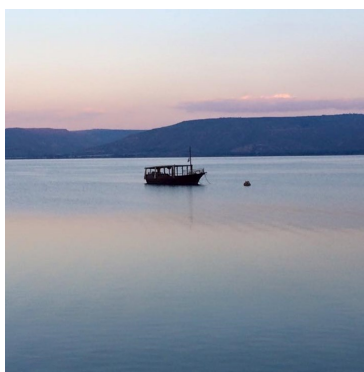




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A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

with Fr Leonard Doolan
Senior Chaplain, Athens

7–16 September 2020

10 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

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this tour is €1,565 / £1,425 per person 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 table d'hôte 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.

A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel for UK/European passport holders but please check on line for your own individual requirements (see back page).

Not included in the tour cost:

Flights - as people will be travelling from different parts of Europe flights are not included. Please make your own arrangements for return flights to Tel Aviv.

Travel insurance - we can arrange insurance for UK residents only (£59 up to age 75 and £89 if 75 and over). No medical screening is required. Suitable insurance is essential.

The optional excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea is €80 / £70; single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of €525 / £475 but please read our note 'Travelling Alone' overleaf.

Any special requests should be printed clearly on the booking form. You will be sent a unique booking reference in order to pay your £200/€ deposit by bank transfer.

The final balance payment is due eight weeks before departure.



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place on this tour please complete the enclosed booking form and email it to McCabe Pilgrimages. We will then give you a personal booking reference so that you can make your deposit payment via bank transfer.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday 7 September | **TO JERUSALEM**

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. Coach transfer to Jerusalem. **Six night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Tuesday | **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. Lunch at St Andrew's Guest House and then drive to the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. We continue to the Israel Museum to see the model of Ancient Jerusalem and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Wednesday | **BETHLEHEM**

We cross into Palestinian territories to Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Fields (Holy Communion). Lunch at the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre where we meet the staff and 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. Time for shopping at a family-run olivewood co-operative before returning to Jerusalem.

Thursday | **VIA DOLOROSA**

Enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall and Temple Mount (El Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques). We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and St Anne's Crusader Church. Lunch at Ecce Homo convent and see the Lithostrotos. We walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and end the day 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 return journey to Jerusalem we call at Qumran, site of the 'Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery. Our final call is at the Wadi Qelt to view the monastery of St George. **Cost £70/€ including lunch. We will book you on the excursion unless you indicate otherwise on your booking form.**

Saturday | **MT ZION & BETHANY**

We drive to Mount Zion and the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, site of the High Priest's house. Continue to Bethany and the church and tomb of Lazarus as well as a visit to Jeel al-Amal Boys' Home, supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. Lunch at the Notre Dame Centre with the rest of the afternoon free for shopping or to re-visit sites of specific interest.

Sunday | **JORDAN VALLEY TO TIBERIAS**

Optional early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We then join with a local congregation at St George's Anglican Cathedral. Lunch in Jericho at the Green Valley restaurant. We take an orientation tour around the town and view the Mount of Temptation. Continue to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee via the River Jordan baptismal site. **Three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.**

Monday | **NAZARETH**

We drive to Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration with panoramic views over the plain of Armageddon. Continue to Nazareth village, a living history of 1st century Galilean life, where we stay for a 'biblical' style lunch. Visit St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well) and the Basilica of the Annunciation and return to Tiberias via Cana, scene of Jesus' first miracle.

Tuesday | **THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY**

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: Capernaum; Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes with Holy Communion by the lakeside; Mensa Christi, where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection, and the Mount of Beatitudes' church and garden, commemorating the Sermon on the Mount. Lunch here in the convent and sail across the Sea of Galilee to the hotel, returning by mid-afternoon with time to relax and swim.

Wednesday 16 September | **HOME**

Departure after breakfast for Ben Gurion airport. Those with late flights may go via the Roman capital of Caesarea with lunch by the sea and then on to the airport.

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

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 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 someone 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. A visa is issued free of charge on entering Israel for UK and European passport holders. There are currently no additional requirements for entering the Palestinian territories. **If you are not an EU or UK passport holder, please consult the Israeli Embassy website <http://www.israel.embassyhomepage.com/> for your own individual requirements.** No inoculations are required but we advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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

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.

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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