



McCabe
PILGRIMAGES



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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with the Revd Steve Rankin

Eight 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 is £2,325 per person sharing a room with ensuite bathroom. **For early bookings received by 15th August 2022, we offer a special rate of £2,175 saving £150 per person.**

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 right on the lakeside.

The tour is on a full-board basis with buffet breakfast, lunch and 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 are included as well as gratuities; these will be disbursed locally to those that help us on our journey.

Flights are with El Al between Manchester Airport and Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are included. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel (please see the back page).

Not included

Travel Insurance - this is essential. We require all travellers to have adequate cancellation and medical coverage for their trip. We will have a recommended policy for 2023/24 available soon for purchase, or you may choose to seek insurance elsewhere. Once we have received your booking, and once our policy is available, we will contact you to offer this insurance option. Until our policy is offered to you, should you need to cancel for medical/other reasons generally covered by insurance, we will

refund your deposit in full.

Single rooms are at a supplementary cost of £495.

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.

Please note that within 12 weeks of departure the price may fluctuate due to flights surcharges etc. If this arises, we will always discuss this with you before processing your booking.



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 per person to the tour leader/organiser. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Travel Ltd'. If you prefer to pay by card, please make a note on the booking form and McCabe will contact you to take the payment over the phone.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Manchester Airport. EasyJet flight EZY1827 to Tel Aviv departs at 12:55 arriving at 20:05. Transfer to Jerusalem.

Four night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the biblical sites we shall be visiting.

Tuesday | MT OF OLIVES & MT ZION

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. We walk down to visit Dominus Flevit Chapel and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. On to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, traditionally the site of the High Priest's house.

Lunch at Bulghourji Armenian restaurant in the Armenian Quarter. We then walk to the Western Wall and on to Mount Zion to see the Upper Room and David's Tomb.

Wednesday | VIA DOLOROSA

We walk through Zion Gate through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall and see the Temple Mount (el Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock). Continue to the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Crusader Church. Lunch at Ecce Homo convent and see the Lithostrotos below. We walk along the Via Dolorosa through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Thursday | BETHLEHEM

We head to Bethany to see the Church and Tomb of Lazarus as well as Jeel Al Amal Boys' Home, supported by the

McCabe Educational Trust. We then drive to the Bethlehem area to visit the Shepherds' Fields. Lunch at the Shepherds Valley Restaurant and then to Bethlehem and Manger Square where we visit the Basilica of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Optional visit to the Grotto or time to wander in Manger Square and visit the Bethlehem Peace Centre.

Friday | DEAD SEA TO GALILEE

We visit the Garden Tomb and then drive down to the Dead Sea, stopping en route at the Wadi Qelt to view St George's Monastery. Lunch and swim/float at Kalia Beach.

We head up the Jordan Valley to Tiberias via the Jordan River baptismal site (renewal of baptismal vows).

Three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.

Saturday | NAZARETH

We visit Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its magnificent views over the Plain of Armageddon. We then visit Nazareth Village, a recreation of 1st Century Galilee life, and stay here for a 'biblical style' lunch. Continue to the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Mary of Nazareth International Centre where we see the remains of an ancient house that archaeologists believe to

be from the village of Nazareth at the time of Jesus.

Sunday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRIES

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base, and Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection and the Convent of Beatitudes' church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount (Holy Communion).

Lunch at the convent and sail across the Sea of Galilee back to our hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

Monday | CAESAREA MARATIMA

We leave Tiberias and drive to the archaeological site of Megiddo, it's Tel revealing the remains of 20 layers of human habitation. We continue to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we have lunch in the Port Café before visiting the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. Our EasyJet flight EZY1828 to Manchester departs Tel Aviv at 21:00 arriving at 00:35.

The itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions and flight times may also be altered but are correct at the time of printing.

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

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AITO QUALITY STATEMENT

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