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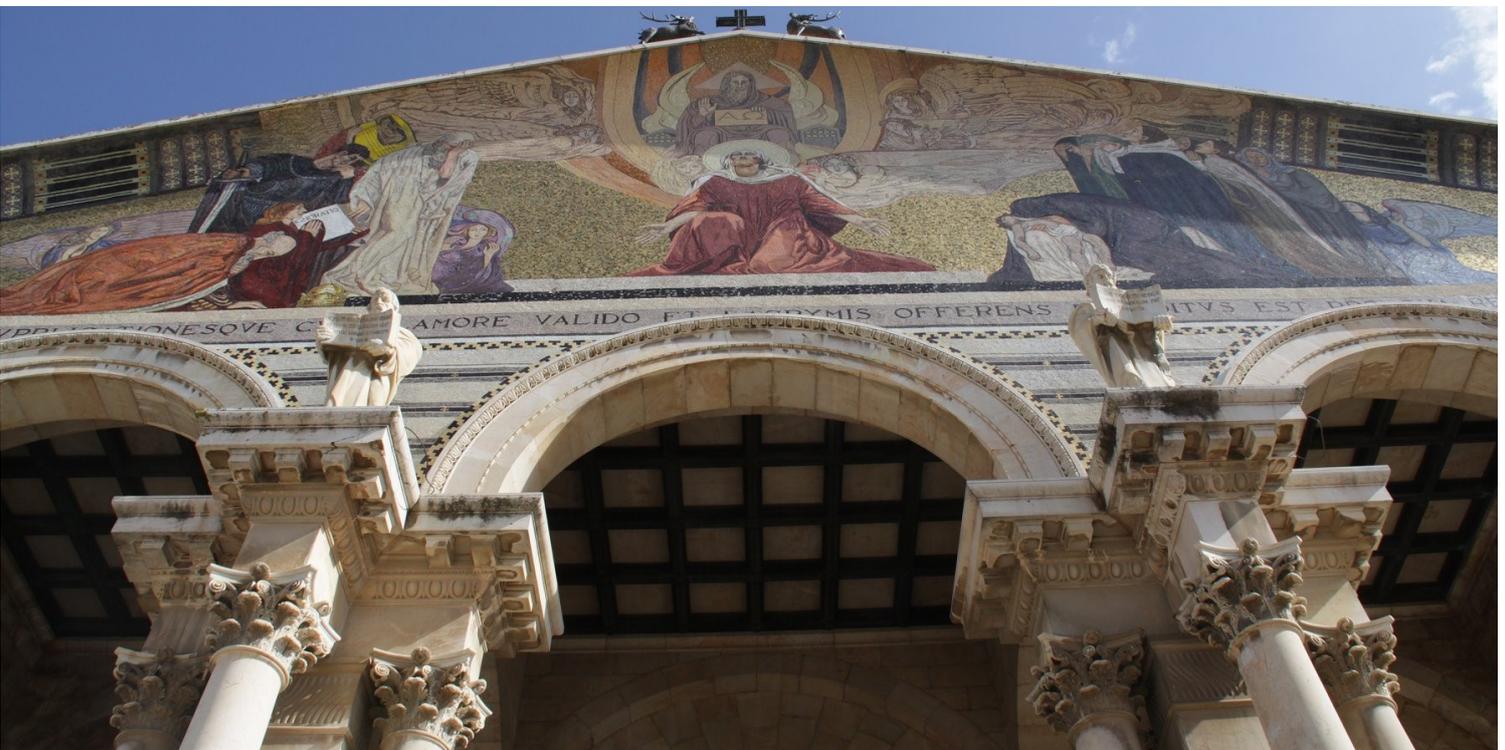


# A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

with Jonny Libby and  
Rev Darren Middleton

14-23 March 2023

10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee





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.

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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

## TOUR INFORMATION

**The cost is £2,195** sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. 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 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 gratuities.

Flights are with EL AL between London Heathrow Airport and Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are included. A complimentary visa is

issued on arrival in Tel Aviv (please read the back cover page).

**Not included:** Travel insurance - this is essential but we are unable to sell this so far in advance of travel. Once you have paid your deposit, should you need to cancel for medical/other reasons generally covered by insurance before we are able to offer you a policy, we will refund your deposit in full. We require all travellers to have adequate cover for the trip

and you may choose to have other suitable insurance.

The optional excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea is £105; single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £595 but please read 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 please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 per person plus the relevant insurance premium to the tour leader/organiser. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'. If you prefer to pay by card, please make a note on the booking form and McCabe will contact you to take the payment over the phone.

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# DAILY PROGRAMME



## Tuesday 14 March | 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. **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. 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 drive to West Jerusalem and the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. Continue to the Israel Museum to see the model of Ancient Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

## Thursday | JEWISH QUARTER & MT ZION

Enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall (see the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies), 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 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 and end the afternoon at the Garden Tomb.

## Friday | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

A free day in Jerusalem or join a full-day OPTIONAL 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 at the Lot Hotel. On our way back to Jerusalem we call at Qumran, site of the 'Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery. Our final call is at the Wadi Qelt for wonderful views of St George's Monastery. **Cost £105 including lunch. We will book you on the excursion unless you indicate otherwise on the booking form.**

## Saturday | BETHLEHEM

We head to the Bethlehem area to visit the Fields of the Shepherds (Holy Communion). Susan Sahori of Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans will then take us for a brief visit of her cooperative of olive wood craftsmen and then join us for a Bedouin style lunch at The Tent restaurant. Afternoon visit to Manger Square, the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves.

## Sunday | WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

Optional pre-breakfast visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to hear the different liturgies. We then have the opportunity to join with the local congregation at St George's Cathedral or Christ Church. Meet for lunch at Bulghourji restaurant in the Armenian Quarter. Afternoon free in the Old City.

## Monday | JORDAN VALLEY TO TIBERIAS

We leave Jerusalem and drive first to Bethany to visit the church and the tomb of Lazarus and Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. Continue to the desert oasis of Jericho where we view the Mount of Temptation and take an orientation tour around the town. Lunch at the Green Valley restaurant. We head north to Galilee through the Jordan Valley stopping en route at the Jordan River baptismal site. **Three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee.**



## Tuesday | NAZARETH

We drive to Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the plain of Armageddon. Continue to Nazareth Village, a living history 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 start with Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base then continue to Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection. We celebrate Holy Communion 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 sail across the Sea of Galilee back to our hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

## Thursday 23 March | 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 by the sea. Continue to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Flight LY317 to London Heathrow departs at 17:15 and arrives at 20:40.

**Please note: the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions.**

**There will be quite a bit of walking. If you are at all concerned about this aspect, please speak to Jonny or call the McCabe office.**



# 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

**Our policy includes COVID-19 cover. A special feature of the policy recommended by McCabe 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](http://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.

## AITO Quality Statement

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