

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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A comprehensive 11-day pilgrimage based in
Jerusalem and Galilee departing from Manchester



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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 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 May, when the weather is sunny and warm and ideal for touring. Visits include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth and Capernaum, with free time for relaxation and reflection. We 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 is a fair amount of walking involved but we are planning this pilgrimage to be accessible to everyone. Please speak to one of the tour leaders if you are worried about this aspect of the trip.

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 £1,875 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 with easyJet between Manchester and Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are included. A

complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel.

Not included: Our travel insurance is £59 (no age limit and no medical screening required). It is essential you take out insurance cover but you may already have a suitable policy in place.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £435 but please see our note 'Travelling Alone' on the back page.

Please write any special requests, eg. dietary requirements, on your 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 the tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday 22 May | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Manchester Airport. easyJet flight EZY1827 departs at 12:55 arriving at 20:05. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. **Seven night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Tuesday | MT OF OLIVES & EIN KAREM

We drive to the Mount of Olives and begin our pilgrimage at Bethphage (Mass). As we look across the Kidron Valley we have a panoramic view of the Holy City and 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 Fleuit Chapel and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We drive to the village of Ein Karem, traditional birthplace of John the Baptist. Lunch at the Sisters of Zion Convent before going to the Church of the Visitation. We then visit the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the model of ancient Jerusalem.

Wednesday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem. We celebrate Mass in the Fields of the Shepherds in Beit Sahour and visit the Latin Rites Seminary in Beit Jala. After lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre, we enter Manger Square to visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Time for some shopping before heading back to Jerusalem.

Thursday | THE VIA DOLOROSA

We walk to the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St Anne. We visit Ecce Homo convent (Mass) and see the Lithostrotos. We then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Lunch at the Bulghourji Restaurant before continuing to Mount Zion for the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the Dormition Abbey and Upper Room. We end the day at the Western Wall.

Friday | AUDIENCE WITH THE PATRIARCH

We spend the morning at the Latin Patriarchate in the Old City where we visit the Latin Patriarch, His Beatitude Fouad Twal, and celebrate Mass. Lunch at the Nafoura Restaurant near Jaffa Gate and then we visit el-Qubeibeh (a possible site of Emmaus).

Saturday | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

Morning Mass in the Franciscan chapel on Mount Zion. We drive into the Judean wilderness and take the cable car up to Herod's desert fortress of Masada. We continue to the Lot Hotel by the Dead Sea where we have the chance to float in its therapeutic waters before lunch. On our way back to Jerusalem we stop at Qumran (site of the Essenes - and where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered).

Sunday | THE LORD'S DAY IN JERUSALEM

An early morning walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for morning Mass in the Chapel of the Crucifixion (07.00). Return to the hotel for breakfast. The rest of the day is free for shopping and revisiting sites. Lunch at the Notre Dame Centre.

Monday | BETHANY & JERICHO

We leave Jerusalem for Bethany where we visit the church (Mass) and tomb of Lazarus. We continue via the Wadi Qelt, for a spectacular view of St George's Monastery. We then proceed to Jericho to see the Mount of Temptation and take an orientation tour around the town. Lunch at al-Rawdah garden restaurant. We stop to spend time at the Qasr el-Yahud baptismal site on the Jordan River before continuing to **Tiberias for our three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel on the Sea of Galilee.**

Tuesday | NAZARETH & MOUNT TABOR

We stop in Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle and then on to Nazareth where we visit Nazareth Village, a living history museum of

1st Century Galilean life. We continue to the Synagogue Church. Lunch at the Holy Land Restaurant followed by our visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation nearby (Mass). On our way back to Tiberias, we visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor and enjoy magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon.

Wednesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We start with Magdala, birthplace of Mary Magdalene, and then drive to Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection). We celebrate Mass by the Sea of Galilee at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and visit the Church of St Peter. We continue to the ruins of Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. Lunch at the Convent of the Beatitudes with a visit to the church and gardens commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. We then sail from Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar back to the Ron Beach Hotel.

Thursday 1 June | HOME

We leave Tiberias and return to the Mount of Beatitudes for our final pilgrimage Mass in the gardens. We then continue to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea to visit the amphitheatre, the Herodian Palace and the aqueduct. Lunch by the harbour at the Port Café. On to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, for our homeward easyJet flight EZY1828 which departs at 21:00 arriving back at Manchester Airport at 00:35.

Please note

After dinner one evening, we will go to the Garden of Gethsemane for Holy Hour at 8pm.

The itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions.



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 229 380. This insurance is only available to persons who are permanently resident in the UK.

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