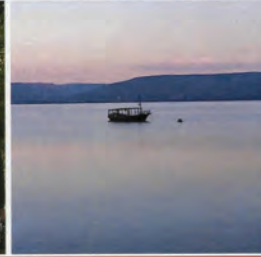




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PILGRIMAGES



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

led by Canon David Humphries and
the Rt Revd George Davison, Bishop of Connor

16 - 26 May 2023

11 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

For bookings received by 31st October 2022, we offer advanced booking price of £2,805 per person. This saves you £190 per person off the full tour price of £2,985.

The 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 British Airways from Belfast to Tel Aviv via London Heathrow. 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. We have a recommended insurance policy which includes COVID-19 cover and is £94 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of purchase and £185 per person aged 76-90 for bookings up to £3,000 per person. For bookings over £3,000 the premium would be £135 for ages up to 75 and £265 for ages 76-90. You may choose to have annual or another suitable insurance.

Single rooms: are at a supplementary cost of £655. 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 eight 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

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 (if required) to Canon David Humphries. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Travel Ltd'. If you prefer to pay by card, please make a note on the booking form and McCabe will contact you to take payment over the phone.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Day 1 Tuesday (16th May)

We depart from Belfast Airport on British Airways Flight BA1423 departing at 0925 hours arriving at Heathrow at 1050 hours. Connecting flight BA167 departs at 1655 hours arriving 2355 hours. **On arrival we transfer to the Golden Walls Hotel in Jerusalem where we stay for six nights.**

Day 2 Wednesday

This morning we ascend the Mount of Olives – the place where Jesus began his triumphal entry into Jerusalem – and pause to enjoy the glorious panoramic view of the Old City. We begin at the Church of the Ascension and continue to the Church of the Pater Noster. We then move on to the Franciscan Basilica of Dominus Fleuit, traditionally the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. En route to the Garden of Gethsemane we pass the distinctive landmark of the Russian Orthodox Mary Magdalene Church, and arrive at the Church of All Nations, designed in flamboyant Byzantine style with a beautiful mosaic façade. We cross the Kidron Valley to St Peter in Gallicantu, before leaving Jerusalem and on to Bethlehem, passing Rachel's Tomb. We have lunch at the Shepherds Tent. In the afternoon we visit the Basilica of the Nativity and the Shepherds Fields with a shopping stop.

Day 3 Thursday

This morning we go to Mount Zion where we visit the Tomb of King David, as well as the Coenaculum and the Syrian Church of St. Mark – two possible sites of the Last Supper. We then walk to the Wailing Wall and Temple Area mosques continuing to the Crusader Church of St Anne, the Pool of Bethesda and the Lithostrotos, regarded as the place where Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death, now within the Ecce Homo convent built on the site of Herod's Antonia Fortress where Jesus was called before Herod after his arrest. We lunch at the convent. In the afternoon we follow the Via Dolorosa from the Church of the Flagellation, passing the Stations of the Cross, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built upon the probable site of the Crucifixion. We end our day at the Garden Tomb, identified as a possible Crucifixion and Resurrection site by General Gordon.

Here we will have an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together, in the peaceful surroundings of the Garden.

Day 4 Friday

Today we take an excursion to the Dead Sea and Masada, which we ascend by cable car. We learn about Masada's colourful and violent history and enjoy the magnificent views, then we continue to Ein Bozeq and lunch at the Lot hotel where there will be an opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on the surface of the earth. Our return to Jerusalem takes us via Qumran – the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947.

Day 5 Saturday

Today is a free day – an opportunity to explore the Old City or re-visit some of the places which are of particular interest.

Day 6 Sunday

After prayers at our hotel we travel into the wilderness, where we celebrate the Eucharist together. We then drive down to Jericho for lunch in the al-Rawdah garden restaurant with views of the Monastery of the Temptations. In the afternoon we visit the Tomb of Lazarus in Bethany and the Jeel Al Amal Boys' Home, where we learn what everyday life is like for one group of Christians in the Holy Land.

Day 7 Monday

Today we leave Jerusalem, stopping first at the town of Abu Guosh (a possible site of Emmaus) where we visit the Benedictine church and monastery, we then drive on to the Roman capital of Caesarea Maritima on the Mediterranean coast. We continue to nearby Mount Carmel, where we have lunch at a Druze Restaurant, and visit the traditional site where Elijah called down fire upon the altar to confound the Prophets of Baal. **We then drive on to Tiberias where we enjoy a four night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel on the lakeside in Tiberias.**

Day 8 Tuesday

We begin at the Baptismal site of Jesus on the River Jordan then drive around the lake to Capernaum, the focus of much of our Lord's ministry and where he called his disciples.

Here we see some fascinating ruins, including the house of St Peter and a 4th century synagogue. We proceed to Tabgha, the traditional site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (where we celebrate the Eucharist on the lakeside) and visit Mensa Christi chapel before ending our morning on the Mount of the Beatitudes. We lunch at the Beatitudes convent and in the afternoon we enjoy a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee back to our hotel, with a pause for devotions.

Day 9 Wednesday

Today we visit the synagogues and craft shops in the ancient Jewish city of Safed, considered one of the major holy cities of Israel. We drive north past Hazor, King Solomon's defensive stronghold, to the Golan Heights. From here we enjoy views of snow-capped Mount Hermon. Lunch at Al Rawche restaurant. Afternoon visit to Caesarea Philippi (also called Banias) where Simon Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah.

Day 10 Thursday

We ascend Mount Tabor in taxis to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration and enjoy magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon. We continue to Nazareth where we visit Nazareth Village before lunching at the Holy Land Restaurant. This afternoon we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and synagogue before returning to Tiberias visiting Cana, scene of Jesus first miracle, en route.

Day 11 Friday (26th May)

We depart on our return British Airways flight BA166 which leaves at 0710 hours arriving back at Heathrow at 1030. Connecting flight BA1416 departs at 1310 arriving in Belfast at 1435 hours.

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.



OUR PILGRIMAGE

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 2023 DEPARTURES

We have arranged a holiday insurance policy that includes cover if you receive a positive COVID-19 diagnosis within 14-days of your scheduled departure date or and have to cancel your trip. Cover also includes non-UK medical treatment and additional accommodation, repatriation and travel expenses if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 during your trip.

The insurance is arranged by Global Travel Insurance Services and underwritten by ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI) on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance SE (GLISE).

A full policy wording will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking, or ask us and we will send you a summary. A summary of the cover is available to view on our website. We recommend that you review the summary of cover before purchasing the insurance.

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information.

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Should you wish to take out this holiday insurance policy please include payment for the appropriate premium when booking your holiday.

The cover under this policy is only available to United Kingdom residents being defined as: Any person who has an address in the United Kingdom, has lived in the United Kingdom for at least 6 of the last 12 months, and is registered with a General Practitioner in the United Kingdom.

AITO QUALITY STATEMENT

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