



# A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH JORDAN

14-23 October 2020

with the Revd Dr Andrew Davey

10 days including Petra & Wadi Rum
Desert Castles, Dead Sea, Mount Nebo and the Red Sea





## A Journey through Jordan

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A pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, John the Baptist, the Wise Men and, of course, Jesus and his disciples!

We begin in Amman including a visit to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman towns in the world.

We travel to lost desert castles, the amazing rock-cut city of Petra and the stunningly beautiful desert landscape of Wadi Rum.

Petra is the high point of any visit to Jordan, but the country offers so much more, including numerous sites of biblical importance: we will also visit Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land, and Bethany Beyond the Jordan, where Jesus was baptised by John.

During our travels, we will have the opportunity to meet with local people: Brother Andrew at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, the Bedouin living in tents with herds of camels, sheep and goats giving us a rich insight into their traditions and culture.

We will end the pilgrimage in Aqaba by the Red Sea. Come and join us on what promises to be an unforgettable and profoundly rewarding spiritual experience.

# TOUR INFORMATION

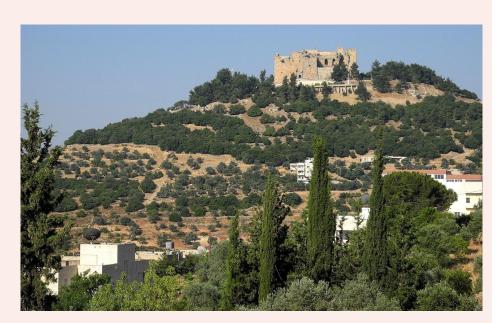
The cost is £2,445 based on twin sharing. Hotels are of four-star/four star plus standard and are chosen based on location and atmosphere, as well as offering good quality accommodation. The tour is on a full-board basis with breakfast, lunch and evening meal included daily. Touring is by air-conditioned coach and we will be accompanied by a local guide who will share leadership responsibilities with the tour leader.

All entrance fees are included as well as gratuities, which we will allocate locally to those that help us on our journey.

Flights are with Royal Jordanian between London Heathrow Airport and Amman and returning from Aqaba to London Heathrow via Amman. All airport and security charges as well as visa charges are included (please see back page).

We have included most expenses in the tour cost but some items are listed separately: the travel insurance premium is £89 to age 74 and £169 if older (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 £455, but please see our note **Travelling Alone** on the back page. Any special requests should be noted on the booking form. A deposit is payable at the time of booking and the balance is due eight 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 £200 plus the insurance premium (if required), to the tour leader. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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# DAILY PROGRAMME









#### Wednesday 14 October | To Amman

Royal Jordanian flight RJ112 departs Heathrow at 17:05 arriving Amman at 00:10.

Three night stay in Amman at the Grand Palace Hotel.

#### Thursday | Desert Castles & Amman

We visit the desert castles of Amra, Azraq and, time permitting, Kharanah. Lunch in Amman and visit the citadel, the heart of the ancient city, with its Roman temple, theatre and the Archaeological Museum.

#### Friday | Jerash & Umm Qays

We drive to the site of Umm Qais, Gadara at the time of Jesus, with panoramic views over the Sea of Galilee. Lunch at the Lebanese Restaurant and visit to the spectacular ruined city of Jerash. En route back to Amman, we stop at the Jabbok River where we recall the story of Jacob wrestling with the angel.

#### Saturday | Salt & the Jordan Valley

We leave Amman and travel the short distance to the city of Salt where we visit Brother Andrew and hear about the wonderful work at the Anglican-supported Holy Land Institute for the Deaf. Lunch en route to Bethany beyond the Jordan, believed to be where John baptised Jesus.

Two night stay at the Movenpick Dead Sea.

#### Sunday | Mount Nebo

We drive the short distance to Mount Nebo and celebrate Holy Communion on the mountain where Moses viewed the Promised Land. On a clear day there are wonderful views over the Jordan Valley to Jericho and sometimes even Jerusalem. Continue to Madaba and the Church of St George with its famous mosaic map of the Bible Lands. Lunch at Haret Jdoudna. Return to the hotel with time to relax and swim in the pool or float in the Dead Sea. Today there will be the opportunity to meet with local Christians.

#### Monday | Kings Highway

We drive along the Kings Highway to Machaerus, the hilltop fortress where John the Baptist was imprisoned and executed. Lunch and visit to Shobak Castle. An impressive early Crusader castle in a very dramatic and remote location, it was inhabited until the 1950s.

Three night stay at the Nabatean Castle over looking Petra.

#### Tuesday | Petra

Petra's fame is well deserved: the scale of the site and the extraordinary beauty of the rock-cut tombs and temples is breathtaking. At the time of Jesus, Petra was a magnificent Nabatean city of enormous wealth which controlled

much of the trade that passed through the region. We enter Petra on foot through the narrow Siq and spend the entire day here visiting many of its magnificent monuments, including some of the Royal Tombs. Lunch within the site at the Basin Restaurant.

#### Wednesday | Petra

Today we visit Little Petra and after lunch there is the option of a second visit to the main site of Petra.

#### Thursday | Wadi Rum

Morning drive to Wadi Rum where we transfer to 4x4 pickups to drive into the wadi, looking at rock drawings and inscriptions, natural rock arches, canyons and red sand dunes. We enjoy a traditional Bedouin lunch in the desert before driving to Aqaba on the Red Sea. We tour the city including the excavations at Ayla Church, site of one of the earliest church buildings. Overnight at the Movenpick Hotel in Aqaba.

#### Friday 23 October | Home

Royal Jordanian flight RJ301 departs Aqaba at 08:10 and arrives Amman at 09:00. Our connecting flight RJ111 departs Amman at 12:00 and arrives back at Heathrow at 15:25.



## **OUR JOURNEY**

#### 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 journey. 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 Jordan. If you are holding a non-British passport, or require further advice, please consult the McCabe office. No inoculations are required. We do, however, 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

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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 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.

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