



Apparition Hill, Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



Mount Krizevac



Statue of the Risen Christ



St. James Church

Group Coordinator: **Janet Astileanu**

Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- † Round-trip Airfare from Your Hometown
- † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- † 8 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - ~ April 30 - May 8: Dragica and Marinko Ivankovic
- † Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- † Transportation by Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- † Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- † Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide(s)
- † Meeting with Visionaries (Pending Availability)
- † Visit to Community Cenacolo
- † Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- † Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- † Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- † Flight Bag and Portfolio of All Travel Documents

April 29 - May 8, 2024

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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Apr 29th: Leave for Airport

Depart from your hometown for your overnight flights. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Apr 30th: Arrive at Medjugorje

Upon arrival in Europe, change gates to board your short connection flight to either: Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo airport. Upon arrival, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrival's Hall, where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver, who will take you on the 2.5-hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the evening.

Day 3-9, Wed-Tues, May 1-7: Experiencing Medjugorje

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you will have the opportunity to grow and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. The local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village.

- **Attend Daily Mass:** Each morning at 10:00AM, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-Speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of the religious articles that you have with you. On Feast Days, and Sundays: English Mass is at Noon
- **Climb Apparition Hill:** This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Also, at the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. When climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time in prayer.
- **Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain):** In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain and venerate that very cross. When climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.
- **Apparitions:** Each evening at 6PM daylight savings time, your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje in saying the Rosary as all anxiously await the alleged arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. Following the apparition, at 6:40 PM feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend the Croatian Mass. Following the Croatian Mass there is a Blessing of the Sick.

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** You will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the outside altar of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, held in the afternoon hours.
- **Meetings with the Visionaries:** Pending their availability, your guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their homes.
- **Visit to the Community of Cenacolo:** You will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken a wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.
- **Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ:** Located on the grounds of St. James Church, is the bronze statue of the Risen Christ. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day, out of Christ's right knee.

Day 10, Wed, May 8: Medjugorje - Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for our return flight(s) home.



***206 Tours Disclaimer:** Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.