# SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS WITH JONATHAN MORRIS

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."
Matthew 28:6

**Arrival: September 15** **Departure: September 23**

## September 15: Welcome to the Holy Land

### Morning

Upon arrival at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel-Aviv, you will transfer to the 4-star Dan Panorama Tel-Aviv Hotel

### Afternoon

Settle into your hotel, catch up on your rest, and then join us for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant close to the hotel.

## September 16: Caesarea, Jaffa & Tel Aviv

### Morning

After breakfast, we take a tour of Jaffa, where Jonah ran from the Lord. Here we will celebrate Mass, then drive to Caesarea Maritama, a magnificent city of Roman ruins.

### Afternoon

Lunch is on your own, followed by a leisure day in Tel Aviv to enjoy at your leisure, then join us for a dinner together at a local restaurant.

## September 17: Jesus' childhood home & His First Miracle

### Morning

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and travel to Nazareth, the hometown of Mary where Jesus lived as a child. We visit and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Annunciation, where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. We will also visit the nearby church of St. Joseph, built atop the site where the Holy Family lived.

### Afternoon

We enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant, then drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle- changing water into wine at a wedding feast. Here at the Franciscan Chapel, couples may renew their wedding vows. We continue on to Tiberias and check into The Scots Hotel located along the Sea of Galilee. We gather together for dinner at a local restaurant.

## September 18: Sea of Galilee, Jesus' hometown, & Feeding 5,000

### Morning

After breakfast, we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, followed by a visit to Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene recently unearthed in 2006. We will then visit Capernaum, the hometown of Jesus as he began His ministry and where he performed many miracles.

### Afternoon

We enjoy St. Peter's Fish at the Pilgerhaus, a restaurant along the shores of Galilee. We continue on to the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the Mount of Beatitudes, where we also celebrate Mass. We visit the site where Jesus fed the 5,000 and later appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection. We gather together for dinner at a local restaurant.

## September 19: Transfiguration, Baptism & the Walls of Jericho

### Morning

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, where we celebrate Mass. We visit the site on the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized before continuing on to the ancient city of Jericho where we will take a tour.

### Afternoon

We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before driving to Jerusalem where we check into the Guest House at the Notre Dame Jerusalem. We gather together in the evening for dinner at a local restaurant.

## September 20: Dead Sea Scrolls, Bethlehem & Shepherds' Field

### Morning

After breakfast, we visit the Israel Museum which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and other artifacts from the times of Abraham to Jesus. We then travel to Bethlehem.

### Afternoon

We enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant then tour Bethlehem at Manger Square, located next to one of the oldest Christian churches~ the Church of the Nativity. Here we will celebrate Mass and visit the Grotto, which marks the spot where Jesus was born. Later, we will visit the cave by the Shepherds' Field where angels appeared announcing the birth of Christ. We gather together in the evening for dinner at a local restaurant.

## September 21 : Mount of Olives, the Jewish Quarter & an Empty Tomb

### Morning

We begin our day in the early hours and drive to the Mount of Olives where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer. We will walk along Palm Sunday path and visit the Garden of Gethsemane and its 2,000 year old olive trees. Here we will visit the Church of All Nations, see the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed, and celebrate Mass.

### Afternoon

We enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant then visit the House of Caiaphas and the Church of St. Peter, where we see parts of the streets where Jesus was held by His captors. We visit the Upper Room where Jesus shared the Last Supper with His Disciples and then visit the Old City of Jerusalem. We tour the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site of Calvary and the empty Tomb. Dinner on your own.

## September 22: Via Dolorosa, Healing Pools & the Western Wall

### Morning

We begin our day in the early hours and walk along the Via Dolorosa in the old city of Jerusalem, starting from the site where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we will celebrate Mass. We return to the hotel for breakfast, then visit the Pools of Bethesda where the healing of the paralyzed took place, then visit the Western Wall.

### Afternoon

Lunch is on your own and then enjoy leisure time in the Old City. Please join us for a farewell dinner on the rooftop of the hotel.

## September 23: "Peace I leave with you"

### Morning

After breakfast, check out of hotel and depart for the airport.

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:20

# DETAILS

## Cost

$5,875 per person (land only) for 9 days, 8 nights.
This amount includes 7 dinners, 5 lunches, all breakfasts, as well as entrance fees to sites, gratuities to tour guides, operators, drivers, restaurant and hotel staff and the transfer of your luggage ahead of you so that upon arrival to your hotel room at subsequent cities (Tiberias, Jerusalem), your luggage will be waiting in your room.

## Flights

We have decided not to book group flights, as this will allow you to book whatever class of seats you wish and to come in early or stay later. Group tickets made it difficult for guests to get upgrades or select seats, so we believe this will simply the process for everyone.

## Solo Travelers

A limited number of single rooms are available. Trip cost is based on two people per room. The supplement for single rooms is $1,489. If you would like us to pair you with another solo traveler who is looking for a roommate, please let us know.

## Payment

A deposit of $1.500 must be submitted with your registration form. You will receive a registration form when you have received the notification from us that there is space for you and your travel companions.

## Travel Insurance

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance (Travel Protection Plan) on your own.

## Final Note on Religious Nature of Trip

All are welcome, of all faith traditions. Daily Mass will be offered by our chaplain, Father Sean Connolly, at the churches we visit.