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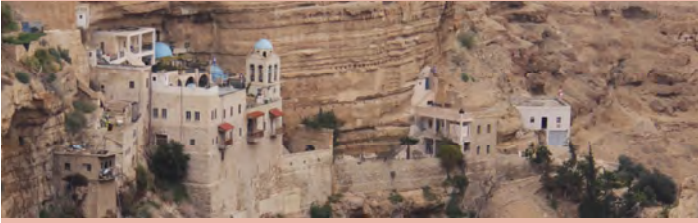
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A comprehensive 11-day pilgrimage  
to Israel and Palestine



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Travel with us to the Holy Land and let the Bible come alive as we meet the people and see the places of the gospel stories. The Holy Land is unique in offering so many

highlights and contrasts in such a compact area.

On our journey, we will visit places of pilgrimage and also meet the local Christian community, offering them our encouragement as we hear of the challenges they face.

Our pilgrimage is planned for August (during the UK school holidays), when the weather in the Holy Land will be very hot and sunny. Visits will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth and Capernaum, with free time for relaxation and reflection. We will walk along the Via Dolorosa, have the opportunity to float on the Dead Sea and ascend the Mount of Masada by cable car and sail on the Galilee.

There will be a fair amount of walking involved. This said, we are planning this pilgrimage to be accessible to all reasonably able-bodied pilgrims. If you are worried about this aspect, please speak to the tour leader.

*We are confident that this pilgrimage will not only be enjoyable, but also a spiritually enriching experience.*

## TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this tour is £1,795 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 are included.

Flights are with EL AL Israel Airlines between Luton Airport and Tel Aviv and returning from Tel Aviv to London Heathrow 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. Everybody travelling should be insured but some may have annual or another suitable insurance.

You should budget for an amount of £50 per person for a group gratuity fund which we will disburse locally to those who help us on our journey. The optional excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea costs £60.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £380. However, 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, to one of the tour leaders. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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# DAILY PROGRAMME



## Monday 17 August | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Luton Airport. EL AL flight LY313 departs at 13:00 arriving at 19:50. 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.**

## Tuesday | INTRODUCTION TO JERUSALEM

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. As we look across the Kidron Valley we see the Golden Gate, the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On the Mount of Olives we visit the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel (Holy Communion), St Mary Magdalene Church and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We lunch at St Andrew's Church of Scotland guest house. In the afternoon we drive to West Jerusalem and the village of Abu Ghosh (a possible site of Emmaus) where we visit the Benedictine monastery and Crusader church. We continue to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Ancient Jerusalem and see the Dead Sea Scrolls.

## Wednesday | JEWISH QUARTER & MT ZION

We enter the Old City through Herod's Gate and walk down to the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St Anne. We visit the Ecce Homo convent (above the Lithostrotos) and then follow the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We lunch in the Armenian Quarter at Bulghourji Restaurant. In the afternoon we walk through part of the Jewish Quarter along to the Western Wall stopping for a wonderful view of Temple Mount with the El Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. We end the afternoon at the Garden Tomb.

## Thursday | YAD VASHEM & BETHANY

We begin the morning at the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, a possible site of the High Priest's house. We then continue to Mount Herzl in West Jerusalem to visit the moving Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust. We lunch at the Kan Zaman restaurant in the Jerusalem Hotel. We then drive to Bethany

where we visit the church and the tomb of Lazarus before calling at Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust.

## Friday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory and begin our tour with a visit to the site of Herodion. We continue to the Shepherds' Fields (Holy Communion). Lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre with a chance to 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. We end the day with time to shop in an olive wood co-operative.

## Saturday | 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 return journey to Jerusalem we call at Qumran (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered). Our final call is at the Wadi Qelt to visit the monastery of St George. Cost £60 including lunch. We will book you on the excursion unless you indicate otherwise on the booking form.**

## 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 have the opportunity to visit the Temple Mount to see the Dome of the Rock and the el-Aqsa mosque. We then join with the local congregation at St George's Cathedral, where we remain for coffee and then lunch. In the afternoon we continue to the desert oasis of Jericho. We take the cable-car up the Mount of Temptation before continuing our journey up the Jordan Valley to Tiberias. **Four night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.**

## Monday | SEPPHORIS AND MT TABOR

We drive to Sepphoris, an important centre in 1st Century Galilee, to view the ruins and the beautiful Roman mosaics. We then continue to Mount Tabor (lunch in the convent on arrival), navigating its winding road by minibuses to reach the beautiful Basilica of the Transfiguration (Holy Communion) with its magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon.

## Tuesday | NAZARETH

We drive to nearby Nazareth where we visit Nazareth Village, a reconstruction of 1st Century Galilean life. After a Biblical style lunch there, 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 drive to the north of the lake and visit the ruins of Capernaum. We celebrate Holy Communion on the shores of the lake at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and, after visiting Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection), we drive up to the Convent of Beatitudes' church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. We have lunch at the Beatitudes convent and then drive to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar to sail back across the Sea of Galilee to the hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

## Thursday 27 August | CAESAREA MARITIMA

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and the aqueduct. After an early lunch in Jaffa at Abu Nasser by the sea, we 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 20:55.



# 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

McCabe will arrange comprehensive travel insurance cover for each passenger unless otherwise indicated on the booking form. We have negotiated the premium (see 'Tour Information' section inside for rate) which as well as offering full medical and baggage cover also gives cover against loss of deposits. Cover is arranged by Preferential Insurance Services Ltd and is underwritten by Optimum Underwriting Limited as underwriting agents for Ageas Insurance Limited. Optimum Underwriting Limited is authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority and Ageas Insurance Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. The policy wording sets out full details of cover and will be sent to you with your confirmation invoice. This document also acts as your insurance certificate so that your booking reference number is also your insurance policy number.

A special feature of the McCabe insurance is that there is no age limit. Please note it is a requirement that all insured persons must adhere to the Medical Health Requirements section on page 5 of the Policy wording document (which we will send you with your confirmation invoice). If you answer yes to any of the questions asked within this section you must contact the insurance **HELPLINE 0843 208 4256**. This is a confidential service that will decide whether or not this insurance is appropriate for you. If they decline to offer cover, or if you are unhappy with any aspect of the cover, you can return the policy within 14 days of issue and receive a full refund. In cases of difficulty, we have specialist insurers we can introduce you to. McCabe Travel Ltd is an appointed representative of Preferential Insurance Services Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) as are both Optimum Underwriting Ltd and Ageas Insurance Limited.

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