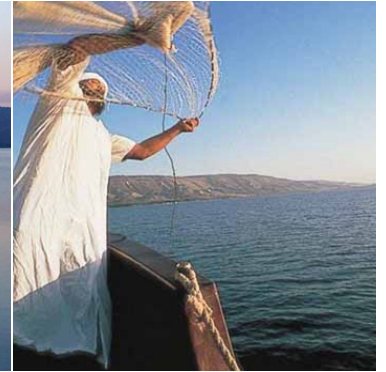
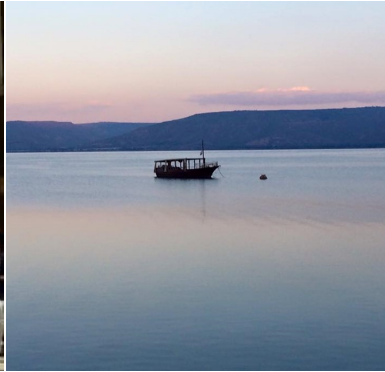




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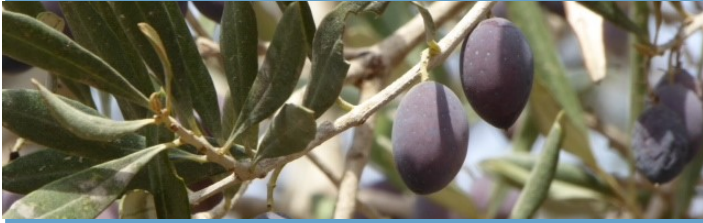


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10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee





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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 £3,239 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, 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 easyJet direct between London Luton 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, whether you book it through McCabe or independently. We don't yet have a 2024 policy, but will contact you when we have more details.

**Single rooms:** are at a supplementary cost of £799. 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 12 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

Reserve your place now by calling the McCabe team or complete a booking form and send it to us at the address opposite with a deposit of £250 per person. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Travel Ltd' or you can pay by bank transfer or with a debit or credit card.

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# DAILY PROGRAMME



## **Wednesday 13 November | TO JERUSALEM**

We meet at Luton Airport. easyJet flight EZY2085 to Tel Aviv departs at 11:40 and arrives at 18:40. Transfer to Jerusalem.

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

## **Thursday | MT OF OLIVES & EIN KAREM**

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. We begin with a visit to Bethphage. We then visit the Church of the Ascension, 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 (Eucharist). Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and drive to the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. Here we visit the Church of John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation.

## **Friday | BETHLEHEM**

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem, starting with the Fields of the Shepherds (Eucharist). We then drive to Manger Square and spend time in the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. We also call at the Milk Grotto (including the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration). Lunch in Bethlehem. In the afternoon we spend time at the al-Shurooq blind school (supported by the McCabe Educational Trust). We leave Bethlehem, calling at an olive wood workshop en route.

## **Saturday | JEWISH QUARTER & MT ZION**

Enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, stopping for a close view of the Temple Mount (the El Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock). We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda (Eucharist) and the Church of St Anne.

Lunch at Ecce Homo convent and see the Lithostrotos below. We walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, pausing at the Stations of the Cross as we walk.

## **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. In the afternoon we visit Mount Zion: the Upper Room (Cenacle) and the Church of the Dormition (of Mary). We also spend time in the Armenian Quarter.

## **Monday | ABU GUOSH & JORDAN VALLEY**

We leave Jerusalem and drive first to Abu Guosh, a possible site of Emmaus. Here we visit the Crusader church attached to the Benedictine monastery. We then drive east to the desert oasis of Jericho where we view the Mount of Temptation and take an orientation tour around the town. Lunch at the Rawditna restaurant. We drive through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias, stopping at the Jordan River baptismal site at Qasr el-Yahud on the River Jordan. **Four night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee.**

## **Tuesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY**

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: we start with Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base then continue to Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection. We celebrate the Eucharist at Tabgha by the Sea of Galilee and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Lunch at the Convent of the Beatitudes with a visit to the church and garden commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. We walk down to the lake and sail across the Sea of Galilee back to our hotel, returning in time to relax and swim.

## **Wednesday | NAZARETH**

We drive to Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the plain of Armageddon. Continue to Nazareth where we lunch at the Holy Land Restaurant. We then walk from the Basilica of the Annunciation, via the Synagogue Church to St Gabriel's Church and Mary's Well. We also hope to call at the Anglican Christ Church (Eucharist).

## **Thursday | NORTHERN GALILEE**

We leave Tiberias and drive to northern Galilee through the Hula Valley to Banias (biblical Caesarea Philippi). Here we have time for a lovely walk through the nature reserve and for meditation and reflection. We celebrate the Eucharist here. Lunch at Tanureen restaurant and return to Tiberias via the Golan Heights with time to relax back at the hotel.

## **Friday 22 November | CAESAREA**

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast and Mount Carmel. Here we visit the Cave of Elijah and the Stella Maris convent. We continue to the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. Lunch by the sea at the Port Café. Continue to Ben Gurion Airport for easyJet flight EZY2086 to Luton Airport departing at 19:35 and arriving at 22:50

*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

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## AITO QUALITY STATEMENT

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