Footsteps of Jesus

Watch the Gospels come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and retrace the progressive stages of the life of Jesus from his Nativity in Bethlehem to his Passion on Calvary. Be deeply moved as we behold with our eyes what our minds for so long attempted to imagine.

Pre-Pilgrimage Option: Wonders of Jordan - 3 Nights
Dead Sea (1) • Mt Nebo • Baptismal site of Jesus • Madaba • Petra exploration (2) • Transfer to Bethlehem

9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS. SUN 17 NOV - TUE 26 NOV, 2019
Bethlehem (2) • Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee (3) • Mt Tabor • Mt Carmel • Haifa • Jericho • Jerusalem (4) • Emmaus.

Accompanied by
FATHER JULIAN BELICH
Footsteps of Jesus

pilgrim highlights

- Pay homage in Bethlehem before the silver star that marks the very spot of Jesus’ birth
- Reflect quietly at the Grotto cave of the Annunciation to honour Mary’s ‘Yes’ to God
- Share the privilege of celebrating a breathtaking Mass on board a traditional sailing vessel in the centre of Lake Galilee
- Engage in inspired People & Plight encounters and be moved by their stories of faith and resilience
- Enjoy an exclusive ‘Breakfast with Jesus’ in a private location by the shores of Galilee
- Participate in a traditional ‘Sabbath Experience Meal’ as we are welcomed inside a Jewish home to share songs and prayers to welcome in the Lord’s day
- Enter as a group into a private gated Garden in Gethsemane for an extended time of prayer amidst ancient olive trees
- Walk in Jesus’ footsteps as we pray the Stations of the Cross at dawn along the deserted Via Dolorosa streets in the Old City of Jerusalem
- Bow low at the altar of Calvary and touch the very rock of Golgotha where Jesus was crucified

SYMBOLOS  Mass Setting:  Preferred site
(B) = Breakfast  (L) = Lunch  (D) = Dinner

= Time Out - Planned site for extended opportunity for prayer & reflection

WONDERS OF JORDAN | 3 Nights/4 Days PRE-TOUR OPTION

DEAD SEA (1) / MT NEBO / MADABA / PETRA (2)
Why not enjoy the perfect start to your Holy Land encounter with an exhilarating 4-day Pre-Tour discovery of the ancient wonders of Jordan? After this we will take you on to Bethlehem relaxed and ready to begin your Footsteps of Jesus pilgrimage!

- First Night Dead Sea Resort Relaxation
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Visit Biblical Mt Nebo / Madaba / Baptismsit Site of Jesus
- Relish a 2 Night Stay in Ancient Petra to fully explore the stone-carved city dating back to 300BC
- Fully escorted

2019 PRICES
TWIN SHARE $1,290  SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT $590

Tipping Made Easy: $10 per person/per day

DAY 1: SUNDAY 17 NOV 2019 – ARRIVE THE HOLY LAND (D)
Arrive at Amman airport as we are met and transferred by coach to Bethlehem, the City of David and birthplace of Jesus our Saviour. Here we formally begin our pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus with our first group Mass before dinner.

DAY 2: MONDAY 18 NOV – BETHLEHEM & SURROUNDS (BLD)
Theme: The Birth of Jesus
We set out this morning to the nearby hillside region to honour the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth at the village of Ein Karem. Here we ascend the path to the Church of the Visitation dedicated to Mary’s ‘Magnificat’ (My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord’ Lk 1:46). Take quiet time here to wander the grounds and spiritually reflect on this powerful episode in the Gospels.

Continue on to the Church of St John the Baptist to pray before the grotto of his birth. Onwards to Bethlehem University to engage with local Catholic students and to hear their stories of resilience and hope before being served lunch by members of their Hospitality department. Celebrate a stunning Mass at the Cave Chapel at the Shepherds’ Field where the angels appeared to the Shepherds on that first Christmas night.

The pinnacle of our day is our visit to the Church of the Nativity; birthplace of Jesus and the oldest complete church in the Christian world. Bow low to enter the sacred grotto through the Door of Humility as we descend to the Holy Manger where a silver star in the floor marks the actual spot where Jesus was born. Our pilgrim journey continues as we enter St Jerome’s Cave where the saint spent 30 years translating the scriptures. Finally visit the intriguing Milk Grotto, a site of veneration to Mary since the 4th century.
DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 20 NOV – SEA OF GALILEE

**Theme: The Formative Years of Jesus**

We continue our journey with the Holy Family into the stone-paved town of Jesus’ childhood, Nazareth. Here on the outskirts we come to Nazareth Village, an authentic re-creation of life as it was in the days of Jesus. Take a parable-rich stroll back in time as our guide brings to life the environment and atmosphere that shaped Jesus’ early years. Our memorable visit is made complete with a fascinating first-century meal in a stone-dining area typical of the days of Christ.

In Nazareth we soon enter the Basilica of the Annunciation where a traditional cave becomes our focal point as we ponder Mary’s great yet humble ‘YES’ to God. After a visit to the Church of St Joseph we visit a traditional Jewish synagogue where the Holy Family would have once worshiped. We arrive into the village of Cana where Jesus performed his very first miracle at the request of his mother. Onwards to the magnificent Sea of Galilee.

**Mass Setting: Basilica of the Annunciation**

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DAY 5: THURSDAY 21 NOV – MT OF BEATITUDES / HAIFA / MT TABOR (BLD)

**Theme: Mountains of Grace**

Arise for a breathtaking Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes and take time in this stunning place to ponder the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus’ recipe for a blessed life. We travel west to Haifa where the Mediterranean Sea wraps around three sides of the city with intoxicating blue and gold beaches. After a tour of the stunning Stella Maris Monastery at Mount Carmel, we make our way to the House of Grace, a Catholic ministry that works with the most marginalised members of Haifa. We’ll share lunch and hear of the work of this powerful ministry in rehabilitating released prisoners.

Finally, we come to the foot of Mt Tabor only to ascend the narrow winding road by taxi, leading to the majestic summit. Here, in this breathtaking setting, Our Lord’s divinity shone forth in the Transfiguration.

**Mass Setting: Mt of Beatitudes**

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DAY 6: FRIDAY 22 NOV – VIA JERICHO TO JERUSALEM (BLD)

**Theme: The Passion of Jesus**

We begin our day visiting the grand ‘Pater Noster’ Church at the Mt of Olives before making our way down the Palm Sunday Road to the Dominus Flevit Church for Mass with its sweeping views of the city. Here Jesus wept over Jerusalem during his final days. We approach the quiet Garden of Gethsemane and enter the Church of the Agony containing the rock upon which Jesus prayed before his arrest.

Enjoy a true pilgrim highlight as we enjoy exclusive gate entry into a secluded garden for extended prayer and reflection amidst ancient olive trees. From here we cross town to the Israel Museum and after lunch, view the Second Temple Scale Model of Jerusalem as it was in the time of Jesus. In the adjacent Shrine of the Book Museum we examine the Dead Sea Scrolls with our own eyes.

Our afternoon concludes at Mt Zion, Church of St Peter in Gallicantu commemorating Peter’s triple denial of Jesus as our pilgrimage enters the next phase of His Passion.

**Mass Setting: Dominus Flevit overlooking Jerusalem**

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DAY 7: SATURDAY 23 NOV – JERUSALEM (BLD)

**Theme: The Wonders of Jordan**

We will witness hundreds of devout Jews chanting prayers at the “Wailing Wall” on the eve of the Sabbath and then be welcomed into a local Jewish home for a Sabbath Experience Meal. Here we ‘Taste & See’ the Jewish culture while joining in traditional prayers and songs.

**Mass Setting: Shore of Lake Galilee**
DAY 8: SUNDAY 24 NOV – JERUSALEM / AFTERNOON AT LEISURE (BLD)

Theme: The Passion of Jesus

At Mt Zion this morning we encounter the Cenacle room of the Last Supper where we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and Pentecost. After some time in prayerful reflection, we continue to the Church of the Dormition where tradition tells us that Mary the Mother of Jesus ‘fell asleep’ into Heaven. Finally, we come to the vicinity of the Temple Mount to see the Dome of the Rock, El Aqsa Mosque and the Western Wall.

Explore the Old City this afternoon at your own pace. Before dinner this evening we have the powerful opportunity to meet with Bereaved representatives from both sides of the Middle East conflict. Be deeply moved as we listen to their journey towards reconciliation and courageous love of neighbour.

Mass Setting: Cenacle Church

DAY 9: MONDAY 25 NOV – JERUSALEM (BLD)

Theme: The Death & Resurrection of Jesus

We rise with the sun this morning to return to the Old City of Jerusalem and commence our Stations of the Cross, beginning from the Antonia Fortress where Jesus was condemned to death. Following in Our Lord’s footsteps, we walk and pray along the old Via Dolorosa and culminate at the site of Calvary where we will celebrate Mass here in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

We walk the stairway to the actual site where the Cross of Jesus once stood. Here at Calvary, we have the unique opportunity to touch the natural rock of Golgotha below with our pilgrim hands before entering the nearby Tomb of Christ. This will be the pinnacle Easter moment of our pilgrimage journey! After breakfast we visit the Church of St Anne before continuing to the adjacent Pool of Bethesda, the Lithostrotos (pavement) and the Flagellation and Condemnation Chapels which so vividly commemorate the last hours of Jesus’ life.

Our afternoon draws us out to the site of Emmaus for a prayerful time of reflection. Later, see the Holy Shroud Exhibit to view a full-size replica of the Holy Shroud of Turin. Enjoy a Special Celebration Dinner for our final night in a wonderful restaurant affording spectacular views over all of Jerusalem.

Mass Setting: The Church of the Holy Sepulchre

TOUR DETAILS & PRICING

| TOUR CODE  | FJ081 |
| DATES      | Sun 17 Nov – Tue 26 Nov |
| TOUR ONLY  | $3,790* Twin Share |
| AIR & TOUR | From $5,680 |
| SINGLE ROOM | $1,190 Supplement |
| TIPPING    | $10 per person / per day |
| BEGINS/ENDS | Bethlehem – Jerusalem |

NIKES OF JORDAN (3 NIGHTS)

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