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A KT Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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Ten days based in Jerusalem & Nazareth





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Following the success of the previous KT Pilgrimages ([click here for details](#)), I am delighted to offer another opportunity for Knights and their partners to visit the Holy Land.

Whether you are new to the Holy Land or have been many times before; there are always new sights and sounds to reflect upon.

Our pilgrimage will include the sites where the most important events in Our Lord's life and ministry took place, both in Jerusalem and its surrounding area and further north in Galilee, as well as sites associated with the Knights Templar and Knights Hospitaller.

The original Knights set out to protect and assist pilgrims who were visiting the very same sites associated with Jesus that are on our itinerary. In addition, we shall visit some places specifically connected with the Templars, including castles and churches. I am equally sure that treading in the footsteps of those first knights will help you to better appreciate the extraordinary lives which they led.

Additionally, we shall pay a visit to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital to learn more of its work together with a visit to the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre, some of whose staff are trained by the Eye Hospital.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost is £3,255 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 Nazareth, we stay at the Legacy Hotel in the heart of Nazareth, close to the Basilica.

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 a group photo and gratuities; these will be disbursed locally to those that help us on our journey.

Flights are with British Airways direct from Heathrow Airport to Tel Aviv. All airport and security charges are included, as well as one piece of checked in luggage. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival (please read the back cover).

Not included:

Travel Insurance: this is essential. We require all travellers to have adequate cancellation and medical coverage for their journey. We recommend the policy with Holiday Extras who offer a comprehensive policy as well as yearly policies that also cover short UK overnight stays. See the back cover for details.

Single rooms: are at a supplementary cost of £885. For 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.

Special Requests: should be noted on the booking form.

Payments: A deposit is payable now.

50% of the booking is due 6 months prior to departure, the final balance is due at 12 weeks.

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 send a booking form to Rev'd Niall Johnston with a deposit of £350 per person. 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 the payment over the phone.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Friday 22 November | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. British Airways flight BA165 departs at 07:50 and arrives in Tel Aviv at 14:35. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. **Five night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Saturday | THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

We drive to Gethsemane and celebrate Eucharist (Garden Virgin Mary). We then transfer to the Mount of Olives to start our walking tour at Bethphage. We visit Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel. We continue to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu with lunch at nearby St Andrew's Guest House. On to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist, and the Israel Museum to see the model of Ancient Jerusalem.

Sunday | TEMPLE MOUNT

We enter the Old City at Dung Gate and go up onto the Temple Mount where we see the Dome of the Rock and the El Aqsa Mosque (exterior only). Spend time at the Western Wall. Lunch in the Old City at the Panoramic Golden City restaurant. We then walk through the Old City to Zedekiah's Cave. Free afternoon. Optional Evensong at St George's Cathedral in St John's Chapel.

Monday | VIA DOLOROSA

We walk to the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Crusader Church (Healing Service) and then along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We call at The Muristan, the Hospitallers' Peace Garden. We then visit the St John's Eye Hospital where we have lunch, meet some of the staff and hear about their work (Eucharist in the hospital chapel).

Tuesday | BETHLEHEM

Early visit at the Garden Tomb (subject to availability). We then cross into Palestinian territory to visit the Fields of the Shepherds (Eucharist). Visit the Bethlehem Society for Rehab where we meet the staff and hear about their work. We stay here for lunch and continue to Bethlehem's Manger Square, the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Time for some shopping at a local olive wood co-operative.

Wednesday | JERICO

We leave Jerusalem and drive to the River Jordan baptismal site (renewal of baptismal vows). We call at the Wadi Qelt to view the impressive desert Monastery of St George. Continue to Jericho to see the Mount of Temptation. Lunch at Rawditna View restaurant and head to the impressive remains of the Crusader Belvoir Fortress. **Four night stay in historic Nazareth at the Legacy Hotel.**



Thursday | MT TABOR & ACRE

We visit Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with its panoramic views over the plain of Armageddon and then head to Acre, the Crusaders' chief port. Lunch at Abu Christo restaurant and visit the Templar's Tunnel, Hospitaller Fortress and St John's Chapel. We end the day at the Basilica of the Annunciation, close to our hotel.

Friday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: we start with Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base and the Greek Orthodox Church of



the Apostles. We continue to Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection. We then visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha. Lunch at the Convent of the Beatitudes and visit to the church and garden commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. We head to Nof Ginosar to see the ancient Jesus boat and then sail on the Sea of Galilee (Eucharist on board). On our return to Nazareth we stop to see the Horns of Hattin and Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

Saturday | CAESAREA PHILIPPI

We drive to northern Galilee and Banias (biblical Caesarea Philippi) and enjoy a walk through the nature reserve. We drive over the Golan Heights and stop for lunch at El Rawche restaurant in Upper Galilee. See the Fortress of Chastellet, site of the Battle of Jacob's Ford, and return to Nazareth.

Sunday 1 December | HOME

We collect our packed lunch and drive to the Mediterranean coast to visit the restored Roman aqueduct and amphitheatre in Caesarea Maritima. We then transfer to Ben Gurion Airport. Our return British Airways flight BA164 to London Heathrow departs Tel Aviv at 16:25 and arrives at 19:45.

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 £20 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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