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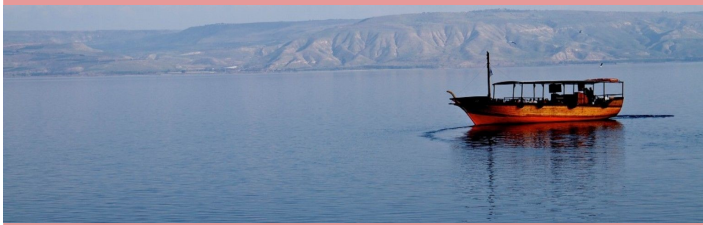


A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

With Bishop Stephen Conway
7 - 16 May 2024

10 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 £3,499 per person based on sharing a double or twin 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 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 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 EL AL Israel Airlines direct between London Heathrow 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. Once we have received your booking, and once our policy is available, we will contact you to offer this insurance option.

Single rooms: are at a supplementary cost of £759. 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 eight 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 McCabe Pilgrimages. 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 staff will contact you to take the payment over the phone. **To view our booking conditions, please visit our website: www.mccabe-travel.co.uk**

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Tuesday 7 May | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. El Al flight LY316 to Tel Aviv departs at 15:20 and arrives at 22:05. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem.

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

Wednesday | MT OF OLIVES & EIN KAREM

We drive to the Mount of Olives with its panoramic view of the walled city. We visit Dominus Flevit Chapel, and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. On to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, traditionally, the site of the High Priest's house.

After lunch at St Andrew's Guest House, we head to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. We continue to the Israel Museum to see the model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Thursday | VIA DOLOROSA

Enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall and view the Temple Mount (El Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock). We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Crusader Church. Lunch at Ecce Homo convent and see the Lithostroto.

We walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and end the day at the Garden Tomb.

Friday | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

We join an excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea. We drive into the Judean wilderness to Herod's desert fortress and go up by cable car.

Then an opportunity to float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea before lunch at the Lot Hotel.

On our return journey to Jerusalem we call at Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery, and the Wadi Qelt to view the desert Monastery of St George.

Saturday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit to Al-Shurooq School for the Blind. Continue to the Fields of the Shepherds and visit a local olive wood co-operative. Lunch at the Shepherd's Tent restaurant. Afternoon visit to Manger Square and the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. We head back to Jerusalem, stopping at the Western Wall as the Jewish Sabbath ends.

Sunday | WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

Optional early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We then join the local congregation at St George's Cathedral. Lunch at St George's Guest House. Afternoon visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Remembrance Centre.

Monday | JORDAN VALLEY TO TIBERIAS

We leave Jerusalem and drive to Jericho and lunch at the al-Rawdah restaurant. We take an orientation tour around the town and view the Mount of Temptation. Continue to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee via the River Jordan baptismal site of Qasr el-Yahud.

Three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life.

Tuesday | NAZARETH

We drive to Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the plain of Armageddon. Continue to Nazareth Village, a living history of 1st century Galilean life, where we stay for a 'biblical' style lunch.

We walk from Mary's Well to the Synagogue Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation and return to Tiberias via Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

Wednesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

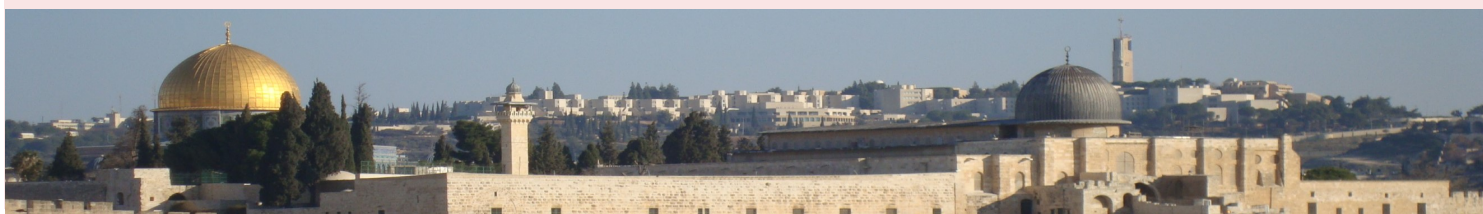
Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: the ruins of Capernaum; Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes with Holy Communion by the lakeside; Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection, and the Mount of Beatitudes' church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. Lunch here in the convent and sail on the Sea of Galilee before we return to the hotel.

Thursday 16th May | HOME

We leave Tiberias and drive to Abu Ghosh, a possible site of Emmaus. Here we visit the Crusader church attached to the Benedictine monastery. Lunch at the Elvis Café. Continue to Ben Gurion Airport for flight LY317 to London Heathrow which departs at 17:20 and arrives at 20:45.

Please note the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions and flights can 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.



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

This is essential. 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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