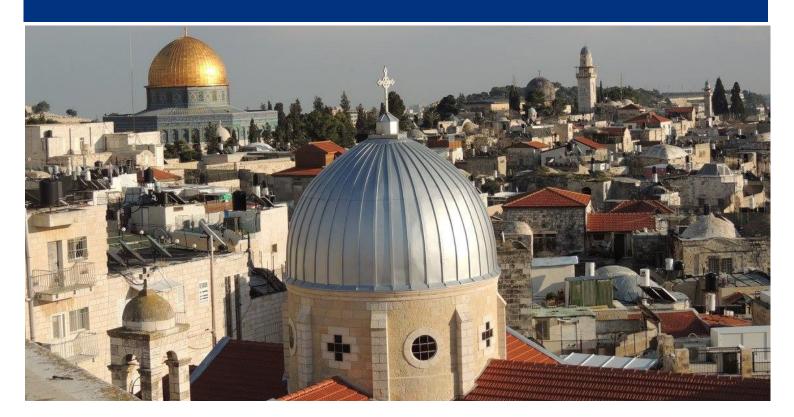


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It is always very moving to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, there is so much to see and experience and learn together. St Jerome said: 'Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in books and the one you will find in the land they 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 £2,875 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, lunches and evening meal included daily. Touring is by airconditioned 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 EI Al 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 journey. We recommend the policy with Holiday Extras who offer a comprehensive policy as well as yearly policies that also cover short UK overnight stays. See the back cover for details.

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.

Special Requests: should be noted on the booking form.

Payments: A deposit is payable now.

50% of the booking is due 6 months prior to departure, the final balance is due at 12 weeks.

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 (we accept Visa and Mastercard only), please call us or you can book on line from our website.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday 15 January | TO JERUSALEM We meet at London Heathrow Airport. El Al flight LY316 to Tel Aviv departs at 14:20 and arrives at 21:05. Transfer to Jerusalem.

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

Tuesday | MOUNT OF OLIVES

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. We visit Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel, and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. On to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the site of the High Priest's house. Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and afternoon drive to the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. Continue to the Israel Museum.

Wednesday | THE OLD CITY

Enter the Old city through Herods Gate. We visit the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Church. We see the Lithostrotos and lunch at the Ecce Homo convent. We then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and end the afternoon at the Garden Tomb.

Thursday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem, starting with the Fields of the Shepherds (Eucharist). We lunch at the Shepherds' Tent restaurant before we continue to Bethlehem. Afternoon visit to Manger Square, the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. We return to Jerusalem and enter the Old City via Dung Gate and walk the Western Wall, stopping for a close view of the Temple Mount (the El Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock).

Friday | JORDAN VALLEY TO TIBERIAS

Leaving Jerusalem, we drive via the desert monastery of St George in Wadi Qelt to Jericho. Lunch at the al-Rawdah restaurant and an orientation tour around Jericho, including viewing the Mount of Temptation. We continue to Tiberias stopping en route at the site on the Jordan River where Jesus was baptised by John (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 and ministry.

Saturday | LAKESIDE MINISTRIES

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We visit the ruins of Capernaum; Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes; 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 at a local restaurant. We walk down to the lake and sail on the Sea of Galilee before we return to our hotel to relax and swim.

Sunday | NAZARETH

We drive to Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the plain of Armageddon before we continue to Nazareth. We lunch at the Casanova restaurant. Afternoon walk from Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well), via the Synagogue Church to the Basilica of the Annunciation. We return to Tiberias via Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

Monday 22 January | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. Lunch at the Port Café. Continue to Ben Gurion Airport for flight LY317 to London Heathrow departing at 17:20 and arriving 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 £20 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

Ensuring that your holidays are appropriately protected is one of our main priorities. That's why we have specifically chosen Holiday Extras as our *preferred travel insurance provider to ensure that you are protected before and whilst you are travelling. Holiday Extras offer insurance that has been independently rated 5-stars by Defaqto and are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. They have also been awarded "Best Travel Insurance Provider" at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards for the past fourteen years. Holiday Extras provides a range of services...

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