

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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Trefnwyd gan Dennis a Sian Wight**

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**St Davids Diocesan Pilgrimage
With the Right Revd John Wyn Evans
Organised by Dennis & Sian Wight**

1st - 10th February 2011

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A comprehensive 10-day pilgrimage based in Jerusalem and the Galilee



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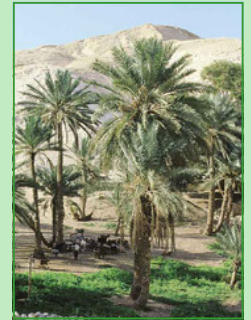


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In the Middle East, the reality on the ground is often far removed from what we see and read in the news. Places of pilgrimage are open and welcoming visitors. We have planned our programme for early February when the sites are usually quieter and before the heat of later in the spring! We will have the opportunity to worship with the local Christian community in Jerusalem on the Sunday morning and on our journey through the Holy Land to seek them out and to offer our support and encouragement.



Visits will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea and Qumran, as well as allowing free time for relaxation and private exploration. We will walk along the Via Dolorosa, sail on the Sea of Galilee, float on the Dead Sea and ascend the Mount of Masada by cable car. The Holy Land is unique in offering so many highlights and contrasts in such a compact area. Each day of our pilgrimage will be very different from the previous one.

We will travel with optimism and enthusiasm as we participate in a new era of Holy Land pilgrimage and re-discover the joy and enrichment of being a pilgrim.



TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this tour is £1,290 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 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 in air-conditioned coaches 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. Flights are with EL AL Israel Airlines between London Heathrow and Tel Aviv. All airport and security charges are included and a complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel.

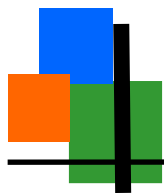


Golden Walls Hotel Terrace



Ron Beach beside the lake

We have included most expenses in the tour cost but some items are listed separately. The travel insurance premium is £49. Everybody travelling should be insured but some may have annual or another suitable insurance. You should budget for an amount of £40 per person for a group gratuity fund which we will disburse locally to those who help us on our journey. Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost of £245. Please, however, see our note "Travelling Alone" overleaf. The optional excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea costs £45. Any special requests should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is payable now with the balance payable 8 weeks prior to 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 £100 plus the insurance premium of £49, to the tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 1st February JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

We meet at London Heathrow Airport. EL AL flight LY 316 departs at 1430 hours arriving at 2115. Transfer on arrival to our hotel in Jerusalem. [Six night stay at the Golden Walls Hotel close to the Old City and the Biblical sites we shall be visiting.](#)

Wednesday AN INTRODUCTION TO JERUSALEM



We drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. As we look 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 (Eucharist), and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. We drive out to West Jerusalem and the picturesque village of Ein Karem where we lunch at the Sisters of Zion convent and spend time visiting the Church of John the Baptist. We continue to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Ancient Jerusalem. We also see the Dead Sea scrolls (housed within the Shrine of the Book).

Thursday JEWISH QUARTER, TEMPLE MT & MT ZION

We enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk down through the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall (where we also see the Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies) and ascend the Temple Mount to view the El Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St Anne's. After lunch at the Ecce Homo convent (Eucharist) we drive to Mount Zion and visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (possible site of the High Priest's house). We also call at the Church of St Mark in the Armenian Quarter (a possible site of the Upper Room). We end the afternoon at the Garden Tomb.

Friday MASADA AND 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 in the Lot Hotel. On our return journey to Jerusalem we call at Qumran (where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered). The final part of our journey is to Wadi Qelt, for a spectacular view of St George's desert monastery. [Cost £45 including lunch. We will book you on the excursion unless you indicate otherwise on the booking form.](#)

Saturday THE VIA DOLOROSA & BETHLEHEM

We begin our day following the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We then cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem. We visit the Fields of the Shepherds (Eucharist) and have time to shop in the olive wood co-operative. We lunch at the Bethlehem Arab Rehabilitation Centre (BASR) in Beit Jala 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.

Sunday MEET THE PEOPLE

Some may wish to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the early morning to witness the variety of liturgy. We then have the opportunity to join with the local congregation at St George's Cathedral. We lunch at the Jerusalem Hotel. The afternoon is free, or you may wish to join an optional visit to the Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust (costs included). Later there is the option to return to St George's for Evensong.

Monday BETHANY & THE JORDAN VALLEY

Leaving Jerusalem, we drive to Bethany where we visit the church and the tomb of Lazarus. We also visit Jeel al-Amal Boys Home and the Lazarus Girls Home, both of which are supported by the McCabe Educational Trust. We then continue to the desert oasis of Jericho. In Jericho we visit the Tel and ascend the Mount of Temptation by cable-car. We lunch in a garden restaurant, al-Rawdah. In the afternoon we continue our journey through the Jordan Valley 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.](#)

Tuesday NAZARETH

We ascend Mount Tabor in taxis to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration and enjoy magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon. We continue to Nazareth where we visit Nazareth village (a reconstruction of 1st Century Galilean life) and have lunch at St. Margaret's Guest House. We visit St Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well), the Synagogue Church and the Basilica of the Annunciation. We return to Tiberias stopping en route to visit Cana, scene of Jesus first miracle.

Wednesday THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. We drive to the north of the lake and visit the ruins of Capernaum, Jesus' Galilean base. We



continue to Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his disciples after His resurrection) and the Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha. Lunch is at the Convent of the Beatitudes. We visit the church and garden which commemorate the Sermon on the Mount and celebrate the Eucharist here. After lunch, we walk down to the lake and sail back on the 'Jesus boat' from Nof Ginnosar across the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias, returning by mid-afternoon to allow time to relax and swim.

Thursday 10th February HOMEWARD BOUND

We leave Tiberias and drive to the Mediterranean coast and the Crusadar port fortress of Acre. Here we visit the **s u b t e r r a e a n** Crusader Halls and the al-Jazzar mosque.



We continue to Jaffa for an early lunch at the Abu Nasser restaurant, we continue to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our homeward flight LY 317 which departs at 1735 arriving back at London Heathrow Airport at 2105 hours.



OUR PILGRIMAGE

Ysgrifenna Esgob Wyn ...

Gobeithiaf y byddwch yn ystyried ymuno â ni ar bererindod i Wledydd Sanctaidd Palesteina ac Israel ym mis Chwefror 2011. Ymwelais i â'r lle am y tro diwethaf ddeugain mlynedd yn ôl. Mae hwn yn gyfle gwych i gysylltu â mannau a thestunau'r Beibl ac i gyfarfod Iesu mewn ffordd newydd a gwfreiddiol. Down o hyd i'r efengyl mewn ffordd hynod o gyfoes ym mywydau'r Palesteiniaid ac Israeliaid a gyfarfyddwn wrth iddynt ein tywys trwy eu gwlad hardd a chythryblus. Bydd yr amrywiaeth o safleoedd a sefyllfaoedd yn siarad â phob un ohonom mewn ffordd wahanol; ond bydd undod ar ein taith wrth i ni adnewyddu ein hymrwymiad i Iesu, sydd yr un ddoe a heddiw ac am byth. Bydd y daith yn un llawn chwerthin a llawenydd, addoliad a chymdeithas. Bydd angen symudedd rhesymol arnoch oherwydd bod yna ychydig o gerdded a llawer o risiau!

Bishop Wyn writes.....

I hope that you will consider joining us on pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Palestine and Israel in February 2011. I last visited there forty years ago. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the places as well as the texts of the Bible and so to encounter and relate to Jesus in a new and thrilling way. We shall find the gospel made strikingly contemporary for us in the lives of the faithful Palestinians and Israelis whom we shall meet and who will guide us through their beautiful and troubled land. The variety of sites and situations will speak to us all differently; but we shall all be united on a journey together renewing our commitment to Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever. The journey will also be full of laughter and joy, with opportunities for relaxation, worship and fellowship. You will need to have reasonable mobility as there is some walking and lots of steps!

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. We do advise you, however, to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

McCabe will arrange comprehensive travel insurance cover for each passenger unless otherwise indicated on the booking form. We have negotiated the premium (see 'Tour Information' section inside for rate) which as well as offering full medical and baggage cover also gives cover against loss of deposits. Cover is arranged by Preferential Insurance Services Ltd and is underwritten by Optimum Underwriting Limited as underwriting agents for Groupama Insurance Company Limited – each aforementioned organisation is authorised and regulated by The Financial Services Authority (FSA). The policy wording sets out full details of cover and will be sent to you with your confirmation invoice. This document also acts as your insurance certificate so that your booking reference number is also your insurance policy number.

A special feature of the McCabe insurance is that there is no age limit. Please, however, note it is a requirement that all insured persons must adhere to the Medical Health Requirements section on page 5 of the Policy wording document (which we will send you with your confirmation invoice). If you answer yes to any of the questions asked within this section you must contact the [HELPLINE 0843 208 1461](tel:08432081461). This is a confidential service that will decide whether or not this insurance is appropriate for you. If they decline to offer cover, or if you are unhappy with any aspect of the cover, you can return the policy within 14 days of issue and receive a full refund. In cases of difficulty, we have specialist insurers we can introduce you to.

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