

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS WITH JONATHAN MORRIS

Every 25 years, the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year, a time to deepen our faith and renew our commitment to Jesus Christ. And this Jubilee Year, themed “Pilgrims of Hope” by Pope Francis, aims to encourage the 30+ million who will journey to Rome to renew the hope that has been given to us through our faith. It is a customary part of the pilgrim’s journey to the Eternal City to walk through the four Holy Doors in Rome’s major papal basilicas, which will be the four pillars of our journey together. We hope you can join us.

Departure: November 5

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Nov. 6th : Benvenuta (“welcome”) & the First Holy Door

Morning

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transported to your hotel and welcomed with a luncheon at check in.

Afternoon

We will tour the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and enter the first Holy Door of our Jubilee pilgrimage, before celebrating an opening Mass. In the evening, we will gather together for a lecture with renowned art historian Elizabeth Lev before our welcome dinner.

Nov. 7th: the Colosseum, Catacombs & Ghetto di Roma

Morning

After breakfast, we enjoy a walking tour of the Colosseum and the beauty of Palatine Hill, one of the most ancient parts of Rome, then proceed to the Mamertine Prison and the Jewish quarter where St. Paul would have resided during his stay in Rome.

Afternoon

Lunch is on your own, followed by an afternoon drive along the Ancient Appian Way with a visit to the Catacombs, the burial place of the early Christians where we celebrate Mass. We gather together for dinner at a local restaurant.



Nov 8th: St. Augustin's, the Pantheon & ensuring a return to Rome

Morning

We visit the largest circular tomb ever known and celebrate Mass at St. Augustin's Church, one of the first Roman churches of the Renaissance. We will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant.

Afternoon

Our guided tour leads us to the architectural wonder, the Pantheon & the Trevi Fountain where visitors toss coins to ensure a return to Rome. We enjoy an evening lecture with Ms. Lev, followed by dinner on our own.



Nov. 9th: St. Peter's Basilica & a Papal blessing

Morning

After breakfast, we will walk to St. Peter's Basilica on a Jubilee procession that will end with entering through the Holy Door, where we will attend the 10:30 AM Mass. We will join the other pilgrims in the square to attend the "Urbi et Orbi" Sunday Papal blessing with Pope Leo XIV. Lunch is on your own.

Afternoon

Please enjoy a Sunday afternoon on your own in Rome, perhaps a walk in the Borghese Gardens or people-watching in Piazza Navona. Then join us for dinner at a local restaurant.

Nov. 10th: Basilicas, Bernini & a scene from Roman Holiday

Morning

We visit three prominent basilicas in Rome, including the Basilica of St. Mary Major where Pope Francis is buried and the Basilica of St. John Lateran which houses a fragment of the table on which Jesus consumed his last supper. Our tours will be followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon

We start our afternoon in Piazza del Popolo and walk to the iconic Spanish Steps where Audrey Hepburn enjoyed gelato in the iconic film, before visiting the Basilica of St. Andrea delle Fratte, where two angels by Bernini, originally intended for the Ponte Sant'Angelo, are now preserved.



Nov. 11th: the Vatican Museums & the Sistine Chapel

Morning

We have an early morning with exclusive access to the Vatican Museums before it opens to the public, including a private tour of the museums & Sistine Chapel followed by a breakfast inside the Vatican walls. We then proceed for visit of St. Peter's Basilica followed by lunch on your own.

Afternoon

Please enjoy this final afternoon in the Eternal City at your own leisure, then join us for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Included:

- Accommodations for 6 nights at the luxury hotel Le Meridien Visconti located in the upscale art nouveau district of Prati between the Vatican and the Tiber River
- All breakfasts, 3 luncheons, 4 dinners
- Daily transportation to and from all tour sites and experiences
- Transportation shuttles to & from Rome's airport
- All entrance & tour guide fees
- All gratuities



DETAILS

Cost

\$5,695 per person (land only).

*Based on double occupancy; single supplement \$1,020

Flights

A limited number of direct flights from JFK International Airport and Newark International Airport have been reserved. They will be offered on a first-come-first served basis. The direct flight from JFK is \$1,125 The direct flight from Newark is \$1,239. Both flights depart on the evening of November 5th. If you wish to book your travel on your own, you may do so and meet the group at the hotel by 1:00pm on November 6th. Buses will transport travelers who come on the flights from JFK and Newark to the hotel.

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 \$1,020. 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 (notifications will be sent via email the week of June 15th). Your deposit check must be sent via Express Mail and arrive to our office within three business days of our notification to you by email. The receipt of this deposit by our office will hold your place. If the deposit does not arrive within three days, your spot will be given to someone on the waiting list.

If anyone asks you to send money by any other means (Venmo, wire transfer, Zelle) etc. do NOT do it. We are accepting only checks to protect you from internet scammers.

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, Fr Sean, at the churches we visit.

