

Pilgrimage to **MEDJUGORJE**

SCAN



October 14 - 23, 2024

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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 8 nights accommodation at centrally located hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 8 nights: Oct 15-23: Dragica and Marinko Ivankovic, Medjugorje
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Transfers as per itineraries
- Wireless 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
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)



Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1 | Mon, Oct 14: Depart for Medjugorje

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

Day 2 | Tues, Oct 15: Arrive in 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 1/2-hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the evening.

Days 3 - 9 | Wed - Tues, Oct 16 - 22: Experiencing Medjugorje

The most beautiful feature of Medjugorje is its simplicity and its peace. While in Medjugorje, you will have the opportunity to experience your faith 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.

Some activities that you'll be sharing with fellow pilgrims on your spiritual journey include:

Attend Daily Mass: Each morning, at 10:00 AM, 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, once for each Station.

Apparitions: Each evening at 5:00 PM, 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: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. In response to her call, pilgrims will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, where Adoration is held in the afternoon hours.

Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, your guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their homes.

Visit the Community of Cenacolo: Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken the 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.

Pray at the Statue of the Risen Christ: The bronze statue of the Risen Christ is located on the grounds of St. James Church. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day out of Christ's right knee.

Day 10 | Wed, Oct 23: Return Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for return flights 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.*

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