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PILGRIMAGES



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Going Deeper in the Holy Land

Hidden and Holy – a pilgrimage for returning pilgrims

4—13 November 2019
With the Very Revd Andrew Nunn
Dean of Southwark

10 days based in Bethlehem, Jerusalem & Galilee





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In 2016 I had the privilege of spending six weeks in Jerusalem. After taking many groups on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, but always visiting the same important sites, I wanted to see what I hadn't had an opportunity to see. In fact there is so much that most pilgrims do not get to see

yet which speak to us of the history of our faith, of Jesus and the life of the early church.

If you have been on pilgrimage before and want to see more, this is the pilgrimage for you. We will visit the principal churches of the Nativity and the Holy Sepulchre. We will walk the Via Dolorosa but the other elements are mostly ones we have not been able to include in the past. There will be a lot of walking up and down hills and some tunnels to discover – so please consider this as you make your decision. But it will be wonderful and we will have time to think about these very special but less visited holy places. I look forward to making pilgrimage with you.

Andrew.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this tour is £1,875 sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. In Bethlehem we stay at the Casa Nova Guesthouse in Manger Square. 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 gratuities; these will be disbursed locally to those that 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 (see back page).

The following items are not included in the tour cost:

travel insurance £59 up to age 75 and £89 if 75 and over. No medical screening is required. Travel insurance is essential but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.

Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £475 but please read 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 of £59 / £89, to the tour leader/organiser. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME



Monday 4 November | TO BETHLEHEM

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. EL AL flight LY316 departs at 14:20 arriving at 21:10. Transfer to our hotel in Bethlehem. **Two night stay at Casa Nova Guesthouse in Manger Square, Bethlehem.**

Tuesday | BETHLEHEM

An early start to visit the Church of the Nativity. We then walk around the corner to visit the Milk Grotto. We drive to the Shepherds Fields where we celebrate the Eucharist. We have lunch and then visit the Bethlehem Icon School.

Wednesday | HEBRON

We drive south along the Way of the Patriarchs to Hebron. We visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs, where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their wives were buried. We walk through the souk, meet with members of the Womens' Co-operative and have lunch with them. On our way up to Jerusalem we visit the Oak of Mamre beside the Russian Orthodox church of the Holy Trinity. **Four night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the biblical sites we shall be visiting.**

Thursday | MOUNT OF OLIVES

An early start as we drive to Bethphage where we say Morning Prayer and then walk over the Mount of Olives to the City of David which we visit. We also visit the Pool of Siloam and Hezekiah's Tunnel. We end the morning at the Ophel Excavations close to the Western Wall. We have lunch at the Austrian Hospice. In the afternoon we visit the Burnt House Museum and Hurva Synagogue in the Jewish Quarter. We end the afternoon in the Franciscan Cemetery where we see Oskar Schindler's grave.

Friday | THE DESERT

We drive through the Judean Desert and visit Wadi Qelt where we walk down to St George's Monastery. We continue to Jericho where we visit the Romanian Orthodox Church and have lunch at the Green Valley Restaurant. In the afternoon we visit Hisham's Palace and Elisha's Spring.

Saturday | THE OLD CITY

We walk around the Old City Walls to St Stephen's Gate and visit the Pool of Bethesda. We follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We end our morning at the church of Alexander Nevsky. We have lunch at Bulghourji Restaurant in the Armenian Quarter and hope to visit St James' Cathedral. We end the afternoon at the Monastery of the Holy Cross, formerly inhabited by Georgian Orthodox monks and now looked after by the Greeks.

Sunday | ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Optional early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We then join the local congregation at St George's Cathedral. We have lunch at St George's Guesthouse and then drive through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. **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 visit the Church of St Gabriel (Mary's Well) and walk through the old part of the city to the Basilica of the Annunciation. We also visit the excavations at the Sisters of Nazareth convent. We have lunch at the Holy Land Restaurant and spend the afternoon at Sepphoris, described as the ornament of the Galilee. This was a significant trading city during the Hellenistic and Roman periods and there are excellent mosaics dating back to the Roman and Byzantine periods.

Tuesday | THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee: we start at Magdala where we celebrate the Eucharist and view the excavations. We drive around the lakeside to the Monastery of the Holy Apostles at Capernaum. We continue to Bethsaida, a possible place for the feeding of the 5,000 and end our morning at Kursi where we remember the healing of the Gadarene swine. We have lunch at Ein Gev Kibbutz and sail back across the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias.

Wednesday 13 November | ACRE

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast to the Crusader capital of Acre. Here our visits include the underground city. We continue to the Roman capital of Caesarea where we lunch at the Port Café by the sea. Continue to Ben Gurion Airport for our homeward flight LY317 which departs at 17:15 arriving back at London Heathrow Airport at 20:45.

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

There will be quite a lot 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 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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