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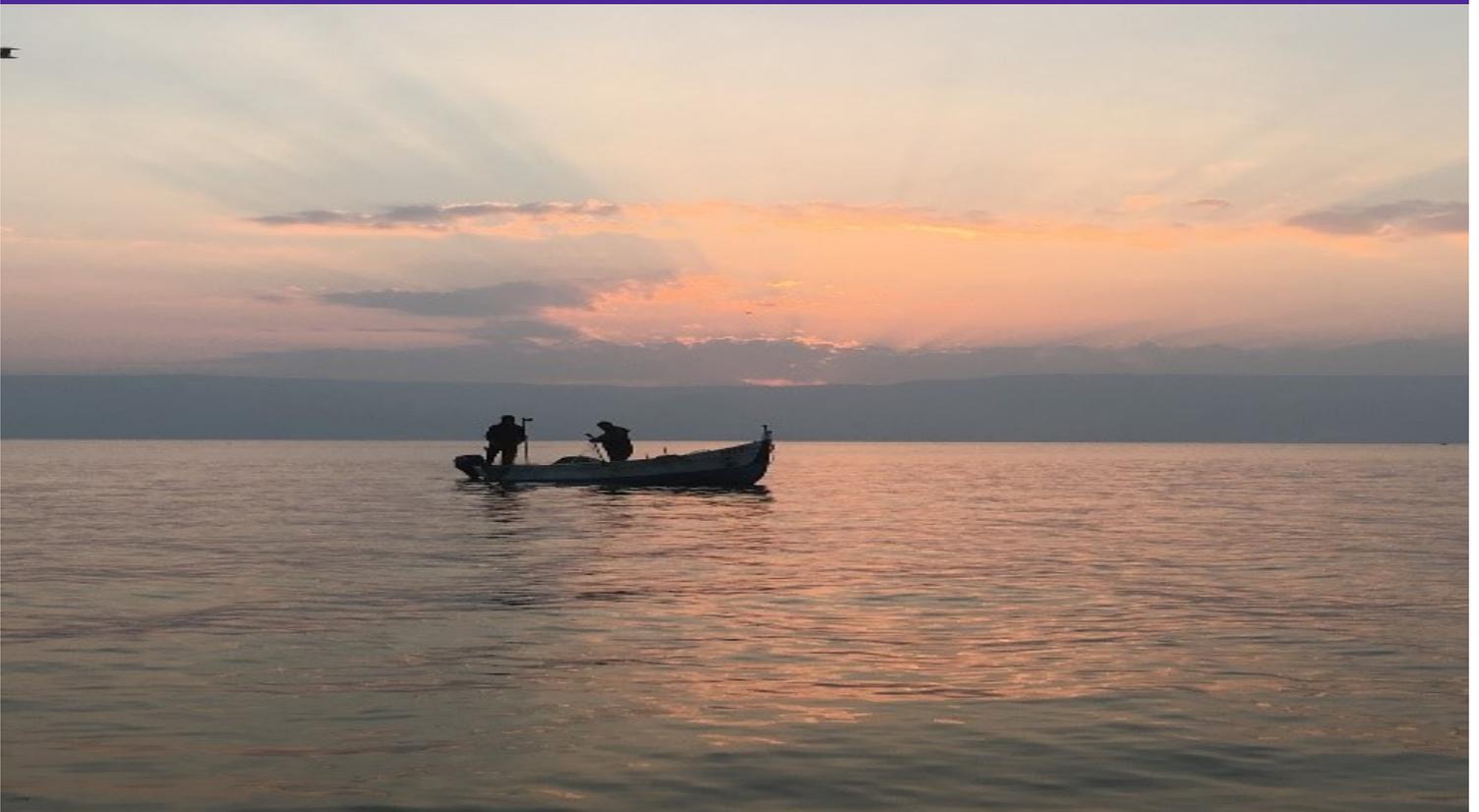


# An Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**27 February - 6 March 2023**

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**Eight days based in Jerusalem & Galilee**





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In 1219 St Francis travelled to the Holy Land and there met the ruler of the land, Sultan Malek al-Kamil. The result of that meeting was that the Franciscans became the Custodians of the Holy Places so that all Christians could make their

pilgrimage to the places associated with Our Lord Jesus Christ. 804 years later a group of Roman Catholic and Anglican pilgrims from the two dioceses of Southwark will travel in the footsteps of St Francis and, like him, tread where Jesus trod. There was clear appreciation that the two dioceses of Southwark had come together in this way and we want therefore to offer a second Ecumenical Pilgrimage in 2023. This will be a wonderful and historic opportunity to travel together. During the pilgrimage we will be sharing everything in common, apart from the Eucharist which remains the goal of our ecumenical journey. However, we will be worshipping with each other in our distinct traditions and praying together in some of the most holy places. Sharing in the leadership of the pilgrimage with us will be the Very Revd Andrew Nunn, the Dean of Southwark and one of the cathedral clergy of St George's Cathedral. If you would like to be part of this wonderful and sacred journey we look forward to travelling with you and encourage you to secure your place as soon as possible.

+ Christopher Chessun  
+ Paul Hendricks

## TOUR INFORMATION

**The cost of this tour is £1,945** sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities.

The 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 Tiberias, we stay at the four star Ron Beach Hotel right on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

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

Flights are with El Al Israel Airlines between London Heathrow and Tel Aviv; all airport and security charges are included. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel (see back page).

### Not included

**Travel Insurance:** this is essential. We require all travellers to have adequate cancellation and medical coverage for their trip. We have a recommended insurance policy which includes COVID-19 cover and is £84 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of purchase and £165 per person aged 76-90. You may choose to have annual or another suitable insurance.

**Single rooms:** are at a supplementary cost of £495. For single 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. 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.

**Special Requests:** should be noted on the booking form.

**Payment:** A non-refundable deposit is payable now with the balance payable eight weeks prior to departure.

**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 on this pilgrimage please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 plus the insurance premium of £84 or £165, to the Pilgrimage Administrator. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Travel Ltd'.

### Pilgrimage Administrator

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# DAILY PROGRAMME



## Monday 27 February | TO JERUSALEM

We meet at Heathrow Airport. EL AL flight LY316 departs at 14:20, arriving at 21:05. Transfer 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 | JERUSALEM

We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. Visit Dominus Flevit Chapel and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. On to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, traditionally the 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 at Abu Gosh (one of the possible sites of Emmaus) where there will be a Eucharist celebration.

## Wednesday | THE 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 end the morning at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer where there will be a Eucharistic celebration. We 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 institutions supported by the Anglican Diocese of Southwark and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark. We visit the Shepherds' Fields where there will be a Eucharistic celebration and have lunch at the Shepherds' Valley Restaurant.

Afternoon visit to Manger Square and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity and St Jerome's Caves. Time for some shopping before we return to Jerusalem.

## Friday | WEST BANK

We start this morning in the Old City at the Latin Patriarchate. 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.

**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 | LAKESIDE MINISTRIES

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) where there will be a Eucharistic celebration.

Our final visit is Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. We drive up towards the Golan Heights and lunch at the Tanureen 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 St Gabriel's Church and Mary's Well. We join local congregations in Nazareth for the Eucharist. After lunch at the Oil and Olive Restaurant we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and then drive back to Tiberias.

## Monday 6 March | CAESAREA

We leave Tiberias and sail around the Sea of Galilee to Nof Ginnosar Kibbutz. We drive to the Mediterranean coast to the Roman capital of Caesarea, where we visit the restored amphitheatre and aqueduct. Lunch at the Port Cafe. EL AL flight LY317 departs Tel Aviv at 17:15 arriving into Heathrow at 20:45.

***Please note the itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions. Flight times may 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 Pilgrimage Administrator 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 £15 per person 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 you are under no pressure to participate.



## CLIMATE CARE AND CARBON OFFSETTING

Today, there is no way to operate one of our pilgrimages without emitting CO2 – the zero emissions technologies are not available, and sustainable fuels, with a lower carbon footprint, are still scarce. However, we can take steps to address the impact that our choices have on the environment. That's why you can offset all the carbon emissions, by supporting projects that protect against deforestation, plant trees or drive the uptake of renewable energy. We work with [climatestewards.org](https://climatestewards.org) who estimates that the Carbon Offset is £33 per person for this tour. This amount will be added to your invoice and can be removed if you prefer not 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 2023 DEPARTURES

We have arranged a holiday insurance policy that includes cover if you receive a positive COVID-19 diagnosis within 14-days of your scheduled departure date or and have to cancel your trip. Cover also includes non-UK medical treatment and additional accommodation, repatriation and travel expenses if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 during your trip.

The insurance is arranged by Global Travel Insurance Services and underwritten by ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI) on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance SE (GLISE).

A full policy wording will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking, or ask us and we will send you a summary. [A summary of the cover is available to view on our website. We recommend that you review the summary of cover before purchasing the insurance.](#)

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information.

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Should you wish to take out this holiday insurance policy please include payment for the appropriate premium when booking your holiday.

The cover under this policy is only available to United Kingdom residents being defined as: Any person who has an address in the United Kingdom, has lived in the United Kingdom for at least 6 of the last 12 months, and is registered with a General Practitioner in the United Kingdom.

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