



A PILGRIMAGE — TO THE — HOLY LAND

Monday 19th - Monday 26th February 2018
with Southwark Diocese



**Hearts
on Fire**

The Diocese of Southwark

Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit

Luke 24:13-35



A comprehensive 8-day pilgrimage based in
Jerusalem and the Galilee



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In 2013 we first led a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and this was repeated in early 2016 as over 80 people from across the Diocese made the journey with us. We will next lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 19-26 February 2018.

Our pilgrimages have been amazing experiences. It is always very moving to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and especially to lead people from the Diocese as they travel together around the holy sites. 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 want to invite you all 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.

Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are inevitably always the same. We want to take pilgrims to the sites where the most important events in Our Lord's life and ministry took place. These are to be found in Jerusalem itself and the surrounding area and further north in Galilee. However, though basically the same we always like to include something different and we will be visiting the Neve Shalom reconciliation centre.

We love travelling with old friends but we also hope that many people who have never been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land before will choose to do so in 2018. We are not exaggerating when I tell you that for many people the journey is a life changing as well as faith changing experience.

Come, you won't regret it!

We warmly invite you to journey with us and to share in this great opportunity to see those places we read of in our Scriptures.

Christopher Andrew.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this tour is £1,545 sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. We stay in Jerusalem at the three star Golden Walls Hotel beside the Old City Walls and 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 local guides who will share leadership responsibilities and look after the formalities of hotel check-ins, etc. All entrance fees are included. We have also included an amount towards the group gratuity fund, which we will disburse locally to those who help us on our journey.

Flights are with EL AL Israel Airlines between London Heathrow Airport and Tel Aviv and all airport and security charges are included. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel.

We have included most expenses in the tour cost but some items are listed separately: the travel insurance premium is £59 to age 74 and £89 if 75 or over (and no medical screening is required). Travel insurance is essential but you may have annual or another

suitable insurance. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £445. However, please see 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 on this tour please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 plus the insurance premium, to the Pilgrimage Administrator. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday Feb 19th | TO THE HOLY LAND

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. EL AL Israel Airlines flight LY 316 departs at 14:20 arriving in Tel Aviv at 21:10. Transfer on arrival to our hotel in Jerusalem. **Four night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the Biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Tuesday | AN INTRODUCTION TO JERUSALEM

We start the day on the Mount of Olives, with a panoramic view of the walled city: looking across the Kidron Valley we see the Golden Gate, the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On the Mount of Olives we visit the Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We also visit the nearby Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (a possible site of the High Priest's House). We have lunch and in the afternoon we visit Ein Karem, the birthplace of St John the Baptist. We end the day celebrating the Eucharist at Abu Gosh (one of the possible sites of Emmaus).

Wednesday | OLD CITY

We begin the day at the Church of St Anne beside the Pool of Bethesda. We follow the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We celebrate the Eucharist together at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and then have lunch in the Armenian Quarter at Bulghourji restaurant. In the

afternoon we visit Mount Zion: the Upper Room and the Dormition Abbey. We then walk through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, enjoying striking views over the Temple Mount. We walk back through the souk to our hotel.

Thursday | BETHLEHEM

We cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem. We visit the Fields of the Shepherds where we celebrate the Eucharist in Beit Sahour. We have time to shop in an olive wood co-operative. We lunch at the Shepherds Tent restaurant and then drive to Manger Square and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves.

We drive back to Jerusalem and end the day at St George's Cathedral for Evening Prayer.

Friday | NEVE SHALOM & WEST BANK

We will start the day at Neve Shalom where Israelis and Palestinians live together. We hear about their daily life and their vision for the future. We leave Jerusalem and drive north through the West Bank. We stop in Nablus at Jacob's Well and have lunch at the Samaria Restaurant in Sebastia. We continue through the West Bank to Tiberias. **We arrive for our three night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel by the Sea of Galilee with visits to places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.**

Saturday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We see the Mount of the Beatitudes, where we visit the church which commemorates the Sermon on the Mount. We then drive to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. We walk around to Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection) to celebrate the Eucharist together. Our final visit is Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. We drive up towards the Golan Heights and lunch at the Kabab Restaurant. In the afternoon we visit Caesarea Philippi where we renew our Baptismal Promises and then drive back to our hotel.

Sunday | NAZARETH

We drive to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. We join the local congregation of Christ Church, the Anglican church in Nazareth for the Eucharist. After lunch at the Holy Land Restaurant, we drive to Mount Tabor from where we take taxi-minibuses up to the Church of the Transfiguration on the summit.

Monday 26th Feb | THE SEA OF GALILEE

This morning we sail on the Sea of Galilee from our hotel to the other side of the lake. We then drive to Caesarea for lunch at Cafe Port. We continue to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our homeward flight EL AL LY317 which departs at 17:15 arriving back at London Heathrow Airport at 20:45.



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

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.

A unique feature of the 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.

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 arise from pre-existing conditions.

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 and is valid for travel up to 31/12/2018.

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