

Saint John the Baptist Parish is pleased to announce a...

Pilgrimage to the
HOLY LAND

with optional extension to Jordan

with Rev. Simione Volavola, MSC

11 Days

September 5-15, 2019

Jordan Extension: Sept. 15-17, 2019



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ITINERARY

✠ Thursday, September 5, Day 1 – DEPART NEWARK AIRPORT ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV.

Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane.

✠ Friday, September 6, Day 2 – ARRIVAL – SEA OF GALILEE

Shalom! We arrive Tel Aviv Airport where we are greeted our representative who will take us to our local guide and assist us with boarding our bus. Continue to our beautiful hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Check-in, unpack and meet for drinks and dinner in our hotel. Overnight Sea of Galilee - Tiberius. (D)

✠ Saturday, September 7, Day 3 – NAZARETH – CANA – MAGDALA

Following an open buffet breakfast, we begin our day with a tour of St. Joseph's Church and the Grotto where the angel appeared to Mary. We celebrate Mass at the Church of Annunciation and tour the church. Today we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. We continue to Cana of Galilee to visit and for the couples in the group to renew their wedding vows. Be sure to dress up and bring your wedding rings for this special occasion. We drive up to Mt. Precipice and enjoy a remarkable view of the Jezreel Valley. Our stop includes a visit to the Valley of the Doves and the Magdala Center before returning to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Tiberius. (B, L, D)

✠ Sunday, September 8, Day 4 – MINISTRY AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Open buffet breakfast. Our day starts with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to the museum where we see an ancient boat dating from the time of Jesus. At the Mt. of Beatitudes we celebrate Mass and have time for prayer and reflection. Following lunch, we visit Capernaum to see Peter's House and Tabgha and to visit the Church of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves. Our last stop of the day is the Church of Peter's Primacy. Dinner at Magdalena Restaurant with a choice of beer or wine. Overnight in Tiberius. (B, L, Special Dinner)

✠ Monday, September 9, Day 5 – MT. TABOR – CAESAREA MARITIMA – BETHLEHEM

Open buffet breakfast. We depart for Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of the Transfiguration where we celebrate Mass. Continue to Caesarea Maritima to see the port from which St. Paul sailed on his Missionary Journeys. Following lunch, we drive to Bethlehem. Dinner is at the hotel tonight. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)

✠ Tuesday, September 10, Day 6 – BETHLEHEM – WINERY VISIT – SHARING THE BREAD

Open buffet breakfast. Continue to Bethlehem for a visit of Shepherd's Field for Mass and to visit the Church of Nativity. Following lunch, we visit a local winery to taste Crimson wine, an award-winning wine created by Monks. We have time for shopping in a local Christian store and "Sharing the Bread" dinner with Christian Families of Bethlehem in their homes. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, Special Dinner)

✠ Wednesday, September 11, Day 7 – MT. OF OLIVES – MT. ZION

Open buffet breakfast. We start our visit of Jerusalem at the Mt. of Olives, where we see the Ascension Chapel and Pater Noster, enjoy a magnificent view of the city of Jerusalem, and walk down the Palm Sunday Road. We stop to see Dominus Flevit along the way from where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and end our walk in the Garden of Gethsemane. We visit the Church of Agony, Grotto of Gethsemane and the empty tomb of the Blessed Virgin. Following lunch, we visit Mt. Zion to see St. Peter in Gallicantu, Dormition Abbey, Upper Room and King David's Tomb. We celebrate Mass at the Cenacle. Dinner is at the Wine and Cheese Rooftop Bar at the Notre Dame hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L, Special Dinner)

✠ Thursday, September 12, Day 8 – TEMPLE MOUNT- WESTERN WALL – EIN KAREM

Open buffet breakfast followed by a visit to the Western Wall Tunnels. We see the Temple area and stop to visit the Wailing Wall to tuck a prayer into the wall crevice as Pope John Paul, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis have done before us. Lunch is included. Depart for



WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air
\$4095.00

Land Only
\$3295.00

Single Supplement
\$795.00

Jordan Extension
\$895.00

Single Supplement
\$95.00

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later May 17, 2019.

Final payment due July 5, 2019



This itinerary was created taking into account the "Holy Land Pilgrimage Guidelines" of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Ein Karem where we visit the birthplace of St John the Baptist and celebrate Mass. Dinner is on your own tonight (B, L)

✚ Friday - September 13 – Day 9 – BAPTISMAL SITE – JERICHO-QUMRAN CAVES – THE DEAD SEA

Following breakfast, we drive through the Judean Hills to visit the Baptismal Site on the River Jordan. In Jericho, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world we stop for lunch and to celebrate Mass. We see the Sycamore Tree, Tel Jericho and the Mt. of Temptation in the near distance. We stop at Qumran Caves to see where the Shepard's discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls. Take a dip in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem for an overnight. (B, L, D)

✚ Saturday, September 14, Day 10 – HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

We wake up very early this morning to walk the peaceful streets of the Holy City of Jerusalem, praying the Stations of the Cross along the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we celebrate Holy Mass. (TBC). Return to hotel for breakfast and some rest before embarking on a city tour including a visit to St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda, Ecce Homo, Judgement Hall and the Chapel of Flagellation. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure to explore the Old City on your own. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner as we remember many of the memorable moments of this trip. (B, Special Dinner)

✚ Sunday, September 15, Day 11 – ARRIVAL IN THE USA

Arrive in the U.S.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO JORDAN

✚ Sunday, September 15, Day 11 – ALLENBY – MADABA/MT. NEBO – BAPTISM SITE – AMMAN

We check out of our hotel and depart for Allenby Bridge, crossing into Jordan. You are greeted by your Christian English speaking guide at the Jordanian border, assisted to the bus with your luggage and transferred to the Dead Sea to visit Madaba where we see the famous the 6th-century mosaic map of Palestine in St. George's Church. We celebrate Mass at Mt. Nebo Church. Stand atop of Mount Nebo looking over the Promised Land just as Moses did before his death. We stop for lunch on our own at the Haret Jdoudna an excellent local restaurant. We visit Bethany Beyond Jordan, where Joshua crossed over with the Ark of the Covenant and the authentic site where Jesus was baptized by St. John in the Jordan River. Time permitting we enjoy a wine tasting at Jordan Rivers Wines in Abdali. This trip puts a focus on the delicious cuisine of Jordan, a gastronomy shaped by centuries of social and political change. As these changes occurred, a variety of spices, cooking techniques, and ingredients remained in their culture. Jordan also has bragging rights as one of the largest producers of olives in the world, so it's no surprise that olive oil is commonly used in their dishes. Garlic, onions, tomato sauce, lemon and za'atar (a spice blend with sumac, sesame seeds, salt and other spices) are all important ingredients. Our dinner is at Kan Zaman considered one of the best restaurants in Jordan, where we taste the best of Jordanian food. Overnight Amman. (B. Special dinner.)

✚ Monday, September 16, Day 12 – AMMAN-PETRA – (COOKING CLASS) – AMMAN

The ancient city of Petra, in Jordan, is on almost everyone's life list. The so-called red -rose city, carved by the Nabateans has entranced travelers for years. Here is our opportunity to be Indian Jones for a day and explore the great mysteries of this fantastic site. Known as one of the new 'seven wonders of the world', this archaeological city sits within 80 m high cliff walls – the iconic treasury, carved into the face of one of these cliffs is definitely the highlight of this visit. In the afternoon we return to Amman. The final meal of this faith and food adventure is a self-prepared dinner at the Beit Sitti cooking school, known as one of the most innovative developments in Jordan's dining scene. Visitors to the school get to cook (and eat) an authentic meal under supervision, with tonight's dish being maqluba. Literally translating to 'upside down', maqluba is a casserole with rice, vegetables, and chicken which is cooked, flipped, then served with either yogurt or an Arab salad with tahini sauce. Savor this last meal with newfound friends before returning to Amman for an overnight. (B. Special dinner)

✚ Tuesday, September 17, Day 13 – AMMAN AIRPORT – USA

Early morning, transfer to Queen Alia Airport for our flight back to the USA

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Open hot buffet breakfast daily
- 4 hotel dinners with a choice of up to two glasses of wine or beer
- Special dinner with up to two glasses of wine or beer at Magdalena Restaurant and Wine and Cheese Bar
- Seven lunches
- Farewell dinner with a choice of up to two glasses of wine or beer.
- Sharing the Bread with Christian families
- Whisper sets
- Private Air-conditioned motor coach
- English-speaking tour manager
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
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- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
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Jordan extension includes:

- Private motor coach transportation in Jordan
- Hotel accommodations in a first-class hotel in Amman
- One restaurant dinner with wine
- One cooking class and dinner (no alcoholic beverages)
- Daily Mass
- English speaking Christian Guide
- Border crossing fees from Israel to Jordan

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you). For restaurant meals, we recommend a tip of \$2.00 per person per day. For extra luggage, please tip \$1.00 per person per bag.
- Church donations

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- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person.
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Your passport must be valid through March 17, 2020. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$4,095.00 for the complete package; \$3,295.00 land only (air not included); \$795.00 single supplement (in room by yourself); \$895.00 extension to Jordan; \$95.00 Jordan single supplement. Credit card payments are: \$4,300.00 for the complete package; \$3,460.00 for land only; \$835.00 single supplement; \$940.00 Jordan Ext.; \$100.00 single supplement.

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