

Templar Pilgrimage Trust



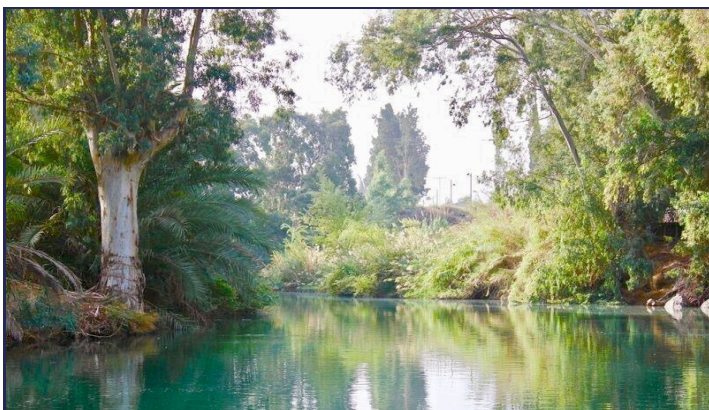
OUR WORK IN 2018

The Trust's main activity is making grants to groups and individuals planning to make pilgrimages. Without the Trust's financial support, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for them to do so.

During 2018 the Trust made 14 grants, which together amounted to £7,600. We supported individuals, as well as school groups helping disabled children on pilgrimage and people considering ordination.

More information about the Trust and details of the work we do can be found at our website:

www.templarpilgrimagestrust.org.uk



In 2018, we helped pilgrims visit:
Assisi, Glendalough, the Holy Land, Knock, Lourdes, Medjugorje, Rome, Santiago, Taizé and Walsingham.

Our Logo

The red Templar cross reflects the Trust's links to the Order of Knights Templar. The pilgrims' scallop shell, particularly connected with St James' shrine at Santiago de Compostela in Spain, represents the people we help to make their pilgrimages.



BENEFITS TO PILGRIMS

We are always encouraged to hear how people benefit from making pilgrimages.

After their pilgrimage, one group leader reported on positive changes and emotions in the children on pilgrimage. Other student volunteers were said to have benefitted greatly from a spiritual and affirming experience. Reports from student pilgrims noted greater understanding about holy places and new ways of looking at the Bible as a result of making the pilgrimage. An individual described pilgrimage as 'an extraordinary journey'.

COSTS

The level of interest in pilgrimage seems to be increasing. The costs of making a pilgrimage are also increasing, to the point where we have been told that 'pilgrimage is becoming cost prohibitive for students'. We are determined to continue helping as many pilgrims as possible, even as both interest and costs increase.

SUPPORTING THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST

Ever since the Trust was founded, members of the Order of Knights Templar have supported our work generously. We have also been fortunate to receive financial support from individuals and from McCabe Pilgrimages for many years. As the interest in pilgrimages and the costs of making pilgrimages increase, so do the numbers of applications the Trust receives. We encourage readers who do not support the Trust at the moment and who are able to do so to make a donation, either by a one-off payment or regularly by a standing order. Please use the attached donation form. The last words come from one of the 2018 pilgrims:

'The pilgrimage has left me with a deeper faith, a richer understanding of the Bible and a wealth of experiences to draw from in the future. Thank you for making it possible for me to have these experiences.'

