

INTRODUCING THE HOLY LAND

23-30 January 2020 - Fly direct from Manchester

An opportunity for clergy to research and plan for a parish pilgrimage



Eight days of guided pilgrimage leadership
in Jerusalem and Galilee



McCabe
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A CLERGY INTRODUCTORY PILGRIMAGE

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This is an invitation to visit the Holy Land and see first hand the work of McCabe Pilgrimages and the McCabe Educational Trust.

It is absolutely the best preparation and introduction to the idea of leading a parish pilgrimage. We don't mind if you are actively planning a parish trip or if you would just like to come along for the experience; either way, you will be very welcome. Central to the McCabe vision is a commitment to introducing church leaders to the Land of the Bible. We believe that your ministry will be enhanced beyond measure.

We conduct these experiences as an actual pilgrimage with prayers and readings at the sites and we feature visits to at least two projects supported by The McCabe Educational Trust. Please do consider joining us.

The basic pilgrimage cost of £595 is refundable if you organise and lead a future parish pilgrimage with us.

Eligibility is restricted to clergy and those training for the ministry and their spouses.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost is heavily subsidised at £595 per person sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities and is fully refundable if you decide in the future to take your church on pilgrimage. Spouses are welcome at a cost of **£715**.

We stay in our two recommended pilgrimage hotels: in Jerusalem Fahmi Nashashibi hosts us for a four night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel overlooking the walls of the Old City and close to all the biblical sites we'll be visiting. In Tiberias we are the guests of the Amsalem brothers at the Ron Beach Hotel right by the Sea of Galilee.

We have made this experience comprehensive and inclusive. All visits with entrance fees are included as are tips to driver, guide, hotels, etc, and all meals.

Nazareth Coach Company provides air-conditioned coaches and leadership will be shared between an

experienced McCabe pilgrimage organiser from the UK and one of our team of local Christian guides. Flights are direct to Tel Aviv with easyJet from Manchester.

Visas are not required for British passport holders. Please contact us if you are a non-British passport holder as you may need to apply for a visa in advance.

NOT INCLUDED

Travel Insurance - we are offering a reduced premium of **£49** for this educational trip with no need to declare pre-existing conditions.

Single rooms - we've managed to significantly reduce the cost of the single supplement for this special introductory pilgrimage. The supplement for a single room is **£150**. 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 eight weeks prior to departure.

Final departure information will be posted to you approximately two weeks before you travel.



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 per person plus the insurance premium (if required) to McCabe Pilgrimages. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'. Or please call us if you prefer to book over the phone.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Thursday 23 January | JERUSALEM

We meet at Manchester Airport. easyJet flight EZY1827 departs at 12:30, arriving Tel Aviv at 19:40. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. **Four night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the biblical sites.**

Friday | MT OF OLIVES & MT ZION

We start with the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist and visit the church there. Continue to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Ancient Jerusalem and see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Lunch and Eucharist at St Andrew's Guest House. We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. Visit Dominus Fleuit Chapel, the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, traditionally, the site of the High Priest's house. We end our afternoon at the Western Wall, the holiest site for Jews, as the Sabbath begins at 16.30.

Saturday | THE VIA DOLOROSA

We begin with a visit to the Garden Tomb. We then enter the walled city by the Pool of Bethesda and Church of St Anne. We follow the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Lunch at Bulghourji restaurant in the Armenian Quarter and drive to Bethany. Visit the church and tomb of Lazarus as well as Jeel al-Amal boys' home supported by the McCabe Educational Trust.



Sunday | BETHLEHEM

Optional early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to witness the variety of liturgy. After breakfast, we attend the 9:30am service at St George's Anglican Cathedral and then drive to Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Fields. Lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre with a chance to hear about their work. Visit Manger Square, the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves with time for some olivewood shopping before returning to Jerusalem.

Monday | JERICHO & JORDAN VALLEY

We Leave Jerusalem for Jericho stopping en route at the Wadi Qelt to view St George's desert monastery. Lunch in Jericho. We view the Mount of Temptation and continue north through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias stopping en route at 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 | MT TABOR & NAZARETH

We drive to Mount Tabor, navigating its winding road in taxis to reach the beautiful Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the Plain of Armageddon.

Continue to Nazareth Village, a recreation of 1st Century Galilee life, where we stay for a 'biblical style' lunch. We walk from St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well) to the Synagogue



Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation returning 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 then sail across the Sea of Galilee back to our hotel, returning mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

Thursday 30 January | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and drive to Mt Carmel to the Mukhraka, to recall the prophet Elijah. We have beautiful views over Haifa bay, continuing to Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the Holy Land, for a lunch break by the sea. And visits to the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct.

Lunch at the Port Café restaurant and drive to Ben Gurion Airport. easyJet flight EZY1818 departs at 20:35 arriving into Manchester Airport at 00:20 (31/1).

Please note the programme may be subject to change due to local conditions.



OUR PILGRIMAGES

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 invites 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 but want to avoid paying 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 special feature of the policy is that you do not need to declare medical conditions or call a medical screening service. Most pre-existing health conditions are covered as long as your doctor agrees that you are fit to travel.

We have arranged a holiday insurance policy underwritten by AWP P&C SA and administered in the UK by Allianz Global Assistance which is a trading name of AWP Assistance UK Limited, AWP Assistance UK Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. AWP P&C SA is duly authorised in France and the United Kingdom and subject to limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority. McCabe Travel Ltd is an Appointed Representative of Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (firm reference 305686) being permitted to advise and arrange general insurance contracts. Our status can be checked on the Financial Conduct Authority Register by visiting www.fca.org.uk or calling 0845 606 9966.

The policy 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 which is available on request. 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. If you have a medical condition, you must obtain verbal confirmation from your medical practitioner that there is no reason why you should not travel and you must ensure that this confirmation is recorded in your notes.

Note that you will be required to pay an excess of £1,000 on any claim that results directly from a pre-existing medical condition.

A full policy wording will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking, or ask us and we will send you a summary 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.

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