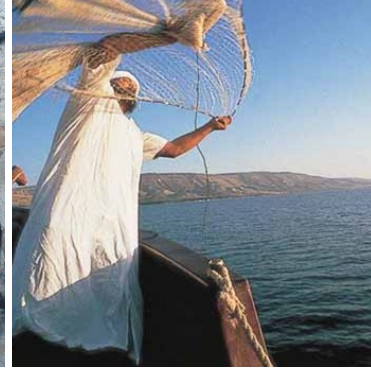




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A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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Tuesday 16th – Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Eight 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 one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you.'

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost is £1,795 sharing a twin-bedded/double room with ensuite bathroom.

We stay in two family owned and managed hotels. In Jerusalem, the Golden Walls Hotel overlooks the Old City walls and is within walking distance of the Holy Sepulchre. In Tiberias, we stay at the Ron Beach Hotel right on the lakeside.

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 tips to guide, driver, hotels, etc. Flights are with easyJet direct from Luton to Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are included. A free visa is issued on arrival at Tel Aviv

(but please read the back page).

Not included:

our travel insurance is £64 up to age 75 at the time of purchase and £113 age 76-90. **No medical screening is required.**

Travel insurance is essential but you may have annual or another suitable insurance you prefer to use.

As part of the London District's theme, Woven, we invite you to join us and discover for yourselves the setting of some of the most important events in the life and ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ: in Jerusalem, the surrounding area and further north in Galilee. Others that have been describe it as a trip of a lifetime. Your understanding of the gospels will never be the same again and by visiting the Holy Land we are standing in solidarity and weave ourselves into the lives of our sisters and brothers there too. Whether you are new to the Holy Land or have been many times before; there are always new sights and sounds to reflect upon.

This eight day trip will transform your interaction with Scripture into a lively experience that fills all the senses. Join other London Methodists to experience the story of our faith, interact with the local Palestinians and Israeli Christians and see the sites mentioned in the Scriptures.

Single rooms are at a supplementary cost of £425. Please see 'Travelling Alone' overleaf if you prefer to share. Any special requests should be noted on the booking form.

A deposit is payable now with the balance payable up until 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 please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 per person plus the relevant insurance premium to the tour leader/organiser. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'. 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



Tuesday | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Luton Airport. EasyJet flight EZY2085 to Tel Aviv departs at 12:30 and arrives at 19:30. Transfer to Jerusalem.

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

Wednesday | JERUSALEM

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. 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.

Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and afternoon drive to West Jerusalem and the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. We continue to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Ancient Jerusalem and see the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Thursday | THE OLD CITY

We enter the walled city and begin our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and Church of St Anne. We then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Lunch at Bulghourji Restaurant in the Armenian Quarter.

Afternoon walk from Mount Zion and the Upper Room to the Western Wall viewing Temple Mount (Dome of the Rock and el Aqsa mosques). We end the day at the Garden Tomb close to our hotel.



Friday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit the Shepherds' Fields (Eucharist). On to the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre to meet the staff and hear about their work. We stay here for lunch.

Afternoon visit to Manger Square and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Time for some shopping before we return to Jerusalem.

Saturday | TO GALILEE

Leaving Jerusalem, we drive to Bethany to visit the church and tomb of Lazarus, as well as Jeel al Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust.

Lunch in Jericho at the Green Valley 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.**

Sunday | LAKESIDE MINISTRIES

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base; and Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection. We visit the Convent of Beatitudes' church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount (Eucharist).



Lunch at the convent and sail back across the Sea of Galilee to the hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

Monday | NAZARETH

We drive to Nazareth via Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle. We continue to Nazareth and walk from St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well), via the Synagogue Church to the Basilica of the Annunciation. We then visit Nazareth Village, a recreation of 1st Century Galilee life, and stay here for a biblical style lunch. In the afternoon we drive up Mount Tabor to the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the Plain of Armageddon.

Tuesday | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast to the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. Packed lunch en route to Ben Gurion Airport. EasyJet flight EZY2084 to Luton departs Tel Aviv at 15:10 and arrives at 18:45.

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.



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 235042. This insurance is only available to persons who are permanently resident in the UK.

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.

This pilgrimage is ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority.

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