



McCabe
PILGRIMAGES



A Knights Templar Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

18-27 November 2022

Led by Revd Niall Johnston

10 days based in Jerusalem & Nazareth





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Following the success of the 2020 KT Pilgrimage ([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.



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TOUR INFORMATION

The cost is £2,245 per person sharing a twin room with en suite bathroom. In Jerusalem we stay in the family-owned and managed Golden Walls Hotel overlooking the Old City walls and 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 tips to guide, driver, hotels, etc. Flights are with easyJet between Luton 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: our suggested policy includes COVID cover and is £73 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of booking and £137 per person aged 76-90. Premiums are payable with your

deposit. A special feature of this policy is that you do not need to declare medical conditions. We require all travellers to have adequate cover for the trip but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £595 but please read our note 'Travelling Alone' overleaf if you would like to share.

Any special requests should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is



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. 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 18 November | **TO JERUSALEM**

We meet at Luton Airport. easyJey flight EZY2085 departs at 11:40 and arrives in Tel Aviv at 18:40. 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 the Mount of Olives to start our walking tour at Bethphage. We visit Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel (Eucharist outside), and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. 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 | **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. Visit The Muristan, the Hospitallers' Peace Garden. Lunch at the nearby Panoramic City View Restaurant with the afternoon free in the Old City. Evensong at St George's Cathedral in St John's Chapel (optional).

Monday | **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. Spend time at the Western Wall and walk through the Old City to Zedekiah's Cave and the Garden Tomb. Afternoon visit to 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**

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit the Fields of the Shepherds (Eucharist) with time for some shopping at a local olive wood co-operative. Visit the Bethlehem Society for Rehabilitation 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.

Wednesday | **JERICO**

We leave Jerusalem and drive to the River Jordan baptismal site (renewal of baptismal vows) via 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, and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha. Lunch at the Convent of the Beatitudes with a 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 across 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) where we 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 27 November | **HOME**

We leave Nazareth and drive to the Mediterranean coast to visit the restored Roman aqueduct and amphitheatre in Caesarea Maritima. Picnic lunch and departure for Ben Gurion Airport. Our return flight EZY2084 to Luton departs at 19:15 and arrives at 22:50

Please note: the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions and there will be quite a bit of walking. If you are at all concerned about this, please speak to the tour leader 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

A unique feature of the McCabe recommended 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.

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.

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 235042. This insurance is only available to persons who are permanently resident in the UK.

AITO Quality Statement

McCabe Pilgrimages is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain's leading independent tour operators and encourages high standards of quality and service. McCabe abides by the Association's Code of Conduct and adheres to the AITO Quality Charter which can be viewed on www.aito.co.uk. Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.

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