



McCabe
PILGRIMAGES



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

with the Revd Rob Powell

15-25 March 2021

11 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 £2,525 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 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 British Airways between London Heathrow Airport and Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are included. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel (see back page).

Not included:

travel insurance £70 up to age 75 and £126 age 76-90. **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 £565 but please read 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 (if required) to the tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday 15 March | TO THE HOLY LAND

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. British Airways flight BA165 departs at 08:05 and arrives Tel Aviv at 14:55. Transfer to Jerusalem. **Six night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Tuesday | BETHLEHEM

This morning we drive through the Judean hills to Herodion, Herod's desert palace. Then on to the Shepherds' Fields with some olive wood shopping at a local co-operative and a Bedouin-style lunch at the Shepherds' Tent restaurant. We enter Manager Square to visit the Church of the Nativity. We also plan to call at the al-Shurooq Blind School.

Wednesday | VIA DOLOROSA

We start our visits at the Garden Tomb (Holy Communion). We then enjoy a walking tour of the Old City entering by St Stephen's Gate and starting with the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Church. Lunch at Ecce Homo Convent and see the Lithostrotos. We walk along the Via Dolorosa visiting some of the stations of the cross en route to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We end our day with a visit to Pastor Mazen Nasrawi of the Jerusalem Alliance Church.

Thursday | TEMPLE MOUNT

We arrive at the Western Wall early and plan to go up onto the Temple Mount/Harem al-Sharif. Visit the Western Wall. Time for some shopping in the souks before lunch at the Notre Dame Centre. We drive to Bethany and the church and the Tomb of Lazarus. We then spend the rest of the afternoon at Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust.

Friday | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

We drive into the Judean wilderness to Herod's desert fortress of Masada and go up by cable car. Continue to Ein Gedi, where we walk through the nature reserve and float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea (optional). Lunch at the kibbutz. Visit to Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery and stop at the Wadi Qelt for views of St George's Monastery.

Saturday | THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

We spend the morning on the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the Holy City. We visit the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel, and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We end the morning at St Peter in Gallicantu, site of the High Priest's House. Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and continue to the Israel Museum to see the model of ancient Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls. We then plan to meet with people from *Musalaha*, a non-profit organisation committed to promoting reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis.

Sunday | COASTAL PLAINS TO GALILEE

We drive to the Roman capital of Caesarea on the Mediterranean and visit the restored theatre and the aqueduct. Lunch by the sea at the Port Café. We drive up on to the Carmel mountain range to visit the site of Muhraqa (associated with the Prophet Elijah) with a quick visit to the Bahai Gardens in Haifa (time permitting).

Four night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel right on the lakeside.

Monday | THE NORTHERN GALILEE

We drive to the rabbinical town of Safed and the archaeological site of Tel Dan. Continue to the biblical site of Banias (Caesarea Philippi) where we have time to walk through the nature reserve. Lunch at Kibbutz Hagoshrim and return south over

the Golan Heights back to Tiberias.

Tuesday | NAZARETH & BAPTISM

We start the day in Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle, and then drive to Mount Precipice above Nazareth, before continuing to Nazareth Village, a recreation of Galilean life in the 1st Century. Lunch here and then we walk through Nazareth from Mary's Well to the Synagogue Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation. We return to Tiberias stopping en route to visit Yardenit Baptismal Site on the River Jordan.

Wednesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We drive to the north of the lake and visit the ruins of Capernaum. After visiting Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection, we celebrate Holy Communion on the shores of the lake at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Drive up to the Mount of Beatitudes' church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. Lunch here in the convent and continue to Nof Ginosar to see the ancient fishing boat. We then sail across the Sea of Galilee back to the hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

Thursday 25 March | MOUNT TABOR

We head up to Mount Tabor in minibuses to visit the impressive Church of the Transfiguration. Continue to the site of Megiddo (biblical Armageddon) and then on to Ben Gurion Airport. British Airways flight BA164 departs at 16:35 and arrives back at London Heathrow Airport at 20:05. NB: lunch is not included today as we will be travelling to the airport.

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 special feature of the policy recommended by McCabe is that you do not need to declare medical conditions or call a medical screening service. Most pre-existing health conditions are covered as long as your doctor agrees that you are fit to travel.

We have arranged a holiday insurance policy underwritten by AWP P&C SA and administered in the UK by Allianz Global Assistance which is a trading name of AWP Assistance UK Limited, AWP Assistance UK Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. AWP P&C SA is duly authorised in France and the United Kingdom and subject to limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority. McCabe Travel Ltd is an Appointed Representative of Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (firm reference 305686) being permitted to advise and arrange general insurance contracts. Our status can be checked on the Financial Conduct Authority Register by visiting www.fca.org.uk or calling 0845 606 9966.

The policy 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 which is available on request. 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. If you have a medical condition, you must obtain verbal confirmation from your medical practitioner that there is no reason why you should not travel and you must ensure that this confirmation is recorded in your notes.

Note that you will be required to pay an excess of £1,000 on any claim that results directly from a pre-existing medical condition.

A full policy wording will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking, or ask us and we will send you a summary 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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