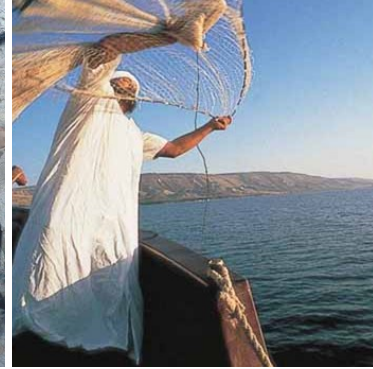




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PILGRIMAGES



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29 February - 7 March 2024

8 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 £2,509 price is per person based on sharing a double or twin room with ensuite bathroom.

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 shore of the Sea of Galilee.

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 checks, 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 easyJet 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 2024 available soon for purchase, or you may choose to seek insurance elsewhere.

Single rooms: are at a supplementary cost of £595. For single travellers who do require single accommodation this should be requested when booking and, if a single room is available, the supplement will be payable.

TRAVELLING ALONE

Many of our passengers travel alone and are willing to share a twin room. We accept a limited number of 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.

Special Requests: should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is payable now with the balance payable twelve weeks prior to departure.

Final Travel Documents: will be posted to you two weeks before departure.

Late Bookings: please note that for bookings made within 12 weeks of departure, the price may increase due to the fluctuating cost of flights. 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 £350 per person to Rev'd Mike Green. 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



Thursday 29 February | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Manchester Airport at 09:25. easyJet flight EZY1827 to Tel Aviv departs at 12:25 arriving at 19:35. Transfer to Jerusalem.

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

Friday | MOUNT OF OLIVES

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. We walk down to visit Pater Noster and Dominus Fleuit Chapel. We then walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations where we will have Holy Communion. After lunch, we visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, traditionally, the site of the High Priest's house. We end the day at the Western Wall for the start of the Jewish Sabbath.

Saturday | WALKING THE OLD CITY

We enter the walled city through Herod's Gate and begin our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Church. We then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Lunch and visit at Christ Church. Afternoon options to continue walking through the Armenian Quarter with Vespers at St James', then towards the Upper Room and through the Jewish Quarter - or free time.

Sunday | BETHLEHEM

Optional early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to witness the variety of liturgy.

There'll also be an opportunity to worship with the local congregation at St George's Cathedral. Today we hope to visit and have lunch at Al Shurooq Blind School, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We then continue to Bethlehem. We visit Manger Square, the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Time for some shopping in an olivewood co-operative before returning to Jerusalem.

Monday | JERICHO & JORDAN VALLEY

We leave Jerusalem and drive first to Bethany to visit Jeel al-Amal Boy's Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We call at Wadi Qelt before we continue to the desert oasis of Jericho where we have lunch at the Rawditna View Restaurant with an orientation tour around the town, including viewing the Mount of Temptation. We continue to Tiberias via 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 | SEPPHORIS & NAZARETH

We drive to Sepphoris, the major city in the Galilee in the 1st century, for a visit. Continue to Nazareth and lunch at the Holy Land restaurant. Afternoon walk from the Basilica of the Annunciation, via the Synagogue Church, to St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well). 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, Jesus' Galilean base. After visiting Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection, and Tabgha (Eucharist). We visit the Convent of Beatitudes' church and garden commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. Lunch here in the guest house and sail on the Sea of Galilee before we return to our hotel.

Thursday 7 March | CAESAREA

We collect our packed lunch, leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast to the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. We drive to Jaffa for some free time before we continue to Ben Gurion Airport. easyJet flight EZY1828 to Manchester departs Tel Aviv at 20:30 arriving at 00:15.

Please note the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions. Flight times may also be subject to alteration 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.



GENERAL INFORMATION

THE MCCABE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

For many, meeting the 'Living Stones' of The Holy 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.



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PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond the end 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 relevant embassy. No inoculations are required but we advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

HOLIDAY INSURANCE FOR 2024 DEPARTURES

We require all travellers to have adequate cancellation and medical coverage for their trip, whether you book it through McCabe or independently.

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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