomb of Lazarus before calling at Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We then continue to the desert oasis of Jericho where we view the Mount of Temptation and take an orientation tour around the town. Lunch at the Green Valley garden restaurant. We head north to Galilee through the Jordan Valley stopping en route at the Jordan River baptismal site. **Three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.**

Tuesday | NAZARETH

We drive to Mount Tabor, navigating its winding road by taxis to reach the beautiful Basilica of the Transfiguration with its magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon. We drive to nearby Nazareth where we visit the excavations under the Sisters of Nazareth guesthouse. After lunch

at the Holy Land Restaurant, we walk from Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well), via the Synagogue Church to the Basilica of the Annunciation. We return to Tiberias via Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

Wednesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: we start with Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base then continue to Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection. We visit Tabgha by the Sea of Galilee with the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Lunch at the Convent of the Beatitudes with a visit to the church and garden commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. We walk down to the lake and sail back across the Sea of Galilee to the hotel, returning by mid-afternoon to allow time to relax and swim.

Thursday 29 November | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and the aqueduct. Lunch at the Port Café by the sea. Continue to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our homeward flight LY317 which departs at 17:15 arriving back at London Heathrow Airport at 20:50.

Mass will be celebrated daily.

There will be quite a bit of walking. If you are concerned about this, please speak to the tour leader or call the McCabe office.



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.

This pilgrimage is ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority.

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