“Footsteps”

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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A comprehensive 10-day pilgrimage based in Jerusalem and the Galilee
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Travel with us to the Holy Land and let the Bible come alive as we meet the people and see the places of the gospel stories. The Holy Land is unique in offering so many highlights and contrasts in such a compact area.

We have included most expenses in the tour cost but some items are listed separately: the travel insurance premium is £59. Everybody travelling should be insured but some may have annual or another suitable insurance.

You should budget for an amount of £45 per person for a group gratuity fund which we will disburse locally to those who help us on our journey.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £365. However, please see our note ‘Travelling Alone’ overleaf.

Any special requests should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is payable now with the balance payable 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 on this tour please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 plus the insurance premium of £59, to the tour organiser. Please make cheques payable to ‘McCabe Pilgrimages’.

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Tuesday 13 June | **TO JERUSALEM**
We meet at Luton Airport. easyJet flight EZY2085 departs at 12:25 arriving at 19:25. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. Six night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and biblical sites we shall be visiting.

**Wednesday | MT OF OLIVES & EIN KAREM**
We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. As we look across the Kidron Valley we see the Golden Gate, the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On the Mount of Olives we visit the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel, and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. Our next visit is the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (traditionally the site of the High Priest's house). We have lunch at St Andrew's Guest House, then drive to West Jerusalem and the picturesque village of Ein Karem where we visit the Church of John the Baptist. We continue to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Ancient Jerusalem and see the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Thursday | JEWISH QUARTER & MT ZION**
We enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk through part of the Jewish Quarter along to the Western Wall (where we also see the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies) stopping for a wonderful view of the Temple Mount with the El Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St Anne. After lunch at the Ecce Homo convent (above the Lithostrotos) (Holy Communion) we follow the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We end the afternoon at the Garden Tomb.

**Friday | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA**
A full-day excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea. We drive into the Judean wilderness to Herod's desert fortress of Masada, which we ascend by cable car. We have an opportunity to float in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea before lunch in the Lot Hotel. On our return journey to Jerusalem we call at Qumran (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered). Our final call is at the Wadi Qelt to visit the monastery of St George.

**Saturday | BETHLEHEM**
We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem, visiting the Shepherds’ Fields (Holy Communion) with time to shop in the olive wood co-operative. Lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre with a chance to hear about their work. In the afternoon we enter Manger Square and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome’s Caves.

**Sunday | WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM**
Some may wish to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the early morning to witness the variety of liturgy. We then have the opportunity to join with the local congregation at St George’s Cathedral or at St Andrew’s before lunch at St George’s guest house. In the afternoon we drive to Mount Herzl in West Jerusalem to visit the Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust.

**Monday | JORDAN VALLEY TO TIBERIAS**
We leave Jerusalem and drive first to Bethany where we briefly visit the church and the tomb of Lazarus before calling at Jeel al-Amal Boys’ Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We then continue to the desert oasis of Jericho where we view the Mount of Temptation and take an orientation tour around the town. There will be an opportunity for some shopping before lunch in Jericho at the al-Rawdah garden restaurant. We then stop for a moment at the Qasr el-Yahud baptismal site on the River Jordan before continuing our journey up the Jordan Valley 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 drive to Mount Tabor, navigating its winding road by taxis to reach the beautiful Basilica of the Transfiguration with its magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon. We drive to nearby Nazareth where we visit Nazareth Village, a reconstruction of 1st Century Galilean life. After a Biblical style lunch here, we 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.

**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. We celebrate Holy Communion on the shores of the lake at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and, after visiting Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection), we drive up to the Mount of Beatitudes’ church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. We have lunch here in the convent and then sail back across the Sea of Galilee to the hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

**Thursday 22 June | CAESAREA MARITIMA**
We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast and the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and the aqueduct. After lunch at the Port Café restaurant in Caesarea, we continue to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our homeward flight EZY2086 which departs at 19:05 arriving back at Luton Airport at 22:30.

Please note: the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions.
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 have’ 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. For British passport holders, 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

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.

A unique feature of the 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.

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 229 380.

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