



McCabe
PILGRIMAGES



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

with The Very Revd Peter Bradley
and the Clergy of Sheffield Cathedral

6-13 May 2021

Eight days based in Jerusalem & Galilee departing from Manchester





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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 **£1,845** sharing a twin-bedded/double room with en suite 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 in a wonderful situation 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 Manchester to Tel Aviv and all airport

and security charges are included. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel (see back page).

Not included:

travel insurance is £64 up to age 75 and £113 age 76 to 90 (**age at time of booking, no medical screening is required**). Travel insurance is essential but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £425. Please see 'Travelling Alone' overleaf.

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 travel.



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 plus the relevant insurance premium, to the tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages' or, if you prefer to pay by card, make a note on the booking form and McCabe staff will call you to take payment.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Thursday 6 May | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Manchester Airport. EasyJet flight EZY1827 to Tel Aviv departs at 12:55 arriving at 20:05. Transfer to Jerusalem.

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

Friday | BETHLEHEM

We start on Mount Zion with the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the traditional site of the High Priest's house. We then head to the Bethlehem area to visit the Shepherds' Fields (Holy Communion). Time for some shopping in an olivewood co-operative and then to the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre to meet the local people and stay for lunch.

Afternoon visit to Manger Square to visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Jerusalem. Optional visit to the Western Wall for the start of the Jewish Sabbath.

Saturday | MOUNT OF OLIVES

We drive to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the Old City and walk from Pater Noster to Dominus Flevit Chapel and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and continue to the Israel Museum to see the model of ancient Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls. We end the day with a visit to King David's Tomb.

Sunday | THE OLD CITY

Optional early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Breakfast back at the hotel and we then walk through St Stephen's Gate to the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Crusader Church (Holy Communion at the Visitor Centre). Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Lunch at Bulghourji Restaurant in the Armenian Quarter then Vespers at St James' Armenian Cathedral or the rest of the afternoon free.

Monday | SAMARIA

We leave Jerusalem and head north to Nablus and the site of Jacob's Well. Visit the site of Sabastiya, a Roman city built on the site of biblical Samaria where we can walk around the city walls. Lunch at Samaria Restaurant and continue 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.

Tuesday | NAZARETH

We visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor with panoramic views over the Plain of Armageddon and then head to the ruined city of Sepphoris with its impressive mosaics. On to Nazareth and walk through the old city to Mary's Well and the Synagogue Church.

Lunch at the Holy Land Restaurant and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation.

Wednesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

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, as well as Tabgha and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes (Holy Communion). We then head to the Convent of Beatitudes' for lunch and a visit to the church and garden commemorating the Sermon on the Mount.

Continue to Ein Gev and sail across the Sea of Galilee back to our hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

Thursday 13 May | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast to the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct.

Lunch by the sea at the Port Café. Our EasyJet flight EZY1828 to Manchester departs Tel Aviv at 21:00 arriving at 00:35.

The itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions and flight times may also be altered 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.

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