

# A truly catholic pilgrimage

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus", you will be guided as well into deeper understanding of the Scriptures and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

# How it started in Medjugorie

On June 24, 1981, six young people from the quaint Croatian village of Medjugorje, in modern-day Bosnia-Herzegovina, claimed the Blessed Virgin Mary had appeared to them, bringing messages of peace and conversion for all people. She allegedly continues to appear to the present day, and her messages urge all people to turn their hearts back to God and place Him first in their lives and families.

Her messages also provide the instructions for doing this: daily conversion, prayer of the heart, fasting, penance, Mass, monthly confession, and reading and living out Scripture.

Medjugorje is not just a pilgrimage, it's an immersion experience into a rhythm of prayer in a setting steeped in the Lord's peace. Many have said it is the closest to heaven on earth they have experienced. Pilgrims will spend 7 days in Medjugorje, participating in the daily spiritual life of St. James Church, which includes the English Mass, the evening program of prayer and adoration, as well as additional activities as outlined in the itinerary.







# **Program**

# **Day 1** 10/14 (Tue)

Departing the USA on our overnight flights to Europe. Meals served on flight.

# Day 2 10/15 (Wed)

SPLIT - MEDJUGORJE

Upon arrival at the airport, we will travel to Medjugorie. Dinner will be waiting for us upon our arrival at our hotel.

# Day 3-9 10/16-22 (Thu-Wed)

### MEDJUGORJE - MOSTAR - ŠIROKI BRIJEG - KRAVICE WATERFALLS

On our first full day in Medjugorje, Ann will provide you with a comprehensive orientation about Medjugorje and the apparitions, and you will be given a brief tour of the area, so that you are familiar with everything.

- We will have two meals each day at our hotel (breakfast every morning, and dinner, depending on the events scheduled that day). There are many restaurants in Medjugorje for people who may wish to have a third meal each day. Celebrating Mass inside St. James.
- Many of the activities will be subject to availability and weather. You will always have the option of participating in group activities or spending time by yourself. These activities include:
- Attending the Holy Mass in English every day at St. James church (usually at 10:00 am), with English speaking pilgrims from throughout the world.
- Participating in the international program of prayer each evening, which includes the Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation, international Mass for all pilgrims, prayers for healing, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- · Climbing Apparition Hill, site where Our Lady first appeared to the visionaries.
- · Climbing Cross Mountain; praying the Stations of the Cross as we ascend to the summit.
- Visiting the Cenacolo Community, where young people with various addictions will share their testimonies about how they found freedom and a new life through prayer, work, and the Sacraments.
- · Hearing talks by visionaries, priests and other locals, when possible.
- · Visiting the Divine Mercy Chapel in Surmanci.
- Visiting Siroki Brijeg a Franciscan Monastery which is the site of the martyrdom of 30 Franciscan Friars during WWII.
- Visiting Mostar, one of Bosnia & Herzegovina most beautiful cities and a top attraction in the Balkans.
- Visiting Kravice Waterfalls which originated millions of years ago. The waterfall was formed as a result of tectonic movement and the upheaval of the limestone plateau on which Trebizat, the river that feeds the waterfalls, flows.
- Free time for shopping, so that you can bring back a piece of Medjugorje to your loved ones at home, and private reflection.











# **Day 10** 10/23 (Thu)

SPLIT - USA

Depart Medjugorje early in the morning after a wonderful pilgrimage with Our Lady! Transfer to the airport in Split for our return flights home.

# **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- · Round trip airfare.
- Transfers by air-conditioned bus.
- Accommodation in 4 Star hotels (8 nights), 2-person rooms with private bathrooms.
- Meals: 8 breakfasts, 8 dinners.
- · Local guides' services.
- Entrance tickets to the sites, individual tour guide systems and other expenses according to the itinerary.
- Road tolls and parking fees, taxes (including local taxes).
- Basic medical Insurance (medical insurance).

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Luggage insurance, trip cancellation insurance.
- Beverages during dinners.
- Extra charge for single room accommodation: \$800.

# **REMARKS:**

- General itinerary sightseeing order and timetable of the flights might vary.
- This is a group offer for a minimum of 35 persons.
- Each participant should have a valid passport to be valid for 6 months from the date of return.
- The itinerary of DAY 2 may be modified in case a change in flights' timetable.

# **PAYMENT CONDITIONS:**

Signing the contract for the pilgrimage the participant pays \$1500 of advance payment. The rest should be paid in 2 instalments up to 90 days before the beginning of the pilgrimage.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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# Pilgrimage to Medjugorie

# October 14-23, 2025

\$4500.00 - \*Additional fees & taxes may apply.

Registration Form and \$1500.00 Deposit, per person, due at time of booking.

This is a group offer for min. 35 persons.

For more information, email carolrowell2@aol.com

# **Terms and Conditions**

### **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT**

The full balance is due no later than 3 months before departure. We do not accept credit cards. Reservations are processed in the order they are received. Deposit is not refundable.

#### COVID-19

As of now there is no need to prove a vaccination status or present a pre-departure negative COVID test. We recognize that COVID-19 requirements and protocols can change quickly, so we will try our best to notify you in a timely manner if there are any changes that will affect our pilgrimage.

#### **AIR TRANSPORTATION**

We will travel in the Economy Class (also known as "Coach") on regularly scheduled carriers. There is no advance seat selection for group pilgrimages. You will Check-In at the Ticket Counter on the day of the flight in the Airport. You will receive the Flight Numbers in advance but receive your Boarding Passes at the Ticket Counter.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

This pilgrimage does NOT include trip cancellation insurance. People are welcome to obtain their own travel insurance.

### **BAGGAGE**

One checked suitcase per person is allowed on the pilgrimage. The suitcase's weight cannot exceed 50 pounds or 61 linear inches (L+W+H).

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Alcoholic beverages, souvenirs, telephone calls, room service, hotel mini bars, and snacks are NOT included.

#### **CARRY ON**

A carry-on handbag or small backpack is also allowed not to exceed 22x14x9.

#### **TRANSFERS**

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This pilgrimage includes all ground transfers. Passengers arriving or leaving independently (or not arriving on time for the ground transfer) must transfer at their own expense.

#### **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

A valid passport with expiration date of at least 6 months after traveling dates is required for all participants.

### **PILGRIMAGE MEETING**

All registered pilgrims will be notified of our Pilgrimage Meeting which will be held approximately 1 month prior to the departure date via ZOOM. We will email you the date, time of the meeting. You will meet the other pilgrims traveling with you.

### **RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY**

We have made all of the arrangements with the hotels, transportation, tours, sightseeing, activities, and other services through the Travel Agency. You must comply with all of the terms and conditions of these suppliers. The organizers of this pilgrimage accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incidents. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to sickness, mental disorders, death, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of God, local laws, or other such causes. This trip is not sponsored by nor associated with the Diocese of St. Augustine or any parish in the Diocese. The Diocese of St. Augustine is not in any way responsible or liable for this trip.

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