Every year, Sufis from around the world gather for the annual celebration of Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi’s death. Concerts, symposia, lectures, sema (ceremony of the whirling dervishes), dhikrs (Sufi ceremony of Divine Remembrance), etc. take place throughout the day and late into the night. Rumi Immersion students will participate in sessions focusing on the study of Rumi; Islam in Turkey; dance and music in spiritual practice, etc... There will be opportunities to meet with members of Jewish, Eastern Orthodox and Muslim Sufi communities in Istanbul and Konya.

Preparatory readings and videos will be required ahead of time. There will be daily group gatherings, as well as one-on-one meetings with the professors. The group will maintain a blog with video throughout the trip, so that other members of the community can experience this.

NB: Students must arrange to finish the work for their Fall semester courses prior to their travels. Students are responsible for securing their own passports, and arrange for appropriate visa requirements to Turkey from your country of citizenship. In addition to tuition, the estimated additional costs will include airfare (secured by the student), plus ca. $2500 for room, board and transfers within Turkey. For more information, email Prof Dr. Ibrahim Farajajé at ifarajaje@sksm.edu

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