

SEEKING THE PROMISED LAND

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Renewing relationships in the Holy Land



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Clergy familiarisation pilgrimages are a central feature of our work at McCabe. You are welcome to participate whether or not you are actively planning to take your parish on pilgrimage. We believe the experience will greatly enhance your ministry, whether or not you continue to the next step and plan a parish pilgrimage. We conduct these tours as an actual pilgrimage with prayers and readings at the sites and featuring strongly an interaction with members of the local Christian community.

These two pilgrimages are currently open for reservations on the dates above. Do consider joining us, seeing The Land and getting to know more about McCabe and the pilgrimages we have been arranging over the past twenty five years. **Note that the figure of £449 is refundable if you later lead a party with us.**

These pilgrimages are open to clergy and those training for the ministry (and spouses) only and is the ideal preparation for organising a pilgrimage from your own parish.

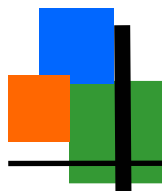


TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of a leaders pilgrimage is £449 sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. (Please note that this figure is refundable should you subsequently take a group from your church with us). Accommodation is at the two recommended McCabe Holy Land hotels. In Jerusalem we are being hosted by Fahmi Nashashibi for a four night stay at the Golden Walls hotel overlooking the walls of the Old City. In Tiberias we are the guests of the Amsalem brothers at the Ron Beach hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The pilgrimage is on a full-board basis with breakfast, lunch and evening meal included daily. Touring is by air-conditioned coach hosted by Nazareth Coach Company and entrance fees of sites mentioned are included. Leadership will be shared between local guide, McCabe staff and the spiritual leader. EL AL are participating in our experience with reduced flight costs. Visas are not required for British passport holders. **McCabe will arrange, on request, connecting flights from regional airports to London Heathrow at the best available rates.**

We have a limited number of "spouse" places available at the still reasonable price of £499. Travel insurance is not included in the sum above. McCabe's insurers, Preferential, are offering a reduced premium of £29 for this holiday (subject to no pre-existing complaints). You should budget on an amount of £30 per person for a group gratuity fund which will be collected and disbursed locally to those who help us on our journey. Single rooms are available at a supplementary charge of £110. Any special requests should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is payable at the time of booking and the balance is then payable 8 weeks prior to departure.



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place on a tour please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £100 plus the insurance premium of £29, if required, to the McCabe office. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME

Wednesday JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

We travel on EL AL Airlines from Heathrow to Tel Aviv on flight LY 316 departing at 1535 hours and arriving at 2215 hours. Transfer on arrival to our hotel in Jerusalem. **Four night stay at the Golden Walls hotel close to the Old City and the Biblical sites we will be visiting.**

Thursday AN 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. We begin at the Dome of the Ascension and then walk down to the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Fleuit Chapel (where we celebrate the Eucharist), continuing to the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We enter the walled city and finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and Church of St Anne. After lunch at the Ecce Homo convent (where we view the Lithostrotos), we follow the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We end the afternoon with an optional visit to the Garden Tomb.

Friday EIN KAREM & MEET THE PEOPLE

We drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of St John the Baptist, where we visit the Church of St John the Baptist. We then continue to the Israel Museum where we view a model of ancient Jerusalem and see the Dead Sea Scrolls (which are housed within the Shrine of the Book). We have lunch at the Jerusalem Hotel. In the afternoon we drive to Bethany where we call at the church and the tomb of Lazarus. We also visit the nearby childrens' homes of Jeel al-Amal and Lazarus, both supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We end our afternoon at the Western (Wailing) Wall, the holiest site for Jews, as the Sabbath begins.



Saturday BETHLEHEM



We cross into Palestinian territory as we journey to Bethlehem. We visit the Fields of the Shepherds in Beit Sahour where we also call at the olive wood co-operative. We then

visit Herod's desert palace-fortress at Herodion. We have a late lunch at the Bethlehem Arab Rehabilitation Centre (supported by the McCabe Educational Trust) and in the afternoon visit Manger Square to call at the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves.

Sunday A DESERT EXPERIENCE



Some of you may wish to visit the Holy Sepulchre in the early morning to witness the variety of liturgies. After breakfast, we have opportunity to walk down to the Western Wall

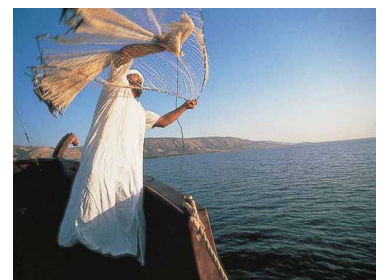
and the Temple Mount to visit the Dome of the Rock and el-Aqsa Mosque. We then attend the service at St George's Anglican Cathedral. We leave Jerusalem and drive via the desert monastery of St George in Wadi Kelt to Jericho. Here we have a late lunch at al-Rawdah Restaurant and take a cable-car ride up to the Mount of Temptation. We continue north to Tiberias. **Three night stay at the Ron Beach hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.**

Monday NAZARETH

We begin our day at the site of Sepphoris. Here we spend time exploring the extensive remains and the beautiful mosaics. We then continue to Nazareth where we call at the Nazareth Village. We lunch at St Margaret's Anglican Guest House and in the afternoon visit St Gabriel's (Orthodox) Church (Mary's Well), the Synagogue Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation. We return to Tiberias via Cana-in-Galilee.

Tuesday THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We sail to the north of the lake and visit the ruins of Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. We continue to Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection) and celebrate the Eucharist on the shores of the lake at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Lunch is at the Convent of the Beatitudes. Here, we visit the church and garden which commemorate the Sermon on the Mount. The remainder of the afternoon is free to draw together strands of our pilgrimage and relax around the hotel.



Wednesday HOMEWARD BOUND

A very early start as we drive to Ben Gurion Airport for our return EL AL flight LY 315 which departs at 1015 hours arriving into London Heathrow Airport at 1335 hours.

During the tour we intend to fit in at least one evening speaker to learn something of the current situation.



OUR PILGRIMAGE

THE HOTELS WE USE

McCabe pilgrims are generally accommodated at the Golden Walls hotel in Jerusalem and the Ron Beach Hotel in Tiberias. These hotels offer excellent standards and have been our solid partners since McCabe was founded twenty five years ago. We receive priority with reservations and the staff are absolutely familiar with your needs. In our opinion these are the ideal bases for a successful Holy Land pilgrimage.

An alternative choice in Jerusalem is the Notre Dame Centre or St. Andrew's Guest House. In Tiberias there is the option to stay at the newly refurbished Scots hotel (price supplements are payable for these hotels, the amount depending on the season).

Look at the Links section on our website to explore the hotel websites.

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 Groupama Insurance Company Limited – each aforementioned organisation is authorised and regulated by The Financial Services Authority (FSA). 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, however, 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 [HELPLINE 0845 250 5220](tel:08452505220). 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.

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PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH

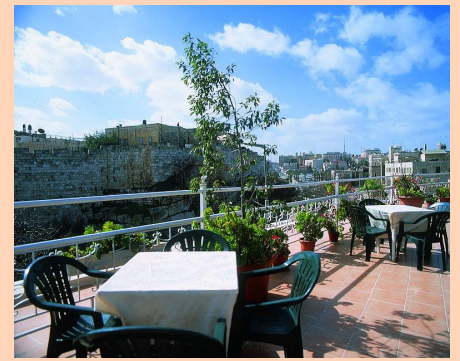
Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after the time of this pilgrimage. If you need a new passport apply early as there can be considerable backlogs at the passport offices. A visa is issued free of charge on entering Israel and there are currently no further requirements 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. We, however, do advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

KEY PLANNING DATES

We pay flight supplements around Easter and the main Jewish holidays of Pessach, Rosh Hashanah and Succot and sometimes hotel supplements. Occasionally, we can fly in the middle of a holiday without extra charge but do avoid travel on the few days preceding or ending a major holiday. The Easter peak generally starts a few days before Palm Sunday and ends Easter day itself. A detailed list of holidays can be found in the McCabe pilgrimage planning document.

AITO Quality Statement

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